

## Senior General Than Shwe felicitates South African President

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Thabo M Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa, on the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April 2007.

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Tatmadawmen who have made a vow to safeguard the nation and the people should be specially endowed with strong patriotism, good discipline, loyalty and daring spirit.

## Tatmadaw possesses noble virtues due to its loyalty to nation, people

### People will be vulnerable to lies, tricks and deceits if their intellectual level is low



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers an address at graduation parade of 110th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — *The following is a translation of the address delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the graduation parade of the 110th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School held in Bahtoo Tatmyo this morning.*

**Comrades,**

Today is the graduation ceremony of the 110th Intake of OTS.

The course was attended by trainees each of them holding a degree in economics, law, agriculture or other subjects, servicemen, each with a degree in arts or science or a diploma in engineering and other servicemen who were per-

mitted to attend the course as their qualifications met the required standard.

You all have been selected to attend the course after undergoing morale, intellectual, fitness and leadership potential tests. You all have been trained to become competent Army officers who are able to skillfully command a platoon in a battlefield, and

that is the aim of the course. As you are going to be assigned duties in the Army as gazetted officers I will explain all what you should know in all seriousness.

**Comrades,**

Tatmadaw-men who have made a vow to safeguard the nation and the people should be specially endowed with strong patriotism, good discipline, loyalty and daring spirit.

Here patriotism covers a wide range of historical knowledge of the nation and people, with lessons of history as the base. (See page 8)



**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 27 April, 2007

## Diesel engine locomotive, fruit of Myanma Railways' efforts

At the present era, people and those engaged in the transport industry come to depend more on rail transportation due to the rise in oil prices.

The Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation now transports passengers, commuters and goods daily with the use of 295 diesel locomotives.

In pursuit of the goal of producing locomotives domestically from the beginning to the end, technicians and experts from respective ministries cooperated and coordinated. As a result, parts of coaches and spare parts of locomotives can now be produced extensively, and the first-ever diesel locomotive with own design has been produced.

The 1200 HP diesel locomotive Insein Locomotive Factory produced with the use of domestically-made parts was launched on 19 April.

The diesel locomotives will be installed in passenger trains and wagons to be run on many railroad sections including Yangon-Mandalay, Yangon-Ye, Mandalay-Myitkyina and Yangon-Pyay.

So the State and people take pride in the brilliant performances the engineers and staff have made for extensive production of locomotives and coaches through innovations with the use of locally-made parts.

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## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

## Issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards inspected in Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Restriction Department, inspected issue of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards at INRDs in Pyinmana District today.

The minister inspected systematic issuing of the cards to people at Pyinmana Township INRD.

The minister met the chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council, officials and responsible persons of social organizations, and explained issue of the scrutiny cards.

At Lewe Township INRD, the minister inspected tasks of service personnel to issue the cards to the people and viewed maintenance of documents for issuing CSCs at the records room.

As part of activities for issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards in Pyinmana District, a total of 360 cards — 191 in Pyinmana Town-

ship, 72 in Lewe Township and 97 in Tatkon Township — were issued to the people today.

Next, the minister inspected construction of Township Fire Brigade Station in Lewe Township and fulfilled the requirements of the construction task. — MNA

**Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visits township Immigration and National Registration Department in Pyinmana District.**

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## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr Mya Mya Oo	Rector
Pro-Rector	Yangon Technological University
Yangon Technological University	Ministry of Science and Technology
Ministry of Science and Technology	Technology
(b) U Kyi Tha	Managing Director
General Manager	Hydropower Generation Enterprise
Hydropower Generation Enterprise	Enterprise
Ministry of Electric Power No 1	Ministry of Electric Power No 1
(c) Dr Than Shwe	Managing Director
General Manager	Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise
Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise	Enterprise
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries	Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries	Fisheries

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## Myanmar delegation leaves for Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint left here today by air for Singapore at noon to attend the 5th ASEAN Youth Affairs Ministers' Meeting, 1st ASEAN plus People's Republic of China Youth Affairs Ministers' Meeting, and ASEAN Youth Affairs Meeting to be held from 25 to 28 April in Singapore.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and officials from the Ministry of Sports.

The minister was accompanied by four members of Union Solidarity and Development Association who will attend the Youth Affairs Meeting. — MNA

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**Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint being seen off by Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA**

## Health Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — Mr Sunil Bhargava, Regional Director of Asia-Pacific regional office of UNOPS, and Mr Mikko Jarmo Kalivi Lainekeki, Chief Executive of Three Disease Fund, called on Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the ministry here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, the directors-general, the deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry and officials concerned.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## House passes Iraq withdrawal timetable

WASHINGTON, 25 April—President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a veto showdown over Iraq on Wednesday, as the House passed legislation that would order troops to begin coming home by 1 October.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 218-208, well short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

Thirteen Democrats voted against the bill and two Republicans voted for it. Two — one from each party — voted “present.”

President Bush has promised to veto any

legislation that contains a timetable for withdrawal of US troops.

Reacting to the House vote, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the bill was “disappointing legislation that insists on a surrender date, handcuffs our generals and contains billions of dollars in spending unrelated to the war.” “Tonight, the House of Representatives voted for failure in Iraq, and the president will veto its bill,” she said in a statement.

Before the vote, Republicans said setting a timetable on the war

would hand a victory to terrorists.

The House vote came as the top US commander in Iraq, Gen David Petraeus, and other defence officials tried to convince lawmakers that a timetable would push Iraq into chaos.

But Democrats said they were undeterred, guaranteeing a historic confrontation with Bush.—Internet

## Car bombs explode near Iranian Embassy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 April—Two car bombs exploded in a parking lot in front of the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad on Tuesday, wounding four people, a day after two bombs exploded in the same area, police said.

One person was killed and six wounded in Monday’s bombings. The embassy, in Baghdad’s Salhiya neighbourhood, was not damaged.

An Iraqi militant group, Ansar al-Sunna, claimed responsibility for Monday’s attack in a statement posted on a website used by insurgents in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi attended Chinese Contemporary Art Exhibition on Tuesday in London in a diamond green dress. —INTERNET

## Two killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 April—A bomb detonated inside a car in eastern Baghdad on Tuesday, killing two people and wounding nine others, a well-informed police source said.

“An explosive charge went off in the afternoon inside a car near Shabaka Square on the Palestine Street, killing two people and wounding nine others,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged

several nearby civilian cars and buildings, he added.

In northern Baghdad, a roadside bomb detonated at the Maghrib Street in Adhamiyah District, wounding two civilians, the source said.

Earlier in the day, another roadside bomb detonated near a passing US patrol on the al-Qanat Street in eastern Baghdad, damaging a US Humvee, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dip in global pirate ship attacks

JAKARTA, 25 April—Pirates attacked 41 vessels in the first three months of 2007, down sharply from the same period a year earlier, a global watchdog has said.

The International Maritime Bureau said the number of attacks between January and March was the lowest since 1998.

It said improved vigilance and security measures had helped reduce them. Indonesian waters remain the most

dangerous for seafarers, with nine attacks. Nigeria comes close behind, with attacks climbing from four to six.

“Although it continues to top the table, Indonesia should be applauded for the proactive efforts it has taken to tackle the problem,” said the International Maritime Bureau (IMB).

Indonesia’s decision to bolster the number of sea patrols in its notoriously risky waters resulted in the number of attacks halving since the first quarter of 2006.

But the IMB said it was worried by the increasing number of attacks off the coast of Africa.—Internet

## Australian soldiers injured in Iraq

CANBERRA, 25 April—Two Australian soldiers have been injured after their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in southern Iraq.

The vehicle was one of two Australian light armoured vehicles (ASLAVs) which were patrolling Dhi Qar Province Monday night local time when an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated as they passed.

The first ASLAV, which the two Australian soldiers were in, was seriously damaged in the blast and destroyed by a subsequent fire.

One soldier received lower leg injuries while the other suffered less serious wounds.

Australia’s defence spokesman Gus Gilmore told reporters here Tuesday that the soldiers’

injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at Spanish artist Pablo Picasso’s masterpiece “Guernica,” at Madrid’s Reina Sofia museum on 25 April, 2007. Thursday marks the 70th anniversary of the aerial bombing of the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil war — the subject of Picasso’s famous painting. —XINHUA

# Hun Sen downplays foreign concern over Cambodia's oil benefits

PHNOM PENH, 25 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen here on Tuesday called on foreign countries not to be concerned too much about Cambodia's oil and gas benefits expected to come in 2009-2010.

"We Cambodians will use the benefits from oil and gas properly," he said while addressing the annual work review of the

Ministry of Public Works and Transportation.

Part of the benefits will be spent to expand rural roads into national roads across the country, he said. Earlier this year, he said that the benefits will mainly go to the education and health sectors.

"For nearly 30 years, we have developed our country from zero level to the current prosperity

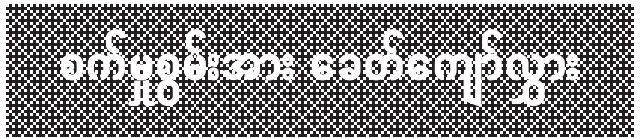
with political stability. During that time, people have only small fish to eat. When have gold (namely the benefits of oil and gas), we still know how to develop this country," he said on Tuesday.

"We thank all of the foreigners who have expressed concern about the so-called 'oil curse' for Cambodia," he added.

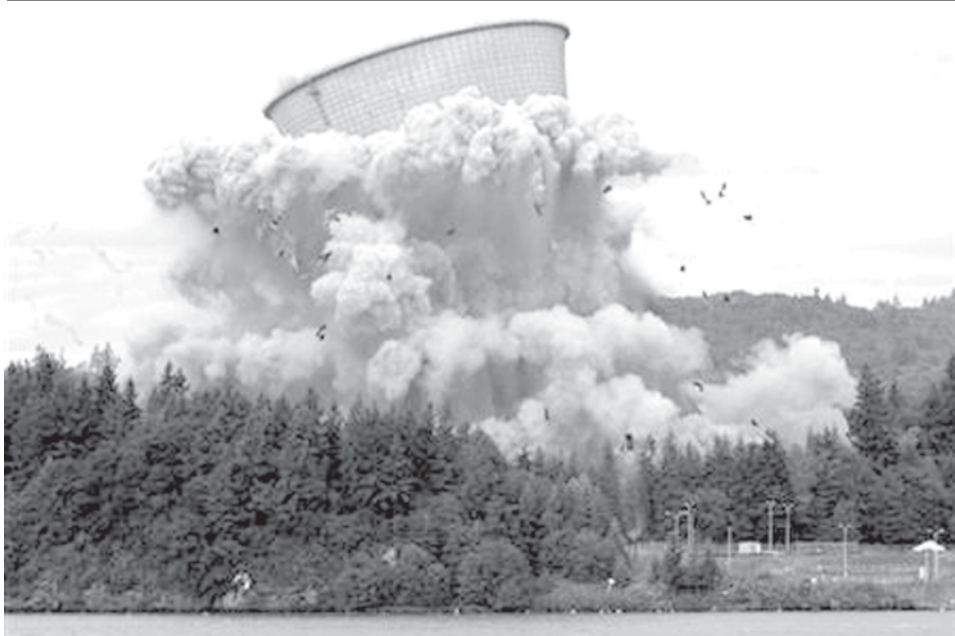
"Oil curse" used to mean that countries rich in oil and gas cant benefit from the resources but instead become trapped with corruption and injustice due to their poor management capability.

Currently, Chevron from the United States, LG from South Korea, and a Japanese company have invested and conducted exploration in the oil and gas fields in off-sea Cambodia.

The government declines to give exact figures about the oil reserves.—MNA/Xinhua



China's top legislator Wu Bangguo (R) shakes hands with visiting Monacan Prince Albert II in Beijing on 25 April, 2007.—XINHUA



The 499-foot cooling tower at the Trojan Nuclear Plant is imploded in Rainier, Oregon on 21 May, 2006. US nuclear reactor builders will likely have to weigh the potential for a commercial aircraft strike when they design new plants, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said on Tuesday. —INTERNET

## Visiting Thai Princess meets Singapore's leaders

SINGAPORE, 25 April — Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, who is here for a three-day private visit, met with Singapore's leaders on Tuesday.

She met with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and attended a lunch hosted by PM Lee, then the Princess met with Minister Mentor Lee

Kuan Yew, according to the Foreign Ministry.

She visited a rehabilitation centre on Tuesday afternoon, touring the various rehabilitation clinics and checking out the vision restorative therapy. Sirindhorn even donated 5,000 Singapore dollars (about 3,290 US dollars) for the centre's

rehabilitation services, local television Channel NewsAsia reported.

After arriving here on Monday, the Thai Princess visited the National University of Singapore and performed with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra and the NUS Thai Music Assembly.

MNA/Xinhua

## Road traffic collision major obstacle to development

UNITED NATIONS, 25 April — Road traffic collisions, which kill nearly 1.2 million people and injure millions more every year worldwide, are an important obstacle to development, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Monday.

In a message issued on the occasion of the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week which starts Monday, Ban said road traffic collisions, in addition to their devastating human impact, also place an enormous strain on a country's health care system, and on the national economy in general.

On average road traffic injuries cost low-and middle-income countries more than one per cent of gross national product, he

said. "For all these reasons, road traffic injuries are an important obstacle to development," he said.

Because prevention measures require political will and financial investments in efforts targeting young people, decisions to improve road safety need to be made at

the highest levels of government, the Secretary-General said.

The First United Nations Global Road Safety Week was called for in a resolution on improving global road safety passed by the UN General Assembly in October 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

## One NATO soldier killed, another injured in Kosovo

BELGRADE, 25 April — A NATO peacekeeping soldier was killed and another injured Tuesday in a traffic accident in the north-western part of Kosovo, a spokesman confirmed in the provincial capital Pristina.

The accident, in which an armoured car overturned, occurred in the

Osojane Valley in Istok, said Colonel Michael Knop, the spokesman for NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo, known as KFOR.

"Four persons were in the car when it turned over. One died on the spot, one was seriously injured and two others were unhurt," Knop said, adding that no other vehicle was involved and the reason for the accident

was under investigation.

Later on Tuesday, the Spanish Ministry of Defence said that a Spanish soldier was killed and another injured when their armoured car crashed in an accident during a routine patrol in Istok, the Spanish zone in Kosovo.

Defence Ministry sources said that the dead soldier is Jose Javier Colorado Ramirez and the injured soldier has a broken forearm and a severe stomach injury.

Kosovo is patrolled by some 16,500 KFOR soldiers, who have been deployed in Kosovo in June 1999.

The resolving of the Serbian breakaway province's future status is in the final phase, with a UN Security Council mission due to visit it this week.

MNA/Xinhua



Electrical salesman Dave Ehret poses with an old-style incandescent light bulb (R) and a new energy-saving compact florescent bulb (L) at a warehouse in Sydney, Australia, on 27 February, 2007. Canada will ban the sale of inefficient incandescent light bulbs by 2012 as part of a plan to cut down on emissions of greenhouse gases, Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**Vietnam to build first industrial park for Chinese firms**

HANOI, 25 April—The first industrial park built entirely for Chinese enterprises is taking shape in Vietnam's southern province of Tien Giang, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported on Tuesday.

Construction of the Long Giang Park in Tan Phuoc District of the province will begin in June this year with capital of 100 million US dollars. Light industries, household commodities, machines and electrical equipment, wooden furniture, fishery and agricultural processing will be the main areas of

investment in the park, said the report.

The reasons that made the project attractive to investors include convenient conditions such as low building cost and the location's suitability, Pham Van Khai, chairman of the Provincial Authority for Industrial Parks, was

quoted by the newspaper as saying.

He noted that the project site was neither a residential area nor agriculture land, which means the park's Chinese investors will not have to spend any money on land-clearance compensation.

MNA/Xinhua



German electronic dance beats duo, Groove Coverage, attends the Press conference in Beijing on Tuesday, 24 April.— INTERNET

Josh Groban (C) poses with members of the African Children's Choir during the "Idol Gives Back" show at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles on 25 April, 2007.—INTERNET



**Latin Americans favour to US investment**

SANTIAGO, 25 April—Latin Americans have a love-hate relationship with the United States but almost unanimously regard US investment in the region as the best there is, a poll published on Tuesday showed.

The survey, published by pollsters Latinobarometro and released in the Chilean capital Santiago, found Latin Americans deeply divided in their view of the United States.

A quarter of the 20,000 people polled in 18 countries regarded the United States as the best friend their country had, while 15 per cent viewed it as the worst. In each case, the United States topped the list.

Some 63 per cent of Latin Americans had either a "good" or "very good" opinion of the United States, up from 61 per cent the last time the survey was carried out in 2005 but down from a peak of 73 per cent in 2001.

Venezuela, Argentina and Mexico were among the countries with the most negative view of the United States while the Central American nations were the most positive.

When it comes to foreign investment, most Latin Americans regard the United States as their best bet.

MNA/Reuters

**Malaysia's Inno Bio secures contract with Indian Co**

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 April—Malaysian pharmaceutical production company Inno Biologics Sdn Bhd (Inno Bio) has secured a contract worth 140 million ringgit (40 million US dollars) with an Indian company, local media reported recently.

Its Chief Executive Officer Mohd Nazlee Kamal said under the five-year contract, Inno Bio will produce ten to 12

types of medicine required by the company concerned.

The two companies have inked the initial deal and will sign the formal agreement during an international convention in Boston, the United States, this May, Nazlee told the national news agency *Bernama*.

The company is expected to begin producing the medicine this

July after the process to bring in the necessary materials is completed in June, he said.

Nazlee said with the agreement, the output required by the Indian company will take up half the production capacity at Inno Bio.

To maximize its production capacity, Inno Bio is currently in discussions with two other companies, said Nazlee,

who was quick to add it was too early to give more details.

Inno Bio, officially launched last September, is the first biotechnology company under Inno Bio Ventures Sdn Bhd, which is incorporated under the Malaysian Finance Ministry and comes under the purview of the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

**Non-“IT” industries to support Singapore economy**

SINGAPORE, 25 April—Growth in the Singapore economy is expected to be slower this year, reflecting the moderation in the global economy and IT industry, but the transport engineering and biomedical sectors will be key supports for the city-state's economy.

Singapore's Monetary

Authority said on Tuesday in its semi-annual macro economic review that the oversupply in the global IT industry is likely to weigh on domestic electronics-related industries.

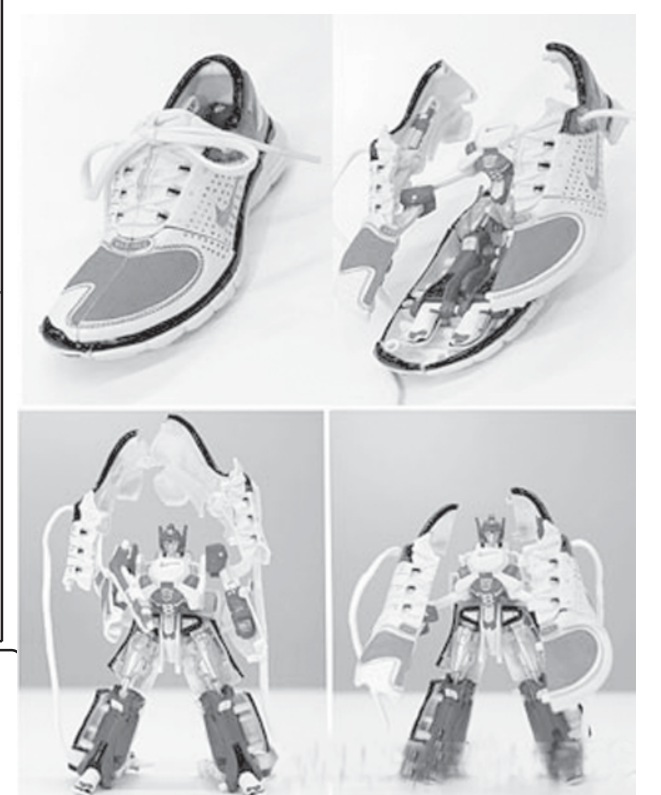
“The current softness in the IT industry appears to be largely a supply-side phenomenon, arising from the over-estimation

of demand on the part of semiconductor manufacturers,” the MAS said, adding that the supply glut is expected to ease in the latter half of the year.

But the Central Bank

believed other non-IT related industries will provide support this year. In particular, the transport engineering and biomedical sectors will be key supports.— MNA/Xinhua

This combination picture (clockwise from top left) shows Japanese toymaker Tomy Company's "Transformers Sports Label Convoy feat. Nike Free 7.0" in Tokyo on 25 April, 2007.—XINHUA





**Break dancers perform during a show called "B-boy Korea" at a theatre in Seoul on 24 April, 2007. The performance is a mix of break dancing and traditional Korean music. Young South Koreans have taken to break dancing with the same sort of passion that their parents devoted to building Asia's third largest economy and now regularly win B-boy dance competitions, beating US and European rivals at their own game.—XINHUA**

## Singapore enhances passport e-service for foreigners

**SINGAPORE, 25 April — Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) has enhanced e-services to enable foreign visitors and students apply online to extend their stay in the country.**

Using electronic extension of social visit pass (e-XTEND) processes, foreigners wishing to extend their social visit passes can apply online and the processing time of the application is only one working day, according to the ICA website.

And from next month, e-XTEND will allow foreigners from 179

countries to apply for extension and make e-payment, extending from initial 94 countries, local television Channel NewsAsia reported on Tuesday.

While foreign students applying for courses, they will also be able to apply for passes online through an enhanced system named student's pass online application and registration (SOLAR+).

In addition, ICA has launched an on-line self assessment system from February, called the naturalization eligibility tool, to assist foreigners working and staying in Singapore to assess if they are eligible for Singapore permanent residence or Singapore citizenship, as the country wants to attract more foreign talents.

MNA/Xinhua

## Three killed in car bomb attack south of Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 25 April —** A car bomb went off near a restaurant in Hilla City, some 100 kilometres south of Baghdad, killing three people and wounding seven others, local police said on Tuesday.

The attack took place on Monday evening when a car with bomb parking near the Adam Restaurant, owned by a police officer, in central city detonated, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast badly damaged the restaurant and set four civilian cars blaze, the source said. "The toll could be higher, but

fortunately some bombs and rockets did not explode," the source added.

The attack came a day after a series of bomb attacks, including suicide attacks, claimed the lives of dozens of Iraqis across the war-torn country.

MNA/Xinhua

**Brazilian model Isabeli Fontana wears a creation from the Le Lis Blanc brand during the XVI Crystal Fashion show in Curitiba, southern Brazil, on 24 April, 2007. — XINHUA**



## Belarus to keep strategic cooperation with Russia

**Moscow, 25 April —** Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Tuesday that the country will maintain strategic cooperation with its close neighbour Russia, according to reports reaching here.

"The essential Russian vector remains a key priority of Belarus. We must not lose the high level of the bilateral interaction," Lukashenko was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying in an annual state-of-the-nation address.

The two countries, which once agreed to

forge a Union State after the collapse of the Soviet Union, witnessed a down-turn relationship in recent years due to disputes over oil and gas prices.

However, Belarus will not give up the integration with Russia, a "key partner" of the nation, said the President. "The Union State brings political, economic and military benefits to Belarus and Russia, but this interaction must be equal, mutually beneficial and transparent," he was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## Six Malaysians suffer stroke every hour

**KUALA LUMPUR, 25 April —** Some 52,000 Malaysians get a stroke in a year, which means six persons suffer from the disease every hour, Health Minister Chua Soi Lek said.

"It is surprising that a total of about 52,000 Malaysians get a stroke in a year when it is the most preventable of all lifethreatening health problems," Chua said after launching a book on understanding stroke.

Factors leading to stroke include hypertension, high cholesterol level, diabetes, smoking and obesity, Chua was quoted as saying by local newspaper *The Star* on its website. If people change their life style and do more exercise, they can reduce most of the risk factors for the killer, said the minister, who commended the National Stroke Association of Malaysia (Nasam) for compiling the book.

The book, published in Malay, Chinese and English languages, will be widely distributed to educate the Malaysian public on stroke prevention and on what to do in the event of a stroke. —MNA/Xinhua

## Hubble image depicts violent birth, death of stars

**BEIJING, 26 April —** A team of NASA astronomers released a panoramic image which shows in a new level of detail the process of stars' birth and death.

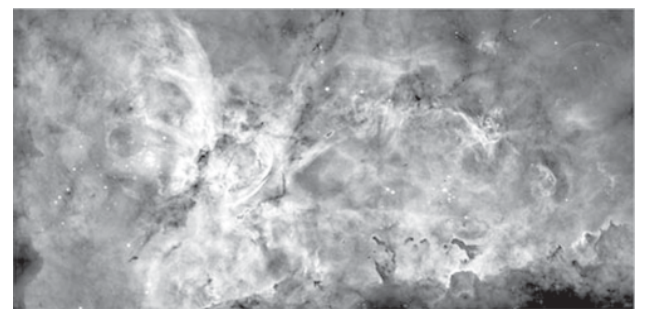
The image on Tuesday is made from a series of 48 shots taken by the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope in spring and summer of 2005. It is one of the largest panoramic images ever taken with the telescope's cameras.

Nathan Smith of the University of California at Berkeley, the lead investigator in this work,

said the photo gives "a glimpse of the violent conditions" in which stars are born and die.

"There are several clues suggesting that our sun and planets were indeed born in a violent region something like this, along with some very hot and massive stars," Smith said. The solar system was formed about 4.6 billion years ago.

The picture, released in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope's launch, is the 50-light-year-wide view of the central region



of the Carina Nebula where a maelstrom of star birth — and death — is taking place.

The nebula is about 7,500 light years away from Earth in the constellation Carina in a neighboring spiral arm of our Milky Way galaxy. The Hubble image depicts

a massive region, but it is only a small portion of the whole nebula.

Scientists say the immense nebula contains at least a dozen brilliant stars that are roughly estimated to be at least 50 to 100 times massive than the sun.

Internet

# Myanmar's first-ever motorcycle factory

*Interviewed and photos by  
Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)*

Innovations of national experts and industrialists in industry play an important role in industrializing the nation. Only through the development of technological innovations will the nation be able to produce import-substitute goods on a large scale, and the nation no longer has to spend foreign exchange on such goods. Industrial zones are main contributors to national industrialists to produce import-substitute goods. Among the industrial zones, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone established in 1998 has become well-known for its products of automobiles and motorcycles, and its production line is now in full swing. Now the government is rendering necessary assistance so that it will become the one that mainly produces motorcycles.

In an interview,

proprietor Daw Win Maw Tun of the Golden Dragon Industry explained the

After observing engines and parts of foreign-made motorcycles, she decided

which parts of a motorcycle could be produced locally, she said.

Zone as well as of Myanmar; and that she had to innovate new ideas to produce motorcycles at home.

To be able to produce major parts of a motorcycle such as mole, dye and gig on a commercial scale in the nation, she worked hard to study techniques to produce those parts and cooperated with foreign experts, she said.

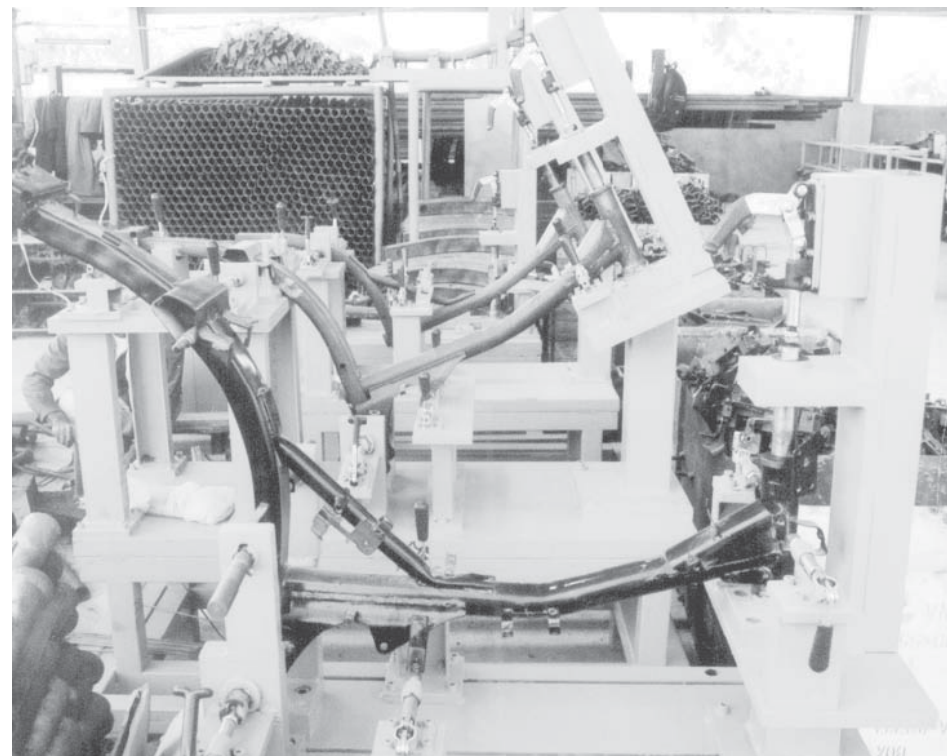
She said that the factory started its production line of Star Brand motorcycles in January, 2005 and at that



*As the final step, assembled motorcycles are checked before sending them to the market.*

motorcycle production process. She said that before founding the industry, she helped her father with his work in the oil refinery, auto fan belts production, soap enterprise and candle enterprise and became familiar with and took interest in industries.

Then she studied a lot to produce low-cost motorcycles that mainly contribute towards better transport of the region.



*A machine that is used to check the standards of parts of a motorcycle.*



*I studied a lot to produce low-cost motorcycles at home. (Daw Win Maw Tun)*

motorcycle alignment testing machine through computer control type. And the finished units are distributed to the market.

Before sending the motorcycles to the market, the factory has its products checked by the Ministry of Industry-2 for quality control. And it obtains licences from the Road Administration Department for each product.

Star Brand motorcycles consume less petrol. Consuming a gallon of petrol, a 90-CC motorcycle runs 360 to 380 kilometers and a 110-CC motorcycle, 300 to 320 kilometers.

Now the factory produces not only motorcycles but also spare parts.

It can produce nearly 300 out of more than 400 parts of a motorcycle, accounting for 65 per cent. It is working hard to be able to produce all parts of a motorcycle soon in the nation.

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## ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT



*Various motorcycle parts.*

She said that she studied industrial technologies and motorcycle production processes at Lifan Company in Chongqing the People's Republic of China; that she established Star Motorcycle Factory of the Golden Dragon Industry in Yenangyoung Industrial Zone in Magway Division in 2004; that hers was the first-ever motorcycle factory of Yenangyoung Industrial

time it produced just about more than 100 units. Now it can produce 70 units in an eight-hour shift or 8000 units a year. She is now pursuing the target of 20,000 units a year in 2007-2008.

While boosting production, she pays attention to quality control. The products are assembled with the use of modern machines, and the assembled ones are checked with the use of

## Tatmadaw possesses noble virtues ...

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Without such foundation, it will become a blind patriotism. We have evidences in history that the nation was powerful when unity of the people was firm and that she was weak during the times when people were in disunity. Those evidences are historical lessons. Hence, it is of vital importance for all to strengthen their Union Spirit regardless of the regions they are living in. Only the Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the national races will have to constantly foster and safeguard. You all should strive for the flourishing of Union Spirit in whichever place you are assigned to.

Comrades, In addition to strong patriotism, Tatmadawmen should have high standard of discipline. Actually, discipline and laws are rules and regulations. Hence, discipline is the backbone and reliable source of the Tatmadaw or the Armed Forces. As the Tatmadaw is formed and consolidated with discipline, loss of discipline



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects cadet companies. — MNA*

means the end of the Tatmadaw, while good discipline is the firm ground to gain better competency. In this regard, you and the unit under your command should be a model in observing discipline.

At the same time, you will have to follow the Four Oaths without fail. You just say the truth in taking the oaths. The act of taking the oaths and intoning the pledge of allegiance is a significant practice of the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw possesses noble virtues because of its loyalty to the nation and the people. So, you

must strictly observe the Four Oaths. You will dare make sacrifices for the nation and the people only when you observe the four oaths at your own risk. The daring spirit to sacrifice is soldier's virtue. Here, I would like to urge you to place in the fore the Four Oaths and daringly discharge your duties as good soldiers.

Comrades, What I have told you here are some of the traditions of the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw, with fine traditions, always stands by the people and saves the nation and the people whenever we face the dan-

ger of losing sovereignty and national fragmentation.

First, the nation faced multi-coloured internal insurgency that broke out soon after the regaining of independence and a foreign armed intrusion. Multi-coloured internal insurgency grew larger due to the dissension caused by colonialism till the government was reduced to have effect only in Yangon and some of its surrounding areas. Due to foreign support, Kuomintang troops intruded into Myanmar territory. The Tatmadaw with all its available manpower and firepower was able to ward off all dangers.

The second danger was the split within the ruling party in 1958. Some parties formed pocket armies and others made contacts with underground insurgents. The intra-party split was so violent that the nation was about to

face a bloodbath. As the ruling party made a request, the Tatmadaw intervened and controlled the situation to normalcy.

The third was the danger of national fragmentation that occurred in 1962. There came out attempts to secede from the Union taking advantage of the loopholes and weaknesses of the 1947 Constitution written in accord with the wish of colonialists. The danger was warded off by the Tatmadaw again.

The fourth one was the 1988 unrest during which anarchy reigned the nation and the entire people including urbanites had to live in constant fear of being killed. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tatmadaw took over the State duties to protect public lives and property and save the nation from falling into an abyss.

I would like to declare that it is the oath of the

Tatmadaw to safeguard the nation and the people whenever Myanmar faces danger.

Comrades, Today, the Tatmadaw is in the process of transition to multiparty democracy in accord with the public wish.

National peace and stability, the rule of law, food, clothing and shelter sufficiency and the higher national education standard have become essential when it comes to the matter of adopting multiparty democracy system. Violence may break out during election in the absence of national peace and stability and the rule of law.

Without food, clothing and shelter sufficiency, election will be cheated under the influence of financial power. And if the intellectual level of the people is low they will be vulnerable to lies, tricks and deceptions.

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**It is of vital importance for all to strengthen their Union Spirit regardless of the regions they are living in. Only the Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the national races will have to constantly foster and safeguard. You all should strive for the flourishing of Union Spirit in whichever place you are assigned to.**



*Dignitaries attend the graduation parade of the 110th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA*



## Tatmadaw possesses noble virtues ...

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Therefore, the Tatmadaw today is making every effort to pave the way for peace and unprecedented development in the health, education and economic sectors. It is doing so, bearing in mind that it is always for the people.

Now, for a smooth transition to multi-party democracy, the people and the Tatmadaw are working together for the implementation of the seven-step Road Map, and the National Convention, the first step, is about to

come to completion. With continued cooperation of the people, the other steps will also be realized successfully. Therefore, Comrades, I would like to urge you all to work relentlessly for speedy emergence of the multi-party democracy.

As junior army officers, you are required to try to become good leaders. You can be commissioned as an officer but you have to train yourselves to become good a leader. For this, you have to possess characteristics of a good leader and try to act like one. Moreover, you have to possess physical and intellectual powers a good leader should have. Carrying out military duties

calls for good leadership and supervision. Good supervision comes with good leadership. But it should be carefully noted that an army officer cannot become a good leader just because he is good at supervision. Supervision is a routine for responsible personnel at different levels.

A good leader is one who is trusted in every way by his subordinates. Therefore, you must try to become young leaders who command the trust and respect of all those under your charge.

To become highly-qualified leaders, you will have to attend training courses for platoon and company commanders. If you

become outstanding leaders, you will have to attend Staff College and those can become senior officers will have to attend National Defence College. It is building the Tatmadaw through training. Therefore, you should consider it an opportunity to be allowed to attend training courses and work hard at respective courses.

In conclusion, I would like to call on you to uphold the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, to be loyal to the State and the people, to work relentlessly for the successful realization of the seven-step Road Map and to try your hardest to become good leaders.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents a silver sword to the best cadet winner Cadet Aye Min Kyi. — MNA*

## Foreign Affairs Minister welcomes Bangladeshi delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, the Bangladeshi delegation led by Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh arrived on an official visit to Yangon by air yesterday evening.

They were welcomed

at the airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Bangladeshi Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Mohamed Khairuzzaman, officials of the ministry and Bangladeshi embassy in Yangon.

The visiting Adviser was accompanied by Secretary Dr Mahbubur of Ministry of Communications,

Director-General (South East Asia Affairs) Mr Ikhtiar M Chowdhury of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director Asad Alam Siam of Hon'ble Adviser's Office under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Bangladeshi delegation held an official meeting with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win at Park Royal Hotel

this evening and they discussed issues of mutual interests. Later, Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner in honour of the Bangladeshi delegation. During their stay at Yangon, the Adviser and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda, Bahadur Shah Zafar Mazaar, Gems Museum and Hockey pitch.

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye ...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of the cadet companies. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the cadet companies and took their salute.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented the silver sword to Best Cadet Award winner Cadet Aye Min Kyi. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address.

(The address of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye is reported separately.)

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground. — MNA

## Minister attends opening of Monsoon Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — The opening ceremony of Monsoon Forum for 2006-07, jointly organized by Meteorology and Hydrology Department of the Ministry of Transport and Thailand-based Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here this morning, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr

Mya Oo, departmental heads of the respective ministries and officials concerned, Director Mr A R Subbiah of Climate Risk Management and technicians and officials of the MHD.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a speech on the occasion, saying that geological location of Myanmar favors the country to enjoy the famous southwest monsoon and seasonal rain. Storms and depression in the Bay of Bengal and South China Sea during the pre-

monsoon, late monsoon and post monsoon augment the annual rain of the country. North-south elongation of the country merits the rain due to disturbances in the mid-latitude and those near the equatorial belt.

The most important basic need of a country for multi-sectors development is the availability of water. As there should be enough water annually for daily routine consumption, dams and reservoirs etc, were essential infrastructure since the early civilization. As an agriculture country, Myanmar people are very observant upon the weather, climate and water since very ancient time. After 1988, tasks on national development have been given high priority based on agro-based economy. Agricultural infrastructures have already been built in all necessary places.

Next, Director Mr A R Subbiah of Climate Risk Management extended greetings on the occasion. After the ceremony, the minister, the deputy minister, guests and delegates posed for a documentary photo.

Afterwards, the delegates participated in the discussions on weather forecast and warnings during monsoon climate and precautions against natural disasters. The forum will continue to be held on 27 April. The forum will be held in the period of the pre-monsoon and post monsoon twice a year. The forum will be held in Myanmar in November. — MNA



*Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers address at opening of Monsoon Forum 2006-2007. — MNA*

## Birthday of Presiding Nayaka of Pali Takkatho Nyaungdon Monastery held

YANGON, 26 April — A ceremony to mark the 88th birthday of State Ovadaçariya Presiding Nayaka Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana of Pali Takkatho Nyaungdon Monastery of Bahan Township was held in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony for Abhidhaja three-storey refectory hall, at Nyaungdon Monastery, this

morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and party took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe donated alms to the Sayadaw.

The commander, the mayor and officials offered

provisions to members of the Sangha.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 17 million for the refectory donated by U Aung Myint Soe and family and K 13 million by Daw Yin May and family.

The commander also accepted K 8.8 million donated by UPG Company Chairman U Kyi Win-Daw Yi Yi Aye; and K 1.8 million by Shwe Than Lwin Co Chairman U Thein Win-



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence presents offertories to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Nyaungdon Monastery. — MNA

Daw Ni; and the mayor accepted K 1.8 million donated by U Aung Zaw Win-Daw Myat Zin Mar Cho and family. Certificates of honour were presented to wellwishers.

Today's donations for the refectory totalled K 43.4 million.

Bhaddanta Narad-abhivamsa of Hla Yadana Monastery delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe shared merits gained.

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### Prevention against bird flu, foot-and-mouth disease discussed

YANGON, 26 April — President of OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania Dr Gardner Murray together with OIE RCU Regional Coordinator Dr Ronello Abila met Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department at his office this afternoon.

They discussed study on the spread of H5N1 virus, uplift of laboratory performances and preventive measures against foot-and-mouth disease free region in South-East Asian countries under the arrangements to provide assistance by OIE and AusAID for combating avian influenza.

Also present at the meeting were officials of the Australia Embassy and LBVD.

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### NLD Ohn Than (ex-convict) again stages solo protest in front of Maha Ordination Hall in Pabedan Township

**People wishing to ensure community peace and prevalence of law and order send him to authorities concerned**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — NLD member Ohn Than (ex-convict) wearing a white shirt, white longyi (sarong) and blue hat staged a solo protest in a rowdy way on the platform in front of Maha Ordination Hall on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township here at 2.40 pm yesterday.

Duty-conscious public members therefore sent him to the authorities concerned.

Carrying a placard bearing slogans; to establish a government representing the people, to invite UN supervisory commission, to implement 1990 election results, and to hold a parliament session, he staged a noisy protest, thus causing a public panic gathering a crowd. At about 2.45 pm, some people in favour of community peace and prevalence of law and order sent him to local authorities, who then made an enquiry into the case.

He had served two years in prison under the existing law for the demonstration staged before the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Bahan Township, Yangon, in 2004. He also participated in the demonstration in cooperation with Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin and group on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township, Yangon, on

22 February 2007. The authorities concerned called him in and warned him not to jeopardize stability and peace again and to abide by the regulations. At the time he made a formal pledge: not to commit again the act of arousing public outrage.

Failing to honour the pledge he had made and following the methods of Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin and group, Ohn Than went on staging protests repeatedly. Some people who witnessed the acts of Ohn Than are expressing criticism saying that due to his slogans — inviting a UN supervisory commission and demanding to hold a genuine parliament session under the supervision of the UN, it was apparent that his was an act of supporting the ploys of foreign powers attempting to use the UN Security Council and the UN Human Rights Council to interfere in the Myanmar's internal affairs; that it was also obvious that his acts were intended to gain recognition and titles and awards of foreign masters; that they were disappointed so much as the demonstrations staged by Ohn Than and Htin Kyaw without taking into consideration possible evil consequences were just for popularity, political gains and titles and prizes likely to be awarded by foreign countries; that such

### Construction Minister assists in Hanmyintmo-Myogyi Road Section

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun visited the construction site of Hanmyintmo-Myogyi Road Section on Hanmyintmo-Aungban Road in Aungban Township in Shan State (South) on 23 April and gave instructions on construction tasks.

At the meeting with the minister, engineers concerned reported on the condition of the road and bridges on the road section, construction tasks and future tasks planned to be carried out for 2007-2008 fiscal year. On his inspection tour, the minister also inspected extension of the road section and paving work being carried out by Aungban Township Public Works. Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun urged engineers in-charge to construct the road systematically to meet the set standards.

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acts became fashionable among so-called opponents of the government; that the acts of those money-making politicians with narrow views were so shameful; that their acts are like insulting vision and political awareness of the people; that the authorities should show no more restraint, instead they should take punitive action against such persons in accordance with the law before its too late.

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## Expert panel faults US policies on disabled people

WASHINGTON, 26 April — Outdated US policies are keeping many disabled Americans from getting help they need, an expert panel said on Tuesday in a report faulting government inaction toward the needs of this growing population.

“Society must do more now before a crisis is upon us,” Alan Jette, director of Boston University’s Health and Disability Research Institute and head of the Institute of Medicine panel, wrote in a report.

“Far too little progress has been made in the last two decades to prepare for the aging of the baby boom generation and to remove the obstacles that limit what too many people with physical and cognitive impairments can achieve,” Jette added.

The report looked at a wide range of issues affecting the disabled such as accessibility of buildings and other places, gaps in public programmes such as those paying for wheelchairs and scooters and health insurance coverage.

The panel said younger and middle-aged

people face increasing risk for future disability due to factors such as diabetes, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle.

This suggests the coming generation of elderly Americans may have more disabilities than the current one.

Jette told reporters he hoped the return home of thousands of US soldiers who suffered disabling combat wounds in Iraq and Afghanistan would bring greater national attention to the plight of disabled Americans.

The 14-member panel urged the government to change rules blocking the disabled from getting equipment and services to help them work and do other activities outside the home.

Jette said he particularly wanted more progress on making buildings and other places accessible to the disabled and the creation of a national programme to track data on the disabled.

Panel member Lisa Iezzoni of Harvard Medical School urged the Justice Department to increase efforts to make

sure health care facilities are fully accessible.

The panel urged Congress to scrap a two-year waiting period for Medicare eligibility for people receiving Social Security disability insurance.

The institute issued previous reports on the disabled in 1991 and 1997. Jette noted that many of their major recommendations were ignored by US leaders.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members Tophér Grace, Rosemary Harris, Tobey Maguire, Thomas Haden Church (L-R) arrive for the German premiere of “Spider-Man 3” in Berlin on 25 April, 2007.—INTERNET

## Singapore identifies new areas to develop aerospace industry

SINGAPORE, 26 April 26 — Singapore has identified four growth-potential areas to develop aerospace industry, Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang said on Tuesday.

The Singapore Government has been developing the 300-hectare Seletar Aerospace Park, which locates in the eastern part of the island, as it sees the potential of the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) activities for significant re-

turns, the minister said at an aerospace industry event.

By 2018, Seletar Aerospace Park is expected to contribute about 3.3 billion Singapore dollars (about 2.17 billion US dollars) yearly in direct and indirect value-add to the aerospace industry and Singapore’s economy.

Lim elaborated the four areas which have significant growth potential for development of the aerospace park.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippine Navy prepares for coming typhoon disasters

MANILA, 26 April — The Philippine Navy began preparations Tuesday for new typhoons which are expected to hit the country later this year with a capability demonstrations ceremony in a naval base in Metro Manila.

During the ceremony held at the Fort Bonifacio Naval Station Parade Grounds by the Philippine Navy Disaster Response Task Group (PNDRTG), troops and assets were presented to Rear Admiral Amable Tolentino, the Task Group Commander of PNDRTG, who led the evaluation of their level and state of readiness to respond appropriately to natural disasters and save lives.

Tolentino said that the Navy will take stronger

and more active stance this time which will be carried out jointly with the various concerned agencies from both public and private sectors.

More than 1,000 people were killed by a series of super typhoons which hit the Philippines from October till December last year. A mudslide caused by storm also buried alive some 1,000 people in southern Leyte, southeastern Philippines one year ago.

Disaster readiness initiatives will also be taken at various naval forces nationwide to ensure that they will be ready to respond and provide the necessary assistance to civilians once natural disasters strike, said Navy officials.

MNA/Xinhua

## Korean 43rd Baeksang Awards opens in Seoul

BEIJING, 26 April — After winning the Best Film award at the First Asian Film Awards earlier this year in Hong Kong, Korean monster movie “The Host” has gone on to scoop the Best Film award at the 43rd Baeksang Awards in South Korea on Wednesday.

“The War of Flowers,” a film adaptation of a comic book with the same name, also won two big prizes—the Daesang Film Big Prize and Best Director for Choi Dong-hoon.

Ryu Seung-beom and former Miss Korea Yeom Jeong-ah were also named Best Actor and Actress.

The awards also named Jeong Ji-hoon, better known by his stage name Rain, as the Best New

Actor for his work in “I’m A Cyborg, But That’s Okay.”

Best New Actress went to “The Fox Family”’s Park Si-yeon.

The awards also honoured a slew of artists working in the country’s extremely popular TV drama industry.

TV series “Jumong” took home the Daesang Big Prize in the drama category.

Kim Myung-min was named the Best TV Actor for his work in “Behind the White Tower,” while “Fall in Love” star Son Ye-jin was the Best TV Actress.

Despite receiving four nominations, the much-touted “Hwang Jin-yi” failed to receive any prizes.—Internet



South Korean actor/singer Jeong Ji-hoon, also known as Rain, arrives at the 43rd Baeksang Awards ceremony on 25 April, 2007. Rain was named the best new actor.—INTERNET

## Sudden rainstorms hit Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 26 April — Sudden rainstorms and thunderstorms hit south China’s Guangdong Province on Monday and Tuesday, destroying more than 1,300 houses and delaying some flights at the province’s largest airport.

From Monday to Tuesday, 47 cities and counties reported daily rainfall of at least 50 millimetres, with the maximum rainfall of 186.3 millimetres.

Strong gales slammed Guangzhou, the provincial capital, on Tuesday. In Huadu, the wind was recorded at 30 metres a second.

Heyuan City was most seriously stricken in the province, where more than 1,300 houses were destroyed and 130,000 people were affected. Crops were destroyed on 3,610 hectares of land.

In Heping County, more than 20,000 residents were evacuated.—MNA/Xinhua

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**Four killed, 36 injured in  
accident in central Nepal**

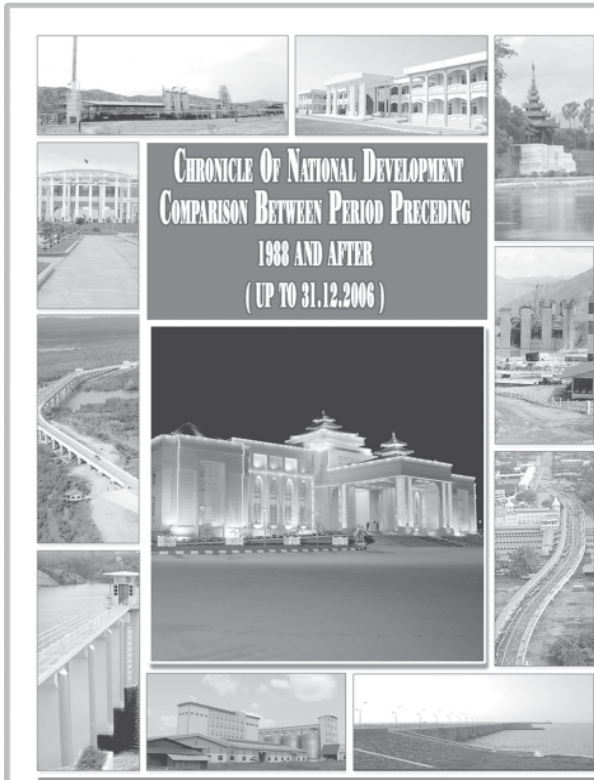
KATHMANDU, 26 April—At least four passengers were killed and 36 others were injured when a microbus and a minibus met with an accident in Chitwan in central Nepal on the east-west highway Tuesday afternoon, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Wednesday.

According to the daily, the accident occurred when the microbus bound for Bhandara from Narayangarh collided head-on with the minibus heading to Narayangarh from Birgunj, said District Police Office, Chitwan, some 100 kilometres south of Kathmandu. Four people including the driver of the microbus died. The injured are undergoing treatment at the Bharatpur Hospital and Medical College, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua

**Kidnapped Mexican  
journalist found dead**

MONTERREY (Mexico), 25 April —A Mexican reporter abducted outside a police station near the US border last week has been found dead, apparently killed by a severe beating, police said on Tuesday.

The body of Saul Martinez was found on Monday in a ditch on the road to the city of Agua Prieta where he worked, the Sonora state attorney general's office said. "He was very badly beaten. We believe this man had links to drug traffickers and was not an innocently targeted reporter," said a spokesman for the office who declined to be named. Four armed men dragged Martinez, 35, who worked for the bi-weekly *Interdiario* newspaper, from his car in Agua Prieta last week as he sought refuge in a police station. —MNA/Reuters



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**Baosteel's profits soar 156% in first quarter**

BEIJING, 26 April— China's biggest steel producer, the Baoshan Iron and Steel Co, Ltd, reported a net profits of 3.68 billion yuan (477 million US dollars) in the first quarter this year, up 156.38 percent from the same period last year.

The earnings per share

rose 156 percent to 0.21 yuan, according to the quarterly report filed by the Shanghai-listed unit of Shanghai Baosteel Group Corporation on Thursday.

The country's largest steel producer gained 1.37 billion yuan in net income the same period last year, with 0.08 yuan in earnings

per share. The company reported net profits of 13.01 billion yuan in 2006, up 2.7 percent year on year.

Price hikes in steel products and efficiency measures increased its profit margins, according to the report.

The group forecast a rise in net income of more than 50 percent in the first half of 2007, as new projects would be put into production and prices of production materials like carbon steel would stay low, it said.

The group has planned to boost annual production capacity to 30 million tons by 2010 and become one of the top three steel producers in the world.

China has more than 6,600 steel producers. The output of the four largest only accounts for 18.5 percent of the national total. The other three top Chinese steel manufacturers include Wuhan Iron and Steel (Group) Corporation, Angang Steel Co, Ltd and Shougang Group, formally known as the Beijing Capital Iron and Steel Group.

The government plans to establish two or three conglomerates each with an annual production exceeding 30 million tons by 2010, according to the steel industry policy issued by the National Development and Reform Commission in 2005.

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**Lavrov tempers criticism  
of US missile shield**

LUXEMBOURG, 25 April— Russia sees no interest in joining a United States missile defence shield because it feels Washington has taken all the decisions already, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Tuesday.

Speaking after talks with Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, he said any collaboration should begin with a joint threat assessment, but he appeared to soften some of Moscow's more virulent criticism of the idea.

"We have the impression that everything has already been decided in Washington," Lavrov told reporters through an interpreter.

"We cannot really see that we could join. We simply don't see the interest in doing so."

The United States says it plans a limited system with elements based in former Soviet bloc allies Poland and the Czech Republic to intercept a handful of missiles that might be fired by "rogue states" such as North Korea or Iran.

MNA/Reuters

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## Scientist: ET life signs to be spotted in 2 decades

BEIJING, 26 April — Scientists are less than two decades away from being able to detect real signs of extraterrestrial life, Swiss scientist Michel Mayor was quoted by media reports as saying Thursday.

Mayor, leader of a European team that announced the discovery of the most Earth-like planet yet, now has his sights set on the even bigger target.

“Personally, I feel comfortable with the idea of life existing elsewhere,” said the scientist of Switzerland’s University of Geneva to the media.

But Mayor also



Steven Spielberg’s sci-fi movie “ET”.

INTERNET

admitted that as a scientist, he was unsure whether other life forms are present in our universe.

“There’s only one thing we can do. We can do science, we can do experiments. We have the methodology, the ability to do this simply on science, so let’s do it,” the 65-year-old said.

Mayor was credited in 1995 with co-finding the first planets outside our solar system.

European astronomers Tuesday announced that they have spotted the most Earth-like planet yet outside our solar system, with balmy temperatures that could support water and life.

The discovery of the new planet is described as a big step in the search for life in the universe. But researchers do not yet know if the planet contains water, if it is truly rocky like Earth, or whether it is blanketed by a thick atmosphere. —Internet

## More health foods recommended for US school children

BEIJING, 26 April — Regular colas, candy and salty snacks should not be the choice of children during school hours, and should be replaced by whole-grain crackers, low-fat yogurt, fruit and water, recommended the US Institute of Medicine on Wednesday.

The institute gave new standards for school snacks and foods that would sharply limit calories, fat and sugar while encouraging more nutritious eating. The standards would not apply to bag lunches that students bring from home.

The institute is a branch of the National Academy



Snacks.—INTERNET

of Sciences, an independent organization chartered by Congress to advise the government on scientific matters.

Concerned about the rise of obesity in young people, Congress asked the institute to develop the standards. The report now goes to Congress for consideration. Copies will also go to the Departments of Agriculture, Health and

Human Services and Education and will be available for state and local school boards and administrators and the food and beverage industry. Putting the recommendations into practice would involve federal, state or local laws and setting school standards and policies.

“Making sure that all foods and drinks available in schools meet nutrition standards is one more way schools can help children establish lifelong healthy eating habits,” said Virginia A. Stallings, head of the committee that prepared the report.

Internet

## 3-D pictures of sun help warn of solar flares

WASHINGTON, 25 April—The first three-dimensional images of the sun from a pair of spacecraft orbiting the planet were released on Monday and can begin helping scientists predict when and how hard dangerous solar storms will hit, the US space agency NASA said.

Such storms can disrupt satellites, communications and sometimes the electricity supply, and may endanger astronauts in earth orbit as well as commercial airline flights.

The twin *Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory*, or *STEREO*, satellites can create more accurate, real-time views of these storms, called coronal mass ejections, project scientists said.

“The improvement with *STEREO*’s 3-D view is like going from a regular X-ray to a 3-D CAT scan in the medical field,” said Michael Kaiser, *STEREO* Project Scientist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland. The *STEREO* spacecraft were launched in October and have now been manoeuvred into their orbits, one slightly ahead of earth and one slightly behind.—MNA/Reuters



Actress Julia Stiles arrives to attend the Short Film Programme and opening of the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on 25 April, 2007. —INTERNET

## Angola, Mozambique sign agreement

LUANDA, 25 April—The Mozambican and Angolan governments signed an agreement in Maputo recently which establishes mechanisms for annual consultations on bilateral relations.

According to the Mozambique news agency AIM and Angola press agency ANGOP, signing the agreement were Mozambican Foreign Minister Alcinda Abreu, and her visiting counterpart, Joao Miranda.

Speaking to reporters, Abreu said before signing the agreement, the two ministers had reviewed the relations between their countries, and the regional and international situation.

Abreu said in the last two years there had been advances in relations between Mozambique and Angola, expressed in separate agreements on youth and sports, public works and housing and fisheries.

For his part Miranda said despite the traditional friendly relations at political level, “our economic cooperation barely exists, apart from some fishery exports.”

MNA/Xinhua

## Scanners keep students under China college’s thumbs

BEIJING, 25 April — A Chinese college has introduced fingerprint scanners to stop students playing truant, the *China Daily* said on Tuesday, but not everyone is pleased about it.

Meiya College of International Studies at Hunan University spent 250,000 yuan (32,360 US dollars) last year to install the scanners in each of its

30-plus classrooms.

“Students are now required to ‘check in’ to each class by pressing their thumbs against the scanner,” the newspaper said.

Hou Lichen, dean of the college in the central province of Hunan, said that in the past, teachers would record attendances by taking registers. However, these were time-

consuming and it was easy to cheat.

Attendance had risen to 95 per cent since the scanners were introduced, the newspaper said.

However, not everyone is happy.

Gu Yifan, a first-year student, said she would never skip class, regardless of whether there was a scanner.

MNA/Reuters



Artists perform during the song-and-dance drama “Apollo Phoenix” at Hunan Grand Theatre in Changsha, capital of central-south China’s Hunan Province, on 25 April, 2007. —XINHUA

# SPORTS

## Cole goal gives Chelsea 1-0 win over Liverpool

LONDON, 26 April — A first-half goal from Joe Cole gave Chelsea a 1-0 win over Liverpool in a tightly-fought first leg of their all-English Champions League semifinal at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

An entertaining first half gave way to a scrappy second in which Liverpool came back into the game but could not find an equalizer, although the tie is still delicately poised for the second leg at Anfield next Tuesday.

England winger Cole swept in from six metres from Didier Drogba's cross after 29 minutes. It was only Cole's second goal of his injury-plagued season — and the first time Chelsea had scored against Liverpool in five Champions League meetings.

Liverpool, who left top scorer Peter Crouch on the bench until early in the second half, threatened sporadically. England midfielder Steven Gerrard went closest for Rafa Benitez' side, his dipping left-foot volley well saved by Petr Cech after 53 minutes.

Manchester United or AC Milan meet the eventual winners in the final in Athens on 23 May. United won the first leg 3-2 at Old Trafford on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters



Chelsea beats Liverpool by 1:0 in their Champions League semi-final first leg clash at Stamford Bridge, on 25 April, 2007.—INTERNET

## Romario denies move to Mexico's Necaxa

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 April — Former Brazil striker Romario Wednesday denied that he was close to signing for Mexican soccer club Necaxa.

Romario, who reached a career tally of 999 goals, said he intended to score his 1,000th goal for his present club Vasco da Gama at the Maracana stadium.

"I've heard about the offer but I have a contract with Vasco until Dec. 31 and I've given my word that I will stay until I score the 1,000th goal," he said.

Necaxa said on their official Web site on Tuesday that they were close to signing the 41-year-old, who won the World Cup in 1994.

Romario has failed to score in his last three appearances for Vasco, during which they were knocked out of two competitions, and coach Renato Portaluppi was fired and replaced by Celso Roth.—INTERNET

## Davydenko overcomes injury to advance in Barcelona

BARCELONA, 26 April — Second seed Nikolay Davydenko overcame a troublesome right shoulder and a difficult opponent in fellow Russian Yuri Schukin to reach the third round of the Barcelona Open on Wednesday.

Davydenko, beaten in his first match in Monte Carlo last week, struggled for form again before scrambling his way to a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory.

The world number four looked on course for an easy win when he led by a set and 2-0, but world number 218 Schukin, who was appearing in his first ATP Tour event of the year, hit back to level.

Davydenko was then broken in the first game of the final set, but after having treatment at 1-2, reeled off the next five games to set up a clash with either Spanish 14th seed Nicolas Almagro or Italian Filippo Volandri.

Eighth seed Juan Ignacio Chela also advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over American Vince Spadea 6-3, 6-3. — MNA/Reuters



New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist (L) looks out at the rebound as Buffalo Sabres right winger Drew Stafford tries to get his stick on the puck during NHL Game one of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Buffalo, New York, on 25 April, 2007.—INTERNET

## Portsmouth reveal new 36,000-seat stadium plan

LONDON, 26 April — English Premier League club Portsmouth announced plans to move out of their antiquated Fratton Park stadium into a stunning new 36,000-seat waterside arena on Wednesday.

The south coast club have played at Fratton Park since 1899 but their 20,000 capacity is insufficient for a club currently chasing a UEFA Cup place.

Providing planning consent is obtained the club hope to be playing at their new home on reclaimed dock land overlooking the English Channel in time for the 2011-12 season.

"This will be an iconic stadium and not just great for Portsmouth Football Club but also the city," the club's chief executive Peter Storrie told reporters at the London launch of the project.

"It will have a real wow factor and if we want to become one of the big boys of English football we know that we have to move into a modern new stadium.

"Portsmouth is moving into a new dawn with the backing of owner Alexandre Gaydamak and these are very exciting times for the club both on and off the field."

The new stadium alongside the city's historic naval dockyards would include one million square feet of residential units, restaurants and leisure facilities and the complete bill for the whole development will be 600 million pounds (1.20 billion US dollars).

It will be jointly funded by the sale of the club's 17-acre Fratton Park site for housing and the Sellar Property Group.— MNA/Reuters

## China's Shandong beat Vietnam's gach Dong Tam Long An 3-2

LONGAN PROVINCE (Vietnam), 26 April — China's Shandong Luneng rallied to beat Vietnam's Dong Tam Long An 3-2 in their AFC Champions League second leg in Vietnam's southern Long An Province on Wednesday evening.

Chinese Super League champions Shandong Luneng have acquired 12 points after beating Australia's Adelaide United 1-0, South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma 2-1, and Dong Tam Long An 4-0 in the home match and 3-2 in the away game consecutively to remain the first place of the Group G.

The Vietnamese side enjoyed a stunning start when Tshamala scored only 14 minutes into the game. China's U-21 star forward Wang Yongpo levelled the score for Shandong 14 minutes later. But Thuong's goal lifted Dong Tam Long An to 2-1 lead on 36 minutes. Thuong was then red carded in the 41st minute.—MNA/Xinhua

## England World Cup winner Ball dies aged 61

LONDON, 26 April — Alan Ball, the youngest member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning side, has died of a suspected heart attack at the age of 61.

Hampshire police confirmed on Wednesday that Ball was pronounced dead in the garden of his home after apparently suffering a heart attack when trying to tackle a bonfire that had got out of control.

"The fire brigade were called at 11.30 p.m. on Tuesday night and they discovered the body of a 61-year-old male in the garden," a police spokesman said.

There were no suspicious circumstances.

"It is with the very deepest of regret that Everton Football Club has to report the death of Alan Ball," the Premier League club said on their official website (www.evertonfc.com) on Wednesday.

The former Everton, Arsenal and Southampton midfielder won

72 caps for his country, scoring eight goals, before moving into management. Ball becomes the second member of the side that beat West Germany 4-2 in the 1966 final at Wembley to pass away. Captain Bobby Moore died of cancer in 1993.

"I just can't believe it. His nickname was 'Bouncy', he was just such a bouncy, lively 61-year-old," England teammate Alan Mullery told Sky Sports News.

"It's such a shock. He was a loveable character, heart of gold and lived football. He just loved playing for his country.

"He was a wonderful footballer to have in your side, he was so enthusiastic. He had a marvellous engine for a midfield player and had wonderful skill."

Ball started his career with Blackpool before moving to Everton in August 1966 for a British record transfer fee of 110,000 pounds (219,700 US dollars).

MNA/Reuters



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (R) defends against Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony during Game 2 between the Denver Nuggets and the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA Western Conference Playoffs in San Antonio, Texas, on 25 April, 2007.—INTERNET

# Five suspected Internet swindlers arrested in Amsterdam

BRUSSELS, 26 April — Five alleged West African Internet swindlers have been arrested in the Netherlands, Radio Netherlands reported Tuesday.

Two suspects were arrested when they were about to board a plane, the others in a house in Amsterdam.

The five are accused of swindling people across

the world out of millions of euros, the broadcaster said. They are also suspected of money laundering.

The swindlers sent their victims e-mails in

which the victims were promised large sums of money if they first paid a fee. As soon as the fee was paid, the swindlers would disappear without a trace.

The main suspect is

thought to have substantial financial assets in Nigeria. The authorities are investigating whether these assets can be seized, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

# Female millionaires on the rise

LONDON, 26 April — Wealth used to be a man's

world, but the gap between the sexes when it comes to

money is narrowing rapidly, a report shows.

The number of female millionaires in Britain has been rising on the back of social trends — such as inheritance and the rapidly climbing divorce rate — according to independent market analyst Datamonitor.

On top of that, a new generation of women have started to prosper in their own right, and female entrepreneurs are increasingly growing in number.

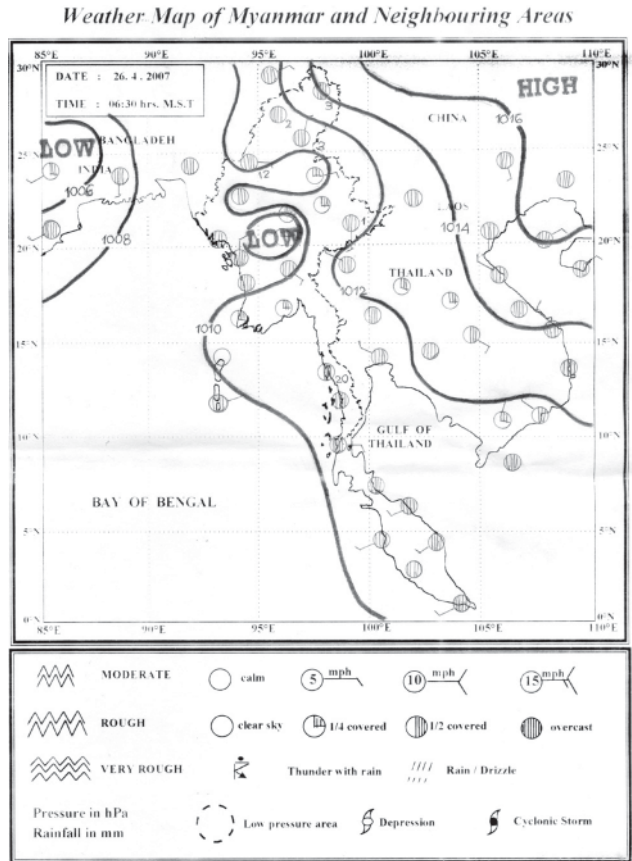
While a male millionaire's wealth has increased by an average 9.2 per cent over the past eight years, the worth of a female millionaire has ballooned by 53.9 per cent, Datamonitor found.

In 1998, the average male millionaire was worth 2.71 million pounds, while the female equivalent owned just 1.28 million pounds.

However, by 2006 the gap had narrowed to 2.96 million pounds for male millionaires and 1.97 million for women.

Currently, women make up around 46 per cent of Britain's 376,000 millionaires — and their number is growing by almost 11 per cent a year.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 25 April, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.78) inch, Homalin (0.47) inch, Machanbaw (0.39) inch and Shwegyin (0.28) inch. Maximum temperature on 25-4-2007 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 26-4-2007 was 81°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-4-2007 was 63%. Total sunshine hours on 25-4-2007 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-4-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (21:15) hours MST on 25-4-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-4-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

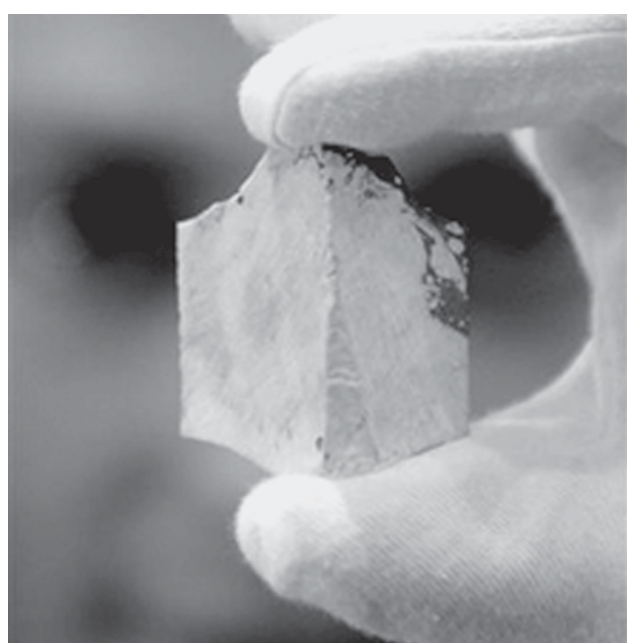
**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-4-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

### Earthquake report

(issued at 13:00 hours MST today)  
A slight earthquake of intensity (4.2) Richter Scale with its epicentre about (103) miles south of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (11)hrs (54) min (10) sec MST on 26 April 2007.



Mineral curator Mike Romsey holds a newly classified mineral, to be named Jadarite, at the Natural History Museum in central London on 25 April, 2007. — INTERNET



Friday, 27 April  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Be with you again ... C 21
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -One love ... Blue
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -If you wanna party ... Spin Up
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Sweet dream ... Alex Butcher
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Don't cry Joni ... Conway Twitty & Jomilee -Dreamin ... Johnny Burnette
- 9:00pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -This thing called love ... EYC -Come as you are ... Wild Orchid
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 27 April  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေပဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေပဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  2. To be healthy exercise
  3. Morning news
  4. Nice and sweet song
  5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:25 am
- 7:30 am
- 7:40 am
- 7:55 am
- 8:05 am
- 8:15 am
  7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
  8. ဝန်ပိုင်ချောင်းတံတား
  9. International news
  10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
  1. Martial song
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
  3. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်း အထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)
  4. Song of national races
  5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
  6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
  7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:25 am
- 8:30 am
- 8:45 am
- 4:00 pm
- 4:15 pm
- 4:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 5:10 pm
- 5:20 pm
- 5:30 pm
  8. “ကောင်ခြင်းဝေဖြာ” (ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ ပိုင်ဇော်ထွန်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး၊ ချစ်စန်းဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုအောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်))
  9. မြေကမ္ဘာသာယာစေဖို့ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင် ထိန်းသိမ်းဖို့. (အပိုင်း-၂)
  10. Evening news
  11. Weather report
  12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
  14. News
  15. International news
  16. Weather report
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အကြင်နာနေဦး” (အပိုင်း-၃၀)
  18. The next day's programme

**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers address at graduation parade of 110th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School**



*Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes the salute of cadet companies.*  
MNA

Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, ministers Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Col Zaw Min, Maj-Gen Khin Maung

Myint and Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Directors of the Ministry of Defence Maj-

Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Than Htay and Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyoo of Kalaw Station, Bahtoo Station Commander and Commandant of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School Brig-Gen Soe Win, senior military officers, guests and parents and relatives of the cadets.

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**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to South Africa**

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, on the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April 2007. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April — The graduation parade of the 110th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held at the Parade Ground at the training school in Bahtoo Tatmyo this morning. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen

