

### 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

## Merits shared for completion of Abhidhaja three-storey refectory of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery

YANGON, 29 April — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the merits sharing ceremony to mark the completion of Abhidhaja three-storey refectory of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery on Old Yedashe Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana, Pro-Rector of Interna-

tional Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa, members of the Sangha, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, members of social organizations and wellwishers.

The deputy minister formally opened the three-storey refectory.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party took the Five Precepts from the Presiding Sayadaw. Engineer U Myint Aung

handed over related documents to the presiding Sayadaw through the deputy minister. Pariyatti Sasanapala Association Chairman U Chit Aye presented a certificate of honour to engineer U Myint Aung.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe supplicated on the religious affairs. Next, he offered alms to the presiding Sayadaw and the Pro-Rector Sayadaw.

The deputy minister and officials also donated provisions to mem-



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw at merit sharing ceremony for Abhidhaja three-storey refectory of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko formally opens Abhidhaja three-storey refectory of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery. — MNA

bers of the Sangha.

The Pro-Rector Sayadaw and Bhaddanta Naradabhivamsa of the

monastery delivered sermons, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party shared merits gained. — MNA

## WEATHER

### Forecast for 30-4-2007

#### Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (40%).

#### Yangon and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

#### Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 30 April, 2007

### Fullmoon Day of Kason

The Fullmoon Day of Kason is a significant and auspicious day. Trees and flowers get dry as the month of Kason falls in hot season. Therefore devotees pour cold and pure water on Bo tree in Kason in the middle of the hot season.

The Fullmoon Day of Kason is related with the lives of the Buddha. It was also the day on which Hermit Sumedha, the previous existence of the Lord Buddha, was blessed by the prophecy of Depankara Buddha. After the complete fulfillment of paramis needed for Buddhahood he would surely become a Buddha one day. On the Fullmoon Day of Kason Prince Siddhattha, the would-be-Buddha, was born and Sacred Maha Bo tree grew.

Gottama Buddha attained Enlightenment and finally He entered Mahapari Nibbana in Kusinayon on the Fullmoon Day of Kason.

After He had attained Enlightenment, the Lord Buddha preached to all creatures for 45 years for their betterment until He attained Nirvana.

The Fullmoon Day of Kason is marked by water pouring ceremony at the Bo tree. Devotees, young and old, pour water at the Bo tree, taking Sabbath, doing meritorious deeds, paying homage at the pagodas.

It is believed that all devotees will gain peace of mind and health of body and longevity by following the Buddha's teachings on this significant day.



To mark the birthday of daughter Wint Honey, U Wint Thu and wife Daw Sandar Win donate K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. MNA

## Peoples 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

### Nikaya Course opened at Dhamma Thukha Monastery in Bahan Township

YANGON, 29 April — A ceremony to open the Nikaya Course, organized by Ashin Candajoti of Aungtheikdi Building of Dhamma Thukha Monastery, was held at the monastery in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Kammathanaçariya Mingala Theingi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundala of Dhamma Thukha Monastery administered the Five Precepts.

Ashin Candajoti explained the purpose of opening the course. The chairman of Township Peace and Development Council supplicated on the religious matters. Wellwishers donated alms to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha

Nayaka Committee Yanangyoung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. — H



Nikaya Course opens at Dhamma Thukha Monastery in Bahan Township. — H

### Minister calls for improving primary education

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspected the primary teachership refresher course of No 1 Basic Education High School in Tatkon on 25 April.

The minister in his speech called for improving the primary education, enhancing the teaching skills, effective application of pedagogical aids, observance of rules and regulations, teaching the subjects thoroughly, keeping the school buildings clean and tidy and school compound green, and sufficient supply of furniture.

Next, he attended to the needs of the trainees.—MNA

### Three service personnel of Weththikan Electric Power Supply Enterprise get three years' sentence each for malpractice

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April—The government has been serving the interest of the State and the people. High-ranking officials have occasionally instructed service personnel to discharge duties uprightly and honestly while the respective ministries are taking systematic measures in serving the national interest.

The government has laid down formal procedures for the people to make complaints so that service personnel cannot commit misbehaviours and misconduct over the people, and those with grievances can make com-

plaints in a fair and proper way. Proper investigation was made into the complaints, and deterrent sentences were meted out to the offenders.

Three service personnel of Weththikan Electric Power Supply Enterprise of Pyay Township in Bago division were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each for collecting more money than the prescribed amount in providing electric metres to householders under the project and K 3.7 million involving in the case were confiscated.

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### First Myanmar Horticulture Show on 5 May

YANGON, 29 April — The first Myanmar Horticulture show, meeting and contest will be held at Myaypadetha Island in Bahan Township on a grand scale from 5 to 8 May. Everyone can take part in the horticulture contest.

Cash rewards will be presented to first, second and third prize winners of plant with fruit and fruit contests. Awards will be presented on each kind. A variety of fruits and vegetables from various regions of Myanmar will be displayed at the show. Everybody can attend the meeting and participate in discussions.

Everyone can visit free of charge and contact Ph: 01-703754 and 01-514226 for further details.

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### Dry Day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 29 April — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe together with departmental heads supervised dry

day inspection teams checking vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments at the main points of Yangon this morning and evening.

The dry day inspection teams checked

dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of respective uniforms and violation of traffic rules at the main points of Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Zimbabwe-Cuba relations improve

**HARARE, 28 April** — Zimbabwe and Cuba are set to take their cooperation to greater heights in the health sector through two new programmes, a Cuban envoy said on Thursday.

The Cuban Ambassador to Zimbabwe Cosme Torres Espinoza said Zimbabwe and Cuba will soon embark on a unique doctor training programme which prepares young men and women to be committed to their communities.

The training programme involves the use of audiovisual services and the acquiring of more knowledge through practical work in hospitals and clinics in their communities, according to ZBC News.

The proposed doctors-training programme, which Cuba has already

introduced in other countries, involves the use of audiovisual equipment and the acquiring of practical knowledge through work at clinics and hospitals in the community.

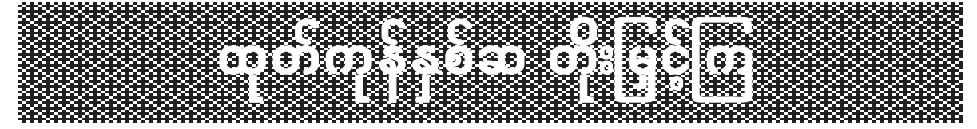
Espinoza said the programme is unique in that while increasing the number of doctors in the country, it also inculcates a sense of commitment to

the communities on the part of the doctors.

Two professors have already been identified to start work on the training programme in Zimbabwe.

Another programme under the new cooperation in health sector between Zimbabwe and Cuba is the eradication of malaria through elimination of the vector.

MNA/Xinhua



## US Democratic candidates slam Bush's Iraq policy

**WASHINGTON, 28 April** — Eight US Democratic candidates united to confront the Bush Administration's Iraq

policy in their first presidential debate held Thursday night in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

During the 90-minute event at South Carolina State University — billed as the “earliest presidential debate ever” by its sponsor, MSNBC — the top-tier candidates largely formed a common front opposing the current administration’s handling of the war, according to US media reports on Friday.

“This war is a disaster. We must end this war,” said New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, a former UN ambassador who called for all US troops to leave by the end of 2007. “The President seems determined not to change course, despite the fact that we are not gaining ground,” said Senator Hillary Clinton of New York.

However, Clinton was

taken to task by Representative Dennis Kucinich of Ohio after she said that if “I knew then what I now know”, she would not have voted for the 2003 congressional resolution authorizing Bush to take military action in Iraq.—MNA/Xinhua

*China and Russia have signed a letter of intent on the building of a Shaolin Kungfu centre in Russia, which will be the first of its kind in Russia, and also the biggest overseas Kungfu centre when completed.*  
INTERNET



A woman walks by a cartoon painting of traditional Chinese soldiers during The China International Cartoon and Animation Festival in Hangzhou, east China Zhejiang Province, on 28 April, 2007. — INTERNET

## Suicide car bomb in Iraq kills 60

**BAGHDAD, 29 April**—A car bomb killed 60 people and wounded 170 in the Iraqi city of Karbala yesterday, the second such attack in two weeks. Sectarian tensions are likely to be inflamed after a suicide bomber detonated the device on a crowded street close to a Shia shrine in the holy city

of Karbala 70 miles southwest of Baghdad. The blast, at the site of 42 deaths on 14 April, occurred at a checkpoint as people headed to pray at the al-Abbas shrine, a golden-domed mosque surrounded by shops and restaurants. Shocking images of a man running down the street holding a lifeless baby in the air were shown on television.

‘A car entered the checkpoint for the shrine and blew up in the midst of a crowd of people. Shops have been destroyed, a dozen cars caught fire,’ said Jasim Najim, a local shop owner. Salim Khadhim, a health spokesman, said the death toll could rise. There was chaos after the blast as angry people gathered together, shouting abuse about the lack of protection and frantically searching for missing relatives. Some threw stones at the police.

Internet

## German thief betrays himself for free beer

**NEUSTRELITZ (Germany), 26 April**—A German phone thief led police right to his front door when they called the stolen mobile to say he had won some free beer and he willingly gave his address.

“An officer called and said, ‘You’ve won a crate of beer’,” said a spokesman for police in the eastern town of Neustrelitz. “Then he asked where he lived so he could drop the beer off, and the guy told him. I think the man was drunk.”—Internet

*A screen grab of 121time.com. With the variety and vintages of watches available and the intense interest shown by watch collectors and enthusiasts, finding an ideal timepiece on the Web has never been easier at well-known sites like Amazon.com or eBay. But smaller watchmakers are tapping into the Web with a novel proposition for buyers: a custom-designed watch, built-to-order and delivered in 10 days.* — INTERNET



A saleswoman shows a souvenir badge for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay on 27 April, 2007. A series of souvenir badges for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay were released in Beijing on Friday.

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### Vietnam reiterates its one-China policy

HANOI, 28 April — Vietnam always adheres to the one-China policy, opposing to Taiwan authorities' separatist movement in any forms, Vietnamese State President Nguyen Minh Triet stressed here Friday.

Triet made the statement when meeting with Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam Hu Qianwen at the Presidential Palace.

The President said Vietnam, undergoing sufferings due to the national separation in a long period of time, sympathizes with the Chinese people's aspi-

ration for national reunification.

The Communist Party of Vietnam and the Vietnamese Government always support China's great cause for national reunification, Triet said,

adding that Vietnam conducts only unofficial trade and economic exchanges and ties with Taiwan, and will never develop any official relationship with the region. — MNA/Xinhua



The China Disabled People's Performing Arts Troupe gave a charity performance here on 27 April night, appearing for public donation and support for handicapped in Hebei Province.— XINHUA

### Army officer criticizes US generals for Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 28 April — An active-duty US Army officer criticized US generals in a journal article published on Friday for failing to prepare the military and the country for war in Iraq, and urged Congress to intervene.

In a rare public airing of a vigorous debate within the US military, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Yingling compared generals' management of Iraq to their conduct in Vietnam and warned of a crisis facing the Armed Forces due to the "intellectual and moral failures" of US generals broadly.

"For the second time in a generation, the United States faces the prospect of defeat at the hands of an insurgency,"

wrote Yingling, an Iraq war veteran and commander of an Army unit. "These debacles are not attributable to individual failures, but rather to a crisis in an entire institution: America's general officer corps" Yingling did not single out any general for criticism.

The mid-ranking officer's cover article in the May issue of *Armed Forces Journal* reflects the debate among officers

about the conduct of the Iraq war as well as the decisions and public statements made by commanders advising civilian policymakers.

Yingling repeated, for example, a widely voiced criticism that generals did not raise publicly the concerns held privately about the level of US troops

being committed by policymakers to secure Iraq in the early stages of the war. Then, with too few troops, they could not devise a strategy to stabilize Iraq, he argued.

Yingling called on Congress to overhaul the way officers rise in rank to the level of general.

MNA/Reuters

### One killed, 12 injured in high-tension tower collapse in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 April — An Indian national was killed and 12 other workers were injured Friday when a high-tension tower collapsed in Sabah State in eastern Malaysia.

Laxman Mehta, in his 30s, died shortly after being sent to a local hospital Friday afternoon in Kota Kinabalu, the state capital city, local daily *The Star* reported on its website.

Four of his colleagues, also Indian nationals, were admitted for serious

injuries.

The others received outpatient treatment.

Local police officer Mohd Azhar Hamin said those workers were

involved in connecting high-tension cables on Sabah's east-west grid when the tower suddenly collapsed.

MNA/Xinhua

### Car bomb kills, wounds dozens in northern Iraq

TAL AFAR (Iraq), 28 April — A suicide car bomb killed and wounded dozens of people near the religiously mixed town of Tal Afar in northern Iraq on Friday, police said.

One police source said the attack took place on the road between Tal Afar and the city of Mosul.

Another police source

in Mosul said the bombing had targeted an Iraqi Army checkpoint.

A nine-week-old US-backed security crackdown in Baghdad has

forced insurgents to leave the capital and step up attacks across Iraq, raising overall civilian deaths in the country.

MNA/Reuters



A Viking tour boat burns at Skeppsbron dock outside the Royal Castle in the Old Town in Stockholm on 28 April, 2007. Nobody was injured in the fire, but the boat was totally destroyed. According to the fire department's spokesman Ulf Larsson, the fire was hard to fight as it was impossible for the firefighters to get onboard the boat due to the risk that it would sink.— INTERNET

### Second pair of pandas from China arrives HK

HONG KONG, 28 April — Hong Kong welcomed the city's second pair of pandas on Thursday, flown in from China to mark the 10th anniversary of the former British colony's return to Chinese rule with high hopes that they would soon breed.

The pair, a male and female, were born in August 2005 at China's leading Panda Conservation Centre in Wolong, Sichuan Province. Nameless before arrival, they were christened Le Le and Ying Ying at a ceremony at Hong Kong's International Airport.

The Chinese names mean "happiness" and "abundance", respectively, and were chosen from some 13,000 public submissions.

MNA/Reuters

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Inflation propels downturn fears in US

WASHINGTON, 29 April — The economy slowed sharply while inflation quickened in the first three months of the year, the government reported Friday, rekindling concerns that the nation might be sliding into a more serious downturn.

Strong consumer spending was largely offset by plunging home construction, falling exports and tepid business investment from January through March, the Commerce Department reported.

Add it up, and the nation's gross domestic product, a broad measure of economic output, rose at a sluggish 1.3 percent annual rate—a significant loss of momentum from the moderate 2.5 percent annual rate of expansion in the previous quarter and the brisk 3.3 percent growth recorded for all of 2006.

Many analysts, including those at the Federal Reserve, forecast the economy to perk up enough to grow at a modest pace through the

rest of the year without tipping into a recession. But at the same time, they see rising risks that the economy will deteriorate further, perhaps into a prolonged period of high inflation and weak growth.

"It was a quarter that was beset by the worst of both worlds, more inflation and less economic growth," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services, who called the combination "a hint of stagflation-lite."

Internet



File photo shows a MacBook Pro at the Apple Store in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 18 Oct, 2006. Apple Inc said on 27 April some batteries in its MacBook and MacBook Pro notebook computers may have performance problems, but they do not pose a safety risk. — INTERNET

## China seeking investment to build world's first "women's town"

BEIJING, 28 April — Chinese tourism authorities are seeking investment to build a novel concept attraction — the world's first "women's town", where men get punished for disobedience, an official said on Thursday.

The 2.3-square-kilometre Longshuihu Village in the Shuangqiao District of Chongqing Municipality, also known as "women's town", was based on the local traditional concept of "women rule and men obey", a tourism official told Reuters.

"Traditional women dominate and men have to be obedient in the areas of Sichuan Province and Chongqing, and now we are using it as an idea to

attract tourists and boost tourism," the official, surname Li, said by telephone.

The tourism bureau planned to invest between 200 million yuan (26 million US dollars) and 300 million yuan in infrastructure, roads and buildings, Li said.

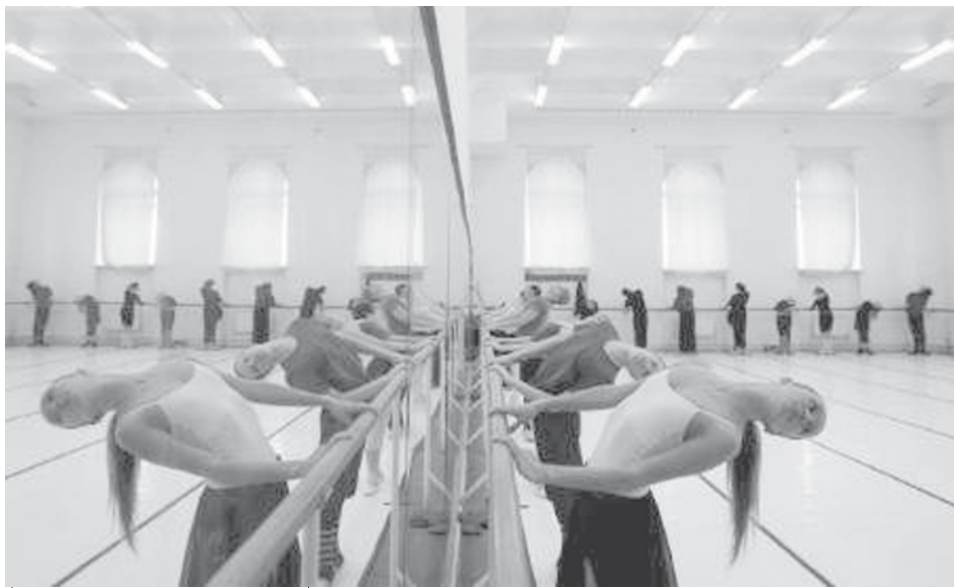
"We welcome investors from overseas and nationwide to invest in our project," he added.

The motto of the new town would be "women never make mistakes, and men can never re-

fuse women's requests", Chinese media have reported.

When tour groups enter the town, female tourists would play the dominant role when shopping or choosing a place to stay, and a disobedient man would be punished by "kneeling on an uneven board" or washing dishes in restaurant, media reports said. The project, begun in the end of 2005, was expected to take three to five years to finish.

MNA/Reuters



Russian ballerinas warm up at a classroom before the ballet "Le Corsaire" by Adolphe Adam with Stephane Bullion of Opera National de Paris dancing the head role at the Yekaterinburg Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Yekaterinburg on 28 April, 2007.

INTERNET

## Asian telecoms to build \$500m Asia-US cable project

PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 28 April — Asian phone companies unveiled plans on Friday to build a 500-million-US-dollar undersea cable between Southeast Asia and the United States to speed up Internet connections in the region.

Existing telecoms cables connecting Asia

and North America are nearing full capacity while some of the oldest will need to be retired soon, Malaysia's Communications Minister said in announcing the project, to be led by Telekom Malaysia

The 20,000-kilometre (12,400-mile), fibre-optic cable system would also

take a different route from many existing cables to avoid quake-prone areas and a repeat of the disruption to Asian web access caused by a tremor off Taiwan four months ago. "The low-risk route was designed to avoid the volatile and hazardous Pacific ring," Communications Minister Lim Keng Yaik said, referring to the ring of sub-sea volcanoes and quake zones around the Pacific Ocean.

Telekom Malaysia said cable construction would begin immediately and that, when completed, it would directly link seven Asian countries — Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, the Philippines and Hong Kong — with the United States. — MNA/Reuters



British Prince Michael of Kent displays the emblem of the Golden Eagle luxury train based on the design of Russia's state symbol, the double-headed eagle, at a train station outside Moscow on 26 April, 2007. Once considered the preserve of scruffy backpackers, hardy adventurers, and vodka swigging businessmen, a new train on Russia's Trans-Siberian route aims to lure wealthy tourists with luxury. Prince Michael of Kent on Thursday unveiled the Golden Eagle. — INTERNET

## Indonesia still world's largest LNG exporter

JAKARTA, 28 April — Indonesia remains the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) exporter by controlling 47.2 per cent of the global market, a government official said on Friday.

Indonesia's LNG export averages some 3,389.9 MMSCFD (Millions of Standard Cubic Feet per Day), said Hendri Ahmad, director of natural gas production with the downstream oil and gas regulatory agency (BPH Migas).

Indonesia also has huge natural gas reserves enough for a supply of at least 56 years, he was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying from Gorontalo Province in Sulawesi Island.

Gas production stands at 8.13 BSCFD (Billion Standard Cubic Feet per Day), 41.6 per cent of which went to domestic markets. "LNG is among our largest foreign exchange revenue sources," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

# The Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason

*Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)*

The Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason falls on 30th April 2007.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason because over 2500 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Fullmoon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrate the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April or on

one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

### Day of Enlightenment

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world would heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Bodgaya in India early in the morning on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on His own effort, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving

humanity.

### The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)

All of Buddhist peoples know that the sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained the Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribhoga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist peoples across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

### Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha's Day

It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year.

The generous Buddhist people in the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagodas, shrines and monasteries in the evening of Buddha's Day, Fullmoon of the month of Kason to perform pouring clean water on the sacred Bodhi Trees there.

Indeed, it is a fine tradition of the Buddhist devotees of Myanmar to preserve and hand it down to generations to come.

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*Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee presents cash donation K 200,000 for National Rehabilitation Hospital through Dr Hla Myint of Head of Health Department of Yangon Division on 27-4-2007.—YCDC*

## Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Pazundaung Tsp

YANGON, 29 April — A ceremony to issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to town dwellers, organized by Immigration and National Registration Department of Pazundaung Township was held at No 9 Ward Peace and Development Council

Office in Pazundaung Township on 26 April.

Present on the occasion were chairman U Pu of Pazundaung Township PDC and local authorities, the secretary and executives of Pazundaung Township Union Solidarity and

Development Association member of social organizations and town dwellers.

U Than Myint, head of Pazundaung Township INRD, issued a total of 111 CSCs to the people.

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## MMCWA members carry out sanitation task

YANGON, 29 April — In hailing the 17th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association,

responsible persons of MWA and members of South Okkalapa Township MCWA collectively carried out sanitation task at the

building of MMCWA and its environs at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Road in South Okkalapa Township. — MNA



*Officials of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members of South Okkalapa Township MCWA carry out sanitation task in the compound of the building of the association to mark 17th Annual General Meeting of MMCWA.—MNA*

## Minister meets heads of departments from states and divisions

YANGON, 29 April — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein held a meeting with Deputy Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Ko Lay, directors, deputy directors, heads of departments from states and divisions at the meeting hall of Fisheries Department in Ahlon Township yesterday.

During the meeting, officials concerned briefed the minister on accomplishment of the sector-wise functions to exceed the target of earning foreign exchange. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on an increase in breeding and producing fish, a boost

in export of quality products and making efforts to become service personnel free from corruption.

Next, the minister inspected major repair of Tun Nay Lin Cold Storage and production process of finished products in Ahlon Cold Storage.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein arrived at Masoeyein Taikthit Sasanajotika Monastery in Kwanmoedein Model Village in Kayan Township and paid homage to Kwanmoedein Sayadaw and viewed progress in building of the monastery.

Afterwards, the minister met with local people, local authorities and departmental personnel at Kayan Township PDC Office. Officials briefed the minister on progress in building of primary schools, roads, rural health centres, medical treatment and water supply tasks. Next, Chairman of Kayan Township Association (Yangon) U Than Lwin briefed the minister on necessary assistance provided by the State and the USDA for rural development tasks.

Afterwards, the CEC member assisted K 1 million to build Kanbe Primary School.

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## Commander attends opening of Nyaungghla Model Village in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials attended a ceremony to open Nyaungghla Model Village in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, on 24 April morning. Next, he visited the discussions of members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization and the tasks being carried out for earning more income.

The commander also attended the opening of a

delivery room of the rural health centre and inspected the lab and medical store. He then attended a ceremony to open the office of rural regional development, visited Alinyaung Library, the telephone booth, Win Thuza Shop and the basic education middle school in Nyaungghla Model Village.

Afterwards, the commander attended the opening of multi-media classroom and formally unveiled the signboard of the classroom. In meeting with the people of the

village, the commander heard reports by USDA members on the establishment of the model village and regional development work. He donated exercise books, school uniforms and sports equipment to the school.

Later, Sagaing Division USDA Secretary U Soe Moe presented a TV and books donated by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint to the village USDA and District Information and Public Relations Department. — MNA

## Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) holds 23rd Annual Meeting

YANGON, 29 April — Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) held its 23rd annual meeting in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Dhammayon of the Ministry of Industry-1 this morning.

First, Chairman of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) Dr Khin Maung Swe and Patron of the association, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang discussed regional development tasks and future plans with those present.

Next, Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wife of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin dealt with management to be made for eye operation.

Afterwards, Daw Khin Khin Yi, wife of the minister and Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wife of the mayor and donors presented prizes to outstanding students who passed in the matriculation examination during 2006-2007 academic year.

Next, the minister handed cash awards to writers U Aung Thuang, U Ohn Maung and U San Maung who wrote articles in Taungtha Township Magazine.

Afterwards, donors funded K 1.589 million for the association and K 2.65 million for education. The minister and the chairman accepted cash donations. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein meets local people in Kayan Township. — L&F

## Vice-Mayor inspects tax free markets

YANGON, 29 April — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa together with officials inspected sale of fresh water and sea fish, fruits and vegetables, foodstuff, household utensils, rice and edible oil shops run by Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Edible Oil Dealers Association and Ngwe Pinle Livestock and Fisheries Co Ltd at Pandra tax free market in Dagon Township, Hanthawaddy tax free market in Kamayut Township and tax free markets in Tamway and Yankin Townships this morning. The vice-mayor and party cordially greeted customers.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Yangon Division In-charge Col Maung Pa attended the opening ceremony of Phyto Cetana Clinic at the building Nga/Ka Ward USDA in Thingangyun Township and formally opened the clinic. The CEC member inspected providing free health care services to patients and presented K 100,000 for the clinic to the Secretary of Yangon Division USDA.

Everyone can receive medical treatment free of charge at the clinic that opens from 5 pm to 8 pm, it is learnt.

MNA

## Road Safety Week marked

YANGON, 29 April — Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, All Private Bus Lines Control Committee and Social Organizations collectively launched educative activities on traffic rules at the designated places to mark First United Nations Global Road Safety Week Movement for the last day this morning.

Joint-Secretary of Yangon Division TRESA Commander of Wireless and Traffic Police Force Lt-Col Aung Naing and officials concerned inspected bus conductors who were helping passengers get on and get off and distribution of pamphlets on traffic rules to commuters at the bus stop in front of Yamanya

Hostel on Yangon-Pyay Road.

Similarly, officials of Yangon Division TRESA, on-duty traffic police officers, staff of APBLCC and members of social organizations participated in traffic functions of road safety for the travellers. — MNA



Traffic policemen distribute pamphlets on traffic rules to drivers and passengers at the bus stops to mark First UN Global Road Safety Week Movement. — MNA

# One of Myanmar's national characters under threat

*A Reader*

The RFA aired a news story at 7 pm on 25 April 2007: "There was a solo demonstration near Theingyi Market in Yangon at about 1.30 pm today".

It continued to say that protester Ohn Than had been jailed several times for his involvement in political movements. Just as I heard the name of Ohn Than, I remembered he was an ex-convict, who staged a protest to arouse the public outrage in collusion with Htin Kyaw and group on 22 February.

I have learnt that Ohn Than served his term in prison for holding a demonstration in front of the UNDP office in Yangon in 2004; that he incited problems in most of the ceremonies held at the NLD headquarters; and that the meddlesome person got involved in various campaigns of the "88" generation students group.

I read the people's comments about the acts of Ohn Than in the 27 April issue of newspapers. Regarding the comments, some friends of mine and I held discussions.

"What a good comment that the acts of Ohn Than and Htin Kyaw and group were just for popularity, political gains and titles and prizes likely to be awarded by foreign countries and such acts became fashionable among so-called opponents of the government."

"Of course, such acts have become a political fashion among the opposing politicians."

"In my opinion, political misbehaviors of any sort are abhorrent to a civilized society."

"I wonder why decadent political fashions are rife in the Myanmar's politics."

"It is not strange. In fact, they are practising Gene Sharp's doctrines that are being taught in various courses of certain training centres in Yangon."

"Gene Sharp's doctrines? They are the methods foreign course instructors taught to expatriate saboteurs at the border some years ago, aren't they?"

"Yes, they are. I think you all remember that saboteurs committed destructive acts many times in the nation in line with the lectures they had learnt at the course."

"Certainly, the people still remember that the destructive elements have committed bomb attacks including the bomb explosion that occurred in Kaba Aye Maha Pasana Cave where Buddha Tooth Relic

was temporarily kept and a series of bomb explosions in the three busy places in Yangon."

**"The people deeply resent terrorist acts, so destructive elements have paused for some time. Before they continue, they are practising Gene Sharp's subversive methods while pretending to stage peaceful demonstrations."**

"I see. As we discussed recently, foreign pressure and expatriates' terrorist acts did not work, so they are sounding out the government's stance through the demonstrations of internal UGs."

**"I feel disappointed and sorry because opposing politicians are dancing to the tune of their foreign masters, and that is harming the fine tradition of Myanmar politicians who have served the interests of the people and the Sasana."**

"There is something worse than that."

"What is that?"

"That is the situation that a national character of we Myanmar people is under threat and it is likely to be extinct soon."

**"If so, it must be a serious case. In politics, the nation is going to practise multi-party democracy, so the people have a chance that they would not vote for the parties and politicians they dislike. And they can choose the ones they like. However, national character is cultural heritage the people have been preserving for long, so there is no other one we can choose."**

**"You are right. Myanmar suffered divide-and-rule policy of the British for more than 100 years. In addition, throughout the period Myanmar people were stuffed with wrong ideas to spoil the national characters. Nevertheless, the people remained united and they did not allow any situation happen to harm national prestige and integrity."**

**"Of course, that is why Myanmar has a good reputation as a nation that is endowed with cultural heritage and Myanmar people are proud to be a race that has well preserved their national character."**

"The colonialists tried to suppress national character for more than 100 years, but it was resistant to the evil attempts. However national character will dwindle away if the people are not aware of the fact that neo-colonialists have been destroying it in a clever way for

about 10 years."

"I do not think it is acceptable to the people. If they are not aware of that yet, we should have to raise the public awareness about that in their interests."

"Forced labour is among the groundless accusations internal and external destructive elements are making against Myanmar."

"It is none other than the accusation renegade Sein Win and absconder Pyithit Nyunt Wai have made in collusion with their foreign masters since 1991."

**"The people understand well that expatriate Sein Win and absconder Pyithit Nyunt Wai are making baseless accusations against Myanmar through the Federation of Trade Unions-Burma (FTUB) they have formed under the pretext of dealing with labour affairs with the intention of opposing the country."**

"US citizen John Osolink of Asian-American Free Labour Institute based in Bangkok helped form the FTUB with a handful of members."

**"The FTUB does not represent national workers, so it is not well-known in Myanmar. However, it is aided and abetted by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) that is under the influence of certain countries. So the FTUB is crying out officiously in the international community."**

"They can do so among the people who do not know international affairs much. The people have known that expatriate Sein Win's NCGUB and absconder Nyunt Wai's FTUB are behind various terrorist acts that have taken place in the nation. So the people stay away from them."

**"The axe-handles under the influence of their alien masters are hands in glove with Sein Win and Nyunt Wai. All the complaints on forced labour the FTUB submitted to the ILO through ICFTU are indeed invented stories the local axe-handles have made up."**

"I see. It has been explained many times at the press conferences that the ILO attempted to submit a case to the international court of justice saying that there were cases on forced labour in Myanmar and put pressure variously on the nation.

*(See page 9)*

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(from page 8)

"Of course. You know, as Myanmar had to explain repeatedly at press conferences that it agreed to fulfill the demands of ILO, even some of our people got angry and were desirous of resigning from ILO."

"I still remember that US President Clinton made a speech at the 87th ILO Conference held in June 1999. He blatantly spoke of something that had nothing to do with international labour affairs. His words implied that pressure on Myanmar would be accelerated."

"And what's more, another ILO Conference discussed applying pressure on Myanmar and taking action. The ILO Director-General even talked about the release of Daw Suu Kyi who was under restriction in her house under the Myanmar's existing law. He has gone too far."

"It's none of their business. **ILO is an organization that is responsible for addressing labour issues. But its interference in Myanmar's internal affairs is an act of hegemony.**"

"By the way, recently I happened to read news reports in journals that ILO and Myanmar have agreed to cooperate and are cooperating; complaints can be made to ILO liaison officers if there is any forced labour in Myanmar."

"**Nowadays, in order to ensure a good governance, various ministries of our country are making reforms and issuing announcements that complaints can be made if any serviceman has committed malpractice in shouldering his duties and that over the fair and authentic complaints, investigation teams have made field trips and taken action against those who were found guilty.**"

"**In this regard, it is natural that there may be authentic complaints and false complaints made for personal grudge. But the people have known the point. What is difficult is that some complaints are made for political gains in connection with forced labour.**"

"Oh, I see. The other day, we talked about a thing during our discussion, didn't we? FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win's group were inciting to stage a demonstration in the country by spending a great deal of money. Those who were arrested together with enough evidence admitted that they were communicating with each other by satellite phone. At a press conference, a person by the name of U Aung Moe admitted he did send complaint letters concerning false accusations including forced labour."

"**There are still persons like U Aung Moe of Pathein area who were secretly operating as UGs with the financial support of internal and external destructive elements. Look at an act of Myint Aye and his group who went to Okpon village in Hinthada Township and incited the people to create a protest under human rights pretext.**"

**While foreign powers with ill intent are measuring everything with their international yardstick, we have to fend for ourselves. Authorities on their part had issued orders and instructions not to commit any act that could lead to forced labour since 1999. They are also closely supervising the people to follow the orders. In accord with our Myanmar traditions, local authorities concerned should continue to work for the development of their own regions in consultation with the townsenders.**

"**The people of Okpon Village can distinguish between right and wrong in their community welfare tasks and religious affairs. In some cases, according to the customs and traditions of villages, such matters are decided in accord with the instructions of the elderly. When need arises to act in accord with the law, there will be no matter that cannot be solved if authorities concerned and social organization are to cooperate.**"

"If irregularities are found in such cases, open complaints can be made through the way the authorities have shown. No one can try to block the way. The act of Myint Aye and his accomplices was that a group of people from Yangon tried to create dissension among the public concerning the issue of Hinthada Township."

"The tradition of a community that you are discussing is a Myanmar tradition. Since ancient times, we Myanmar people have had a good tradition of making a big problem small and a small problem diminish."

"That's right. When it comes to occasions such as community welfare, religious and social affairs, just a word of reminder can make at least a person young or old from every house come out to actively participate in such affairs."

"Absolutely right. I was grown up in the countryside. If there was a house to be built in the village, the villagers took part in the building of the house bringing all they had had to the site. Even some who were out on their trips while such an occasion was taking place expressed their sorrows when they arrived back."

"But such a good occasion won't happen when you encounter persons like FTUB Maung Maung, NDD Thein Win, Myint Aye and U Aung Moe in your village. Supposing you shout for the construction of a road or a bridge on self-reliant basis in your village, a complaint letter mentioning forced labour will go to the ILO liaison officer."

"Ah, the situation is worsening. If the road of your own village is smooth and secure, only your own villagers can use it to their heart's content. If your

village builds a bridge, the people of that village will be able to cross the creeks and rivers through that bridge."

"What you said is right. **But now any people dare not initiate such community welfare tasks. Because there are those in villages who are nurtured by foreign powers, expatriates and anti-government politicians. As a result, the people come to shirk even a task of their village that can be accomplished if they work together.**"

"That means one of the Myanmar national characters to live through thick and thin and to volunteer to work in the interest of their own regions is under threat or in danger of extinction. Political instigation is trying to threaten our social affairs."

"In this context, we should not remain calm and cold-hearted. Why are we letting foreign powers say sweet words under the pretext of democracy and human rights? Why are we letting them create dissension and misunderstanding among our national brethren with a political quagmire?"

"Anyway, we have to stop them. **While foreign powers with ill intent are measuring everything with their international yardstick, we have to fend for ourselves. Authorities on their part had issued orders and instructions not to commit any act that could lead to forced labour since 1999. They are also closely supervising the people to follow the orders. In accord with our Myanmar traditions, local authorities concerned should continue to work for the development of their own regions in consultation with the townsenders. Therefore, anyone who attempts to deter a good deed that is done in accord with the wishes of the majority should be got rid of.**"

"**You are right. It is time we worked together with political, organizational, administrative and social outlooks in order not to weaken one of our national characters at the instigation of one person and his foreign master.**"

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Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Tongan Prime Minister Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele in Beijing on 27 April, 2007. — XINHUA

## Jordanian Prince meets Singapore's Senior Minister

SINGAPORE, 28 April — Jordanian Prince Feisal Bin Al Hussein met with Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong on Friday at the sidelines of an Arab and Asian young leaders dialogue.

Prince Feisal is visiting Singapore as the personal representative of Jordan's King Abdullah II to deliver a keynote address at the two-day Young Arab Leaders Global Action Forum for Arab and Asian Dialogue, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Both sides welcomed the excellent state of bilateral relations between Singapore and Jordan.

They also agreed that

more people-to-people interactions between the two countries would help increase tourism and investment, and more exchanges between Asians and the Middle Easterns would also help correct any misperceptions portrayed by the international media of the Middle East region.

The two leaders discussed political developments in the Middle East, including the Israel-Palestinian conflict, the Arab Peace Initiative and Iran.

They shared the view that solving the Israel-Palestinian problem was a crucial first step towards peace and stability in the region, but this alone would not be sufficient to

resolve the problems concerning Iraq, Lebanon and Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippines' foreign reserves expected to hit \$26b in 2007

MANILA, 28 April — The Philippines' foreign reserves are expected to rise to 26 billion US dollars by the end of the year, thanks to strong inflows from foreign investments, government borrowing and remittances from overseas Filipino workers, the Central Bank said on Friday.

At the end of March, foreign reserves were at 24.7 billion US dollars, which were equivalent to 4.6 months worth of imports of goods and payments of services, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) or the Philippine Central Bank said in a report.

The remittances rose to 1.1 billion US dollars in February, the 10th straight month that inflows have breached one billion, the BSP said.

The BSP said total remittance inflows through official channels are expected to reach 14 billion US dollars this year, a new record and 10 per cent higher than that of last year.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco told reporters that the strong gross international reserves (GIR) in 2007 would be boosted by the return of

The signing by the respective foreign ministers of the two countries was held at the Tampak Siring presidential retreat on the resort island of Bali.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong were present at the occasion, where their defence ministers also signed the defence cooperation agreement.

In the event aired by local TV stations, Susilo was accompanied by Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda, State Secretary Yusril Ihza Mahendra,

Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono, Attorney General Agung Rahmanto, Police Chief Sutanto and Coordinating Minister for Security, Political and Legal Affairs Widodo Adi Sucipto.

Lee's entourage comprises Foreign Minister George Yeo, Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang, Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua, Minister of State for National Development Grace Fu and Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Education Masagos

Zulkifli.

Indonesia has for long asked for an extradition pact with Singapore over allegations that many crooked businessmen have fled to the neighbour after being convicted of graft and embezzlement by the Indonesian courts. The two countries began negotiations on extradition pact in 2005.

Deputy attorney general Hendarman Supanji said Thursday his office would soon hand over a list of fugitives to Singapore authorities once the treaty takes effect. —MNA/Xinhua



Mattel's new Barbie Girls MP3 player is displayed in New York on 26 April, 2007. — INTERNET

## Nicaraguan police seize nearly two tons of cocaine

MANAGUA, 28 April — Nicaraguan anti-drug police Tuesday seized 1,780 kilos of cocaine from a speed boat in the Pacific, it was announced Wednesday.

Police officers intercepted the vessel about 73.68 kilometres from the Masachapa Port. They found 89 bundles of

cocaine, each weighing 20 kilos, said a police spokesman, adding that four Colombians and one Guatemala had been arrested in the operation.

Masachapa Port lies less than 50 kilometres away from the capital Managua. The police, with the help of the Nicaraguan Army,

detained Wednesday five suspected drug dealers in the southern part of the country bordering Costa Rica.

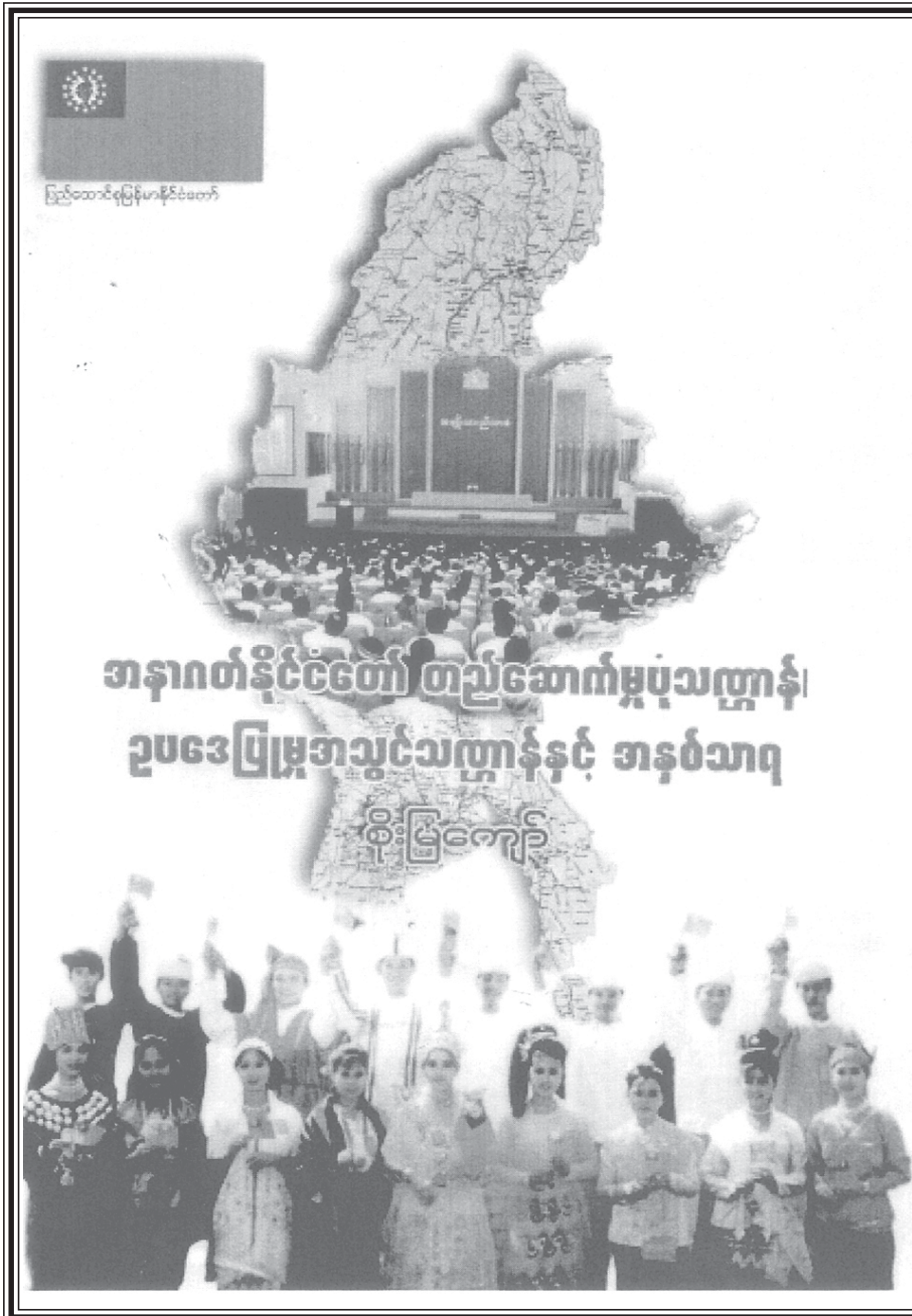
Aminta Granera, police chief of Nicaragua, has beefed up efforts to crack down on drug trafficking since she took office on 10 January.

MNA/Xinhua



A project that aims to deliver low-priced laptops with string pulleys to the world's poorest children may have a new market: US schools.

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**Nine US soldiers killed in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 29 April — Up to nine American soldiers were killed and three others wounded by insurgents' attacks in Iraq, the US military said on Sunday.

Three soldiers and two Marines were killed on Friday while conducting combat operations in Iraq's western province of Anbar, a military said in a statement.

Three more soldiers were killed and another was wounded on Saturday

when a roadside bomb struck their patrol southeast of Baghdad, another statement said.

A ninth soldier was killed and two others were wounded when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb south of the capital on Saturday, a statement said.

About 3,345 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

**Bollywood to have its first theme park in India**

MUMBAI, 29 April— A Bollywood theme park is being built in India along the lines of Hollywood studio parks, allowing fans to go behind the scenes of the world's biggest cinema industry in terms of viewers.

Percept Holdings, a media and entertainment company, is constructing the theme park at an initial cost of 100 million US dollars in a sign of the growing taste for merchandising in an industry evolving from family firms to Hollywood-style companies.

"Bollywood is what the Indian masses turn to

for entertainment," said Shailendra Singh, a top official of Percept Holdings which is building the park in Mumbai, India's cinema and entertainment capital.

"Bollywood accounts for over 40 per cent of the total revenues of the overall Indian film industry, but there is no organized format or

means to consume this experience."

The theme park, due to open in 2008, will have Bollywood cafes, a hall of fame, museums, Bollywood rides, sets, shoot visits and simulator experiences.

Despite being so prolific — Bollywood makes more than 800 films a year the industry's

revenues stand at half of what the Walt Disney studio made in box office revenues in 2006.

But studios and analysts say the industry is aiming at following Hollywood with "media convergence" — the buzzword for plastering products across an array of media such as television, the Internet, video games and mobile phones — to raise revenues.

Revenues from India's film industry, valued at about 1.75 billion US dollars in 2006, are forecast to nearly double to 3.4 billion US dollars by 2010, according to estimates by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

MNA/Reuters



Olivia Newton-John performs during a concert in Singapore on 27 April, 2007. — XINHUA

**Argentina, Brazil agree to develop biofuels**

BUENOS AIRES, 29 April — Argentine and Brazilian presidents agreed here Friday on a strategy to develop biofuels and other energy sources, visiting Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said.

The strategy was agreed during a meeting between Argentine President Nestor Kichner and his visiting Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Amorim said.

The two presidents also reviewed a regional integration agenda during what was the first bilateral summit in 15 months, he said after participating in a parallel meeting with Argentina's Economy Minister Felisa Miceli and Planning Minister Julio De Vido.— MNA/Xinhua

## Toxin linked with marine deaths

LOS ANGELES, 28 April — The deaths of hundreds of marine mammals and birds in the past recent weeks were linked with a particularly virulent outbreak of naturally occurring toxin off the California coast, it was reported Friday.

The toxin originated from algae bloom that sickens birds and mammals, the *Los Angeles Times* said, quoting researchers.

In the past several weeks, dozens of sealions, dolphins and even whales have also washed ashore dead or dying.

“I have been doing this work for 35 years and I have never seen anything like this as far as the number of species affected, other than an oil spill,” said Jay Holcomb, director of the International Bird Rescue Research Centre in San Pedro.

Local beaches have been littered with sick and dead pelicans, sea lions and dolphins, according

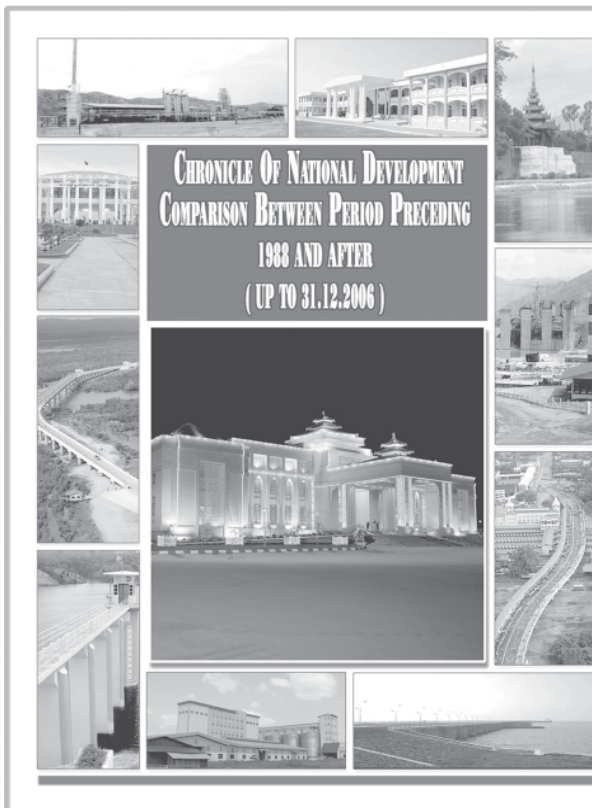
to the paper.

“We have very serious concerns about what is happening to seabirds and how it may affect populations, especially California brown pelicans, who are heading into breeding season,” Holcomb said.

The toxin, domoic acid, is produced by microscopic algae and has become increasingly prevalent in recent years, said the paper.

Scientists suspect the upsurge has been caused by such things as overfishing, destruction of wetlands and pollution, all of which have harmed fisheries and allowed algae to flourish.

Domoic acid, which accumulates in shellfish and fish and is then passed on to the birds and animals that eat them, has occurred each spring over the past decade as ocean water warms and algae bloom. But this year’s algae are “especially virulent,” according to the rescue centre. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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## Ex-commander of US prison in Iraq detained

BAGHDAD, 28 April — The former commander of a major US military detention centre in Baghdad has been detained and charged with “aiding the enemy”, the US military said on Thursday.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Steele is also charged with having an improper relationship with a translator and with the

daughter of a detainee, providing mobile phones to prisoners, and unauthorized possession of classified information.

“He has been in detention in Kuwait since last month pending an Article 32 hearing, which is a preliminary hearing where evidence will be presented to determine whether this should go to court-martial,” US military spokeswoman Lieutenant-Colonel Josslyn Aberle said.

Aberle said Steele was commander of Camp Cropper, a detention facility near Baghdad International Airport that holds more than 3,000 detainees. They are reported to include former senior members of Saddam Hussein’s

regime.

The US military said in a statement that Steele faced charges under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. The date of the alleged offences ranged from October 2005 to February 2007. No personal details of Steele were available.

Steele was accused of “aiding the enemy” by providing detainees with unmonitored mobile phones between October 2005 and October 2006, it said.

Other charges included: — knowingly and wrongfully fraternizing with the daughter of a detainee, where in such acts constituted conduct unbecoming an officer in the Armed Forces.

— wrongfully provid-

ing special privileges to and maintain an inappropriate relationship with an interpreter.

— having unauthorized possession of classified information... and wilfully retaining the same and failing to deliver it to the officer or employee of the United States.

— wrongfully and knowingly storing classified information in his living space.

— wrongfully and knowingly possessing pornographic videos.

“These charges are merely an accusation of wrongdoing. Lieutenant-Colonel Steele is presumed innocent unless and until he is proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of any alleged offence,” the US military said. *MNA/Reuters*

## Rainfalls, landslides in Colombia kill six, injure 19

BOGOTA, 28 April — Rainfalls and landslides in the central Tolima department of Colombia killed six people and injured another 19, official sources said on Friday.

The emergency squads are clearing the rubble and

handing over emergency aid to the affected families, a rescue worker said.

Some 2,500 inhabitants of the western Choco department called an alert on rising levels of rivers, while officials from the eastern Santander

department reported an emergency due to the overflow risk of Acarare River which threatens Puerto Araujo’s municipality inhabitants. Colombia’s rain season has so far left 73 dead and 128 injured. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A baby, held by an amateur sumo wrestler, takes part in a baby-crying contest at Sensoji temple in Tokyo on 28 April, 2007. Eighty-four babies born in 2006 took part in the event, which is held to pray for the babies’ health and growth. The winner of the contest is the baby who cries the loudest. — *XINHUA*

## Thailand to host Cobra Gold military exercise in May

BANGKOK, 28 April — Thailand will host the annual Cobra Gold multinational military exercise from 8 to 18 May, jointly participated by Thailand, the United States, Singapore, Japan and Indonesia, representatives from the five countries announced Friday at a Press conference in Bangkok.

Cobra Gold 2007 marks the 26th anniversary of this regularly scheduled joint regional significant

training event.

The training will consist of a computer-simulated staff exercise, field training exercises and humanitarian/civic action project.

In addition to the five main participating countries, there will be 10 member countries of the Multinational Planning Augmentation Team participating in a peace support operation mission scenario, with five other countries sending

their observers, according to General Songkitti Jaggabatar, Chief of Joint Staff of Royal Thai Armed Forces, who co-chaired the Press conference with Alexander A Arvizu, US Deputy Chief of Mission.

This year’s event will be mainly sponsored by the United States and Thailand, with the former contributing six million US dollars while the latter 20 million baht (about 590,000 dollars).

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Nonprofit OLPC to raise laptops to \$175 from \$100

BEIJING, 28 April —The founder of the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) project will raise the price of the laptop from 100 US dollars to 175 per unit, according to media reports on Saturday.

The nonprofit OLPC aims to deliver laptops to every schoolchild in the developing world at a very low price.

Nicholas Negroponte, the former director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab who now heads the nonprofit One Laptop Per Child project, updated analysts and journalists on where the effort stands, saying “we are perhaps at the most critical stage of OLPC’s life.”

That’s partly because



The OLPC’s laptop

at least seven nations have expressed interest in being in the initial wave to buy the little green-and-white XO computers: Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Pakistan, Thailand, Nigeria and Libya. But it

remains unclear which ones will be first to pony up the cash.

The project needs orders for three million machines so its manufacturing and distribution effort can get rolling.

The rising cost of materials — in particular nickel — is responsible for the increased price of the machine as an OLPC spokesman said the roll-out had been pushed back because of changes in the design.

However, Negroponte said the cost should drop about 25 percent per year as the project unfolds.

He added that Citibank has agreed to facilitate a payment system on a pro bono basis; Citibank will float payments to Quanta and other laptop suppliers, and governments will repay the bank.

Even at 175 dollars, the computers upend the standard economics in the PC industry. — Internet

## Tribeca Film Festival opens in New York

NEW YORK, 28 April — The sixth annual Tribeca Film Festival, which opened here Wednesday, featuring 157 features and 88 shorts from 47 countries and territories, including four Chinese films.

The 12-day festival was founded in 2002 by Robert De Niro, his producing partner, Jane Rosenthal and her husband, entrepreneur Craig Hatkoff, to help economically and culturally revitalize Lower Manhattan after the 11 September attacks.

This year, the festival will present films covering a wider range of topics, such as war, environment, love, women, family, dream,

arts, music and sports.

The films to be presented were selected from 4,550 film submissions, and 73 films will make their world premieres at the festival.

Among the four participating Chinese films, Li Yu’s *Lost in Beijing*, and Jia Zhangke’s *Still Life* will compete for the World Narrative Competition.

Wang Quan’s *Tuya’s Marriage*, which won the Golden Bear for best film in Berlin this February, will be in the spotlight at Tribeca. The *Matrimony*, directed by Teng Huatao, is a midnight thriller.

MNA/Xinhua

A large number of people watch performances during a celebration for South Africa’s Freedom Day in Pretoria on 27 April, 2007. — XINHUA



## Hollywood lobbyist Jack Valenti dies at 85

WASHINGTON, 28 April — Jack Valenti, Hollywood’s emissary to Washington and the man who developed the US movie rating system, died on Thursday at age 85, his longtime spokesman, Warren Cowan, said.

Valenti served as an aide to President Lyndon Johnson before heading the Motion Picture Association of America as the movie industry’s No. 1

lobbyist for 38 years. He retired in August 2004.

Valenti, at the time heading a public relations agency working with the White House, was in president John F Kennedy’s motorcade, six cars back from the president’s limousine, when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. He accompanied Johnson back to Washington and can be seen

in the historic photograph of Johnson being sworn in as president aboard *Air Force One*.

Valenti suffered a stroke in March 2007, shortly before he was to begin promoting his memoir, “This Time, This Place: My Life in War, the White House, and Hollywood.” Cowan said he died at his home in Washington, surrounded by his family.

MNA/Reuters



Three year-old Peruvian Milagros Cerron is held by her mother Sara Arauco (R) and Lima Mayor, Luis Castaneda, during her birthday ceremony at Lima’s City Hall on 27 April, 2007. Milagros has been dubbed the “Little Mermaid” because of a rare birth defect in which her legs are joined together. — XINHUA

## China confirms precise altitude of 19 famous mountains

BEIJING, 28 April — China has confirmed and published the altitude of 19 of its most famous mountains, as a first step to cleaning up the country’s still messy geographical data.

The 19 mountains, all renowned tourist destinations, include the wellknown “Five Sacred Mountains” — Mount Tai in east China’s Shandong Province, Mount Heng in central China’s Hunan Province, Mount Hua in

northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, Mount Heng in north China’s Shanxi Province and Mount Song in central China’s Henan Province.

Mount Tai, located near Confucius’ birthplace and considered the holiest of the five, is 1,532.7 metres high, according to statistics released jointly by the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM) and the Ministry of Construction on Friday.

Up until now, the height

of Mount Tai appeared as 1,545 metres, 1,536 metres or 1,533 metres — depending on which textbook or tourist guide you were reading, or what TV documentary you were watching. “The elevation data of many mountains in China are currently inconsistent and inaccurate, sometimes the difference can be as much as 100 metres,” said Li Weisen, SBSM’s deputy director, at a Press conference here.

MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS



**Portsmouth 2-1 Liverpool: Jerzy Dudek fails to clear David James' kick and Benjani Mwaruwari heads into an empty net.**—INTERNET

## Joaquin double keeps Valencia title hopes alive

MADRID, 29 April — A quickfire double from Joaquin earned Valencia a 2-0 home win over Recreativo Huelva on Saturday, keeping alive their Primera Liga title hopes. The former Real Betis winger struggled to justify his hefty price tag earlier in the season but has started to shine for Valencia and finished off two flowing moves in the second half.

Valencia climbed back into fourth spot on 56 points, one behind third-placed Real Madrid and three adrift of leaders Barcelona.

The top three play on Sunday as Barca host Levante and second-placed Sevilla (58) entertain Espanyol.

Real Madrid visit Athletic Bilbao and fifth-placed Real Zaragoza (53) travel to Osasuna.—MNA/Reuters

## Atletico Madrid draw blank against struggling Betis

MADRID, 29 April — Atletico Madrid's push for a top four finish suffered another setback when they could only draw 0-0 with struggling Real Betis at home in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The most notable events of a poor game were the return to action after lengthy injury layoffs of Atletico's Bulgarian international Martin Petrov and Betis' German international David Odonkor. Wingers Petrov and Odonkor came on as second half substitutes and both missed glaring chances in the closing stages.

Atletico stay sixth with 51 points. The league's draw specialists Betis, who collected their 14th of the season, remain 15th.—MNA/Reuters

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Seedorf winner leads Milan into third place

ROME, 29 April — AC Milan warmed up for next week's Champions League showdown with Manchester United by beating Torino 1-0 to climb to third in Serie A on Saturday.

Milan's fourth successive league win gave them 59 points from 34 matches, 25 points behind champions Inter Milan, who host Empoli on Sunday.

Fourth-placed Lazio (57) will regain third if they beat city rivals AS Roma on Sunday.

Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti rested several first-team regulars, including playmaker Kaka and striker Filippo Inzaghi, ahead of Wednesday's semifinal second leg against United.

Midfielder Clarence Seedorf scored the winner in the 26th minute, teeing up the ball outside the area before unleashing a swerving shot into the top corner.

Torino rarely tested Milan keeper Dida. Their best chance came midway through the second half when a volley by Roberto Muzzi was deflected off a defender at close range.

The home team had defender Oscar Brevi sent off for a foul on Milan striker Ronaldo in the 73rd minute.

In a later match, Fiorentina continued their drive for a place in next season's European competitions when a goal by Brazilian striker Reginaldo gave them a 1-0 victory over Chievo Verona.

MNA/Reuters

## Inzaghi fit for United clash

MILAN, 28 April—Carlo Ancelotti has confirmed that Filippo Inzaghi is fit for the second leg of Milan's UEFA Champions League semi-final against Manchester United. Inzaghi missed the 3-2 defeat at Old Trafford on Tuesday with a thigh injury but is now fully recovered.



**Filippo Inzaghi**

17 Champions League matches.

And Ancelotti admits Gilardino has not yet got to grips with the competition. He explained: "The fact that he's only scored one goal in the Champions League is indicative."

"Champions League matches are different from the league matches."

"There's more pressure and Gilardino doesn't have the experience yet to control that pressure."

Internet

And Ancelotti has given an indication that Inzaghi could replace Alberto Gilardino in attack at the San Siro next Wednesday. "Inzaghi is well and he has recuperated from his physical problem, so he's got a good chance of playing on Wednesday," the Milan coach said in the Times.

Inzaghi has a prolific record of 56 career goals in Europe, while Gilardino has netted just one in

## Nantes on brink of relegation after home defeat

PARIS, 29 April — Eight-times champions Nantes are on the verge of being relegated for the first time after losing 2-0 at home to Stade Rennes in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

Bottom club Nantes, who have spent a record 44 consecutive years in the top flight since being promoted in 1963, are now eight points from safety with four matches left.

Nigerian John Utaka and fellow striker Jimmy Briand scored in quick succession in the second half to decide the Brittany derby and send Rennes up to fifth spot on 51 points.

While Nantes seem doomed, Paris St Germain look almost certain to escape the drop after winning 3-1 at Toulouse.

PSG are 15th on 41 points, six points clear of the relegation zone.

Toulouse, fourth on 52 points, suffered a setback in their bid to qualify for next season's Cham-

pions League.

Guinea forward Fode Mansare put the home side in front with a superb goal on seven minutes, twisting his way past five PSG players before scoring with an angled shot.

Toulouse's Cameroon midfielder Achille Emana had a goal disallowed two minutes later, the referee ruling the ball had earlier rolled out of play.

PSG levelled through striker Peguy Luyindula on 32 minutes and went ahead 12 minutes later when midfielder Edouard Cisse struck from the edge of the box.

The visitors resisted sustained pressure from Toulouse despite having Luyindula sent off with 10 minutes to go for a second caution.

Midfielder Jerome Rothen wrapped up victory by chipping the ball over Toulouse goalkeeper Nicolas Douchez in injury time.

MNA/Reuters

## Stuttgart move into second as Bundesliga race tightens

BERLIN, 29 April — VfB Stuttgart moved ahead of Werder Bremen into second place on Saturday and closed to within one point of Bundesliga leaders Schalke 04 with a 1-0 win at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Germany striker Roberto Hilbert latched onto a long pass from midfielder Thomas Hitzlsperger, escaped his marker and beat Moenchengladbach keeper Christofer Heimeroth with a fine shot into the top right for the winner in the 53rd minute.

It was the fifth straight Bundesliga win for Stuttgart, who have 61 points. With three weeks left, Schalke lead with 62 points after their 2-1 loss at VfL Bochum on Friday and Werder, who play at Arminia Bielefeld on Sunday, are third on 60.—MNA/Reuters



**Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to David Ferrer of Spain during their Barcelona Open tennis semi-final match in Spain, on 28 April, 2007.**—INTERNET

## Barclays Premiership Table 29 April 2007

	P	GD	PTS
1 Man Utd	35	56	85
2 Chelsea	35	40	80
3 Liverpool	36	31	67
4 Arsenal	36	28	66
5 Bolton	36	-3	55
6 Everton	36	13	54
7 Portsmouth	36	6	53
8 Tottenham	35	0	53
9 Reading	35	6	51
10 Blackburn	35	-4	47
11 Aston Villa	36	-1	46
12 Newcastle	35	-6	42
13 Man City	36	-13	42
14 Middlesbro'	36	-8	40
15 Sheff Utd	36	-19	38
16 Fulham	36	-21	36
17 Wigan	36	-22	35
18 West Ham	36	-27	35
19 Charlton	36	-24	33
20 Watford	36	-32	24

Internet



**Gilberto scores from the spot to make sure of the victory for Arsenal and leave Fulham deep in trouble.— INTERNET**

## Arsenal keeps 3-1 victory over Fulham

LONDON, 29 April — Arsenal kept up the pressure on third-placed Liverpool following a 3-1 victory over Fulham, which leaves Lawrie Sanchez's men with much to do to stay in the Barclays Premiership.

The fast-fading Cottagers have failed to win for 10 league matches, and are just one point above the relegation zone after being well beaten at Emirates Stadium, despite a brief rally when they levelled through Simon Davies.

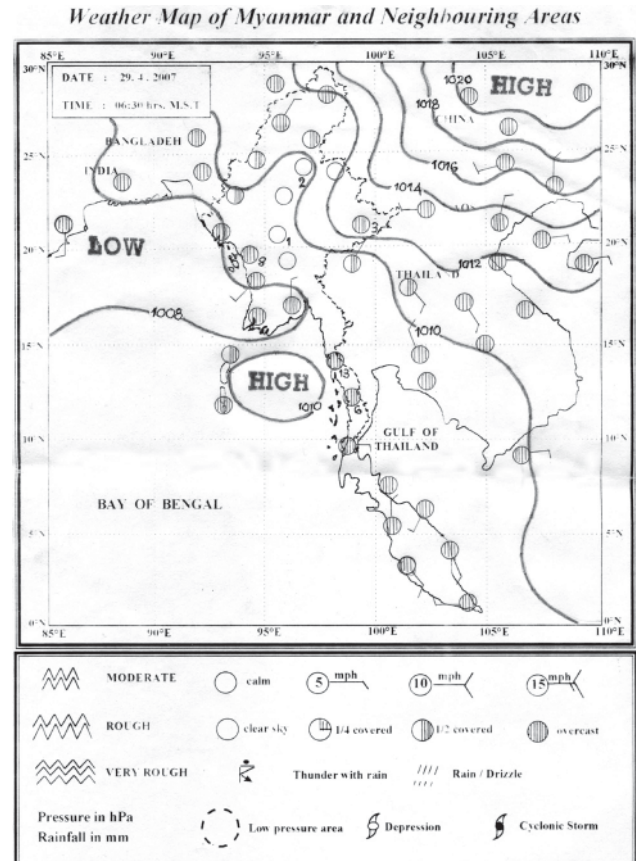
Julio Baptista, on loan from Real Madrid, had fired the Gunners into an early lead, only for the hosts to be pegged back inside the final 13 minutes following a mistake by goalkeeper Jens Lehmann.

However, victory was secured through a fine finish from Emmanuel Adebayor and Gilberto's late penalty.

Given the rest of the weekend's results and the impending visit of Liverpool, it could well be an all-or-nothing trip to Middlesbrough on the final day of the season for Fulham if they are to remain in the top-flight.

Arsenal, meanwhile, will head into their last two matches of the season— against Chelsea and then at Portsmouth— with renewed hope they can at least salvage a third place finish from what has been a campaign of disappointment at their impressive new home.

Internet



### WEATHER

Sunday, 29 April, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) above normal in Kachin State, Ayeyawady Division, (4°C) above normal in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine, Kayah States, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, (6°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Thayawady (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (2.76) inches, Sittway and Dawei (0.51) inch each, Shwegyin (0.39), Central Yangon (0.35) inch, Kyaukpyu (0.32) inch and Aunglan (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-4-2007 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 29-4-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-4-2007 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 28-4-2007 was (10.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-4-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 28-4-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 30-4-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Eastern Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-4-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-4-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Monday, 30 April  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Big coconut  
... Toontastic
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Jet Airline  
... Modern Talking
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Romeo & Tuliet  
... SOAP
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
- Do you wanna dance ... 98
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music  
-One boy, one girl  
... Collin Raye  
-Back at one  
... Westlife & Lu Lu  
-Hello  
... Evanscene
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the star:  
Tracy Huang  
-Angle of the morning, Blue Bayon  
-Fear of flying
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm I'm gonna miss you forever  
... Aaron Carter
- 9:35pm A thousand miles  
... Venessa Carton
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 30 April  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရဋ္ဌမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am  
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြား တော်မူအပ်သောဥပပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ တွဲဖက် အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်၊ မန္တလေးတိုင်း၊ မဟာအောင်မြေမြို့နယ်၊ မဟာဝိသုဒ္ဓါရုံ တိုက်သစ်၊ သုဋ္ဌေးတန်းကျောင်း
- ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ မာနိတ သိရိဘိဝံသ(မဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "ဗုဒ္ဓအခါတော်နေ့တရားတော်"
- 8:15 am  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:30 am  
6. International news
- 8:45 am  
7. Hill of Dhamma
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. ဓမ္မပူဇာတေးအစီအစဉ်
- 4:45 pm  
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm  
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm  
7. "ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်" (မိုးဖြူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြူကြူသင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်-ဖိုးနစ်)
- 5:25 pm  
8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:35 pm  
9. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:45 pm  
10. ကဆုန်လပြည့်နေ့တေးများ
- 6:00 pm  
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm  
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ ရုပ်သတ္တု ဘဝင်ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 7:50 pm  
15. ကုသိုလ်ပန်းဝေသွန်းညောင်ရေ
- 8:00pm  
16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဇလဗေဒခန့်မှန်းချက်
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူ မလေးဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 21. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ညာဏိသာရ၏ ကဆုန်လပြည့်ဗုဒ္ဓနေ့တရားတော် သံဝေဇနိယလေးဌာန (ဖွား၊ပွင့်၊ဟောစာ)
- 22. The next day's programme

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# Commander, wife attend opening of Nethamein Model Village in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 29 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the opening ceremony of Nethamein Model Village in Htantabin Township yesterday morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai, Director U Kyee Myint of Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee and Chairperson of Yangon North District MCWSC Daw San San Htay formally opened the village.

The commander un-



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win formally unveils the signboard of Nethamein Model Village in Htantabin Township. —MNA

veiled the signboard of the village. Next, he cut the ribbon to open the Village PDC Office and the library.

The commander and

wife handed over 400 books donated by Information and Public Relations Department to the librarian. Afterwards, the librarian accepted cash donations from the wellwishers.

Next, the commander viewed the paddy husk-fired power station of the village. They looked into thriving physic nut saplings at the nursery and

nurtured more saplings.

At the ceremony to donate cash toward the funds of Nethamein Station Hospital, the commander delivered an address. The Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC donated K 200,000 for development of the village to officials and accepted membership applications of MCWA and Myanmar Women's

Affairs Federation.

Acting Head of Township Health Department Dr Daw Khin Myo Latt accepted K 1 million for the station hospital donated by Yangon Division PDC through the commander; and K 950,000 by wellwishers.

The commander and wife presented cash assistance to patients at the

hospital.

Afterwards, they attended the summer paddy harvesting ceremony on the farmland of Daw May near Thanbayagon Village. Next, the commander and party viewed thriving 10 acres of maize plantations near Hteinhnapiin Village and gave necessary instructions.

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## Educative activities launched to mark First UN Global Road Safety Week in Bago Div

YANGON, 29 April — An educative activity on First United Nations Global Road Safety Week was launched at Thirihantha Hall, Bago on 23 April, with an address by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Com-

mand Maj-Gen Ko Ko.

Next, U Thaug Lwin of Head of Bago Division Road Transport Administration Department gave talks on road safety.

Afterwards, the commander awarded winners of the essay, painting and cartoon competitions at high and middle school levels and so did Secretary of Bago Division PDC U Pe Thein, Member of Bago Division PDC Police Col Aung Daing and Head of Bago Division U Thaug Lwin.

Later, the commander and party viewed booths put on display. Talks on traffic rules and surprise checks continued till today. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko views documentary photos on activities to mark First UN Global Road Safety Week in Bago Division. — MNA

## SIGNIFICANT DAY TEMPERATURES

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NAY PYI TAW	103°F
YANGON	103°F
CHAUK	106°F
THAYAWADY	106°F
SHWE GYIN	105°F