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Senior General Than Shwe visits Magway Myathalon Pagoda, studies developments of Minbu, Magway



NAY PYI TAW, 31 March – Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived at Magway Myathalon Pagoda at 11.30 am today. The Head of State and party were welcomed (See page 8)

Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Magway Myathalon Pagoda.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe pays respects to remains of Ven. Monk Bhaddanta Kumara



NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe this morning paid respects to the remains of late Chairman of the State Central Working (See page 9)

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe paying respects to remains of Ven. Monk Bhaddanta Kumara.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 April, 2010

Make continued efforts for further development

Prime Minister General Thein Sein oversaw Thaukyekhat (2) Hydropower Project in Toungoo, Bago Division, and Shwegyin Hydropower Project in Shwegyin on 29 March.

Thaukyekhat (2) Hydropower Project site, situated about 14 miles east of Toungoo, has 120 megawatts installation capacity and will generate 604 kilowatt hours of electricity per year. Located on Shwegyin creek near Kyauknaga village northeast of Shwegyin, Shwegyin Hydropower Project can generate 262 kilowatt hours of electricity.

As the government is building development infrastructures, the national people on their part are to work together for promoting national economy, peace, stability and prosperity, realizing the goodwill attitude of the State.

The Prime Minister on that day toured Hpa-an, Kayin State, and met administrative bodies, members of social organizations and townsenders at Hpa-an Station Hall.

The government has built a network of roads all across the country so as to ensure balanced development of all regions including border areas. In addition, a network of railroads has been built to link one region and another in the Union.

Building a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the ultimate aim of the government. For the emergence of human resources like intellectuals and intelligentsia, one Arts and Science University, one University of Computer Studies, one Technological University each have been opened in 24 strategic regions, including Hpa-an. To enable the people to be healthy, hospitals and dispensaries have been constructed and a 200-bed hospital has been opened in Hpa-an.

The national people have to make continued efforts to improve their socio-economy, capitalizing on the development infrastructures built by the State. They also need to maintain such fruits of development for posterity.

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

Those wishing to form political party submit application

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The Kayin People's Party today submitted application to the Union Election Commission for its formation as a political party.—MNA

Funeral rite of Ven. Monk Bhaddanta Kumara on 12 April

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Funeral rite of Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Venerable Monk Bhaddanta Kumara is due to be held in Maha Withutayama Taikthit

Monastery in Magway on 12 April, the Department of Religious Affairs announced.

The venerable monk, Chairman of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha Chancellor of State Pariyatti Sasana

Universities Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of the Maha Withutayama Taikthit Monastery, had passed away at 1.45 pm on 29 March.

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Observance of Maha Thingyan Festival discussed



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivering an address at a coordination meeting on observance of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival.

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YANGON, 31 March—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at a coordination meeting on observance of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival.

Next, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint explained disciplinary measures to be taken in the festival and Yangon City Development

Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, preserving of Myanmar traditions and custom and prize presenting. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also addressed a meeting of Yangon City Beautifying and Upgrading Leading Committee and left necessary instructions.—MNA

T.Z World in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

YANGON, 31 March—T.Z World opened its sale centre in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 19 March.

Office staff and students with low income may buy refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, television, EVD players and Japan-made bicycles by installments at the new centre at No 11/3 on Botakhtein Road.

The T.Z World has already opened sale centres offering installment programme at No. (15), Min Nanda Road, Dawbon Township (Ph: 09-5123465 and 09-5146819); at No. (37), Yangon-Insein Road, No. (3) Ward, Mayangon Township (Ph: 01-650826 and 09-5177926); and at No. (2), Bogyoke Road, Junction of Shwegyin-Madauk Road, Nyaunglebin (Ph: 052-50292 and 09-5175108). One may dial Ph: 09-49204877 and 09-49203435 to contact the Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana new centre.

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Deputy Transport Minister receives Bangladeshi guests

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March — Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung received Chairman Mr. Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury of HRC Group of Companies of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and party at the ministry here this morning.

It was also attended by Director-General U Tin Ngwe of Meteorology and Hydrology Department, Head of Office U Win Khant and officials concerned.

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Bicycle bomb kills eight in southern Afghanistan



Updated map of Afghanistan locating Helmand province, where a bomb blast in a crowded market has killed 13 people and wounded dozens more.

INTERNET

KABUL, 31 March — A bomb concealed on a bicycle killed at least eight people Wednesday in southern Afghanistan, as the Pentagon's top military officer said NATO forces hope to reverse the Taliban's momentum in the south with an upcoming offensive in Kandahar.

The bomb went off in the Nahr-e-Sarraj district just north of Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, police said. It exploded near people who gathered to receive free vegetable seeds provided by the British government as part of a program to encourage them not to plant opium poppy, provincial government spokesman Daoud Ahmadi said.

NATO said more than 35 civilians were wounded in the blast, and its forces were helping Afghan authorities control the scene. An investigation into the blast was under way, the alliance's statement said.

Internet

Residents inspect a blood-stained and damaged vehicle after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 29 March, 2010. A bomb attached to a car killed one person in the Douira district of southern Baghdad, police said.

INTERNET



Afghan police say bomb kills Five civilians in west

KABUL, 31 March — Five civilians have been killed in western Afghanistan after their van hit a bomb planted in the road.

Police spokesman Raouf Ahmadi says the vehicle was traveling outside the main western city of Herat early

Tuesday. Ahmadi says two other passengers were wounded.

He says the explosion occurred in Adraskan district. He did not say how many people were in the vehicle or give any more information about the dead.

Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 31 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 31 March reached 700814 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1265753 according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700814
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1265753

Internet



A vehicle makes its way through high water as a low-lying area in Elmsford, NY floods on 30 March, 2010, as a large storm soaked the Northeast.—INTERNET

Four killed in Washington area shooting

WASHINGTON, 31 March— Four people were killed and five others injured Tuesday night in what appears to be two drive-by shootings in southeast Washington D.C., police told Xinhua.

The shootings involved two crime scenes, one on Galveston Street SW inside D.C. Police said an 18-year-old man was shot there. He was injured but the injuries were non-life threatening.

The other crime scene was on nearby Brandywine St SE and S Capitol St SE. The shooting there involved multiple casualties. Police

said 8 people were shot there.

Local TV quoted authorities as saying all of the victims are in their 20s and 30s except for one teenager. There were six male victims and three females.

The suspected shooters fled south into Maryland after the shooting. Police recovered an AK-47 assault rifle near the crime scene, seemed to be tossed out of the suspects' car.

As police chased the suspects into Maryland, two of their patrol cars crashed in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Five police officers were hurt.

Xinhua

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 31 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32723 Afghan people were killed and 39164 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 31 March.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32723
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39164

Internet



Many children such as this boy were among the victims injured or killed in the car bomb blast in Peshawar.—INTERNET

China to create favorable investment environment for foreign firms

BEIJING, 31 March—China will continue to deepen its opening-up policy and strive to create favorable investment environment for foreign companies, Vice Premier Wang Qishan said on Tuesday.

Wang made the remarks while meeting with former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, who is in Beijing to attend an annual China-France economic seminar along with a delegation of

French businessmen.

China's reform and opening-up policy has brought benefits to the Chinese people and made important contribution to the world economy, said Wang.

The 16th China-France economic seminar is due to open on Wednesday.

"From 1995 till now, the economic seminar has become a platform and window for China and France to carry out

economic cooperation," said Wang.

Wang also hoped the two countries could further enhance exchanges and cooperation to push forward their all-round strategic partnership.

Raffarin said French business circles would cooperate with the Chinese side in areas like energy, environmental protection and aviation so as to achieve win-win outcomes.

Xinhua

Atom smasher achieves "Big Bang" collisions



Scientists discuss at the CMS experience control room in the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Meyrin, near Geneva on 30 March, 2010.—XINHUA

BEIJING 31 March—Scientists at the world's biggest atom smasher at CERN collided protons at record power on Tuesday, creating mini-versions of the Big Bang that gave birth to the

universe. The experiment at the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN) creates a record for the energy of particle collisions.

"This is physics in the making, the beginning of

a new era, we have collisions at 7 TeV (tera-electronvolts)," CERN spokesman Paola Catapano said.

"This is a major breakthrough. We are going where nobody has been before. We have opened a new territory for physics," Oliver Buchmueller, one of the key figures on the project said.

The project, which takes 16 years and 10 billion dollars, is expected to lift the veil on some of the mysteries of the cosmos, and will allow researchers to examine the nature of matter and the origin of stars and planets.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

China's 3G users hit 16 mln by February

BEIJING 31 March—The number of China's 3G users has kept increasing and rose to 16.06 million last month, according to figures released Wednesday by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT). In February alone, an additional 1.52 million users became 3G service subscribers, the statistics showed. Of the three telecom giants, China Mobile reported 6.86 million users by February, using its self-developed TD-SCDMA network; China Telecom had 5.14 million people with its

CDMA-2000 service; while China Unicom had a

WCDMA user base of 4.06 million.—Xinhua



Workers put final touches to decorations in the China Pavilion at World Expo site in Shanghai, east China, on 30 March, 2010.—XINHUA



Visitors view at exhibits during a Beijing Opera Facial Masks exhibition at National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on March 30, 2010.—XINHUA

Strong earthquake hits Andaman Islands, India

HONG KONG, March 31 (Xinhua)—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale hits Andaman Islands, India region early Wednesday, according to a release by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The quake, which occurred at 1:00 am HK time (1700 GMT), was initially determined to be near Andaman Islands, India region, 13.6 degrees North latitude and 92.9 degrees East longitude, about 210 kilometers north of Port Blair, India.

Xinhua

Art master collection of epigraphs on show in Beijing

BEIJING, 31 March—A new exhibition in Beijing where the lesser known side of the late Chinese art master Li Kuchan is being explored. The 20th-Century master is widely known for his free-stroke brush paintings. But this exhibition unveils that he was also an avid collector of stone inscriptions.

The more than one hundred works constitute the majority of Li Kuchan's collection of rubbings of stone inscriptions. It spans the art's full course of development during different Chinese dynasties, from Han right through to the Qing Dynasty.

Li Kuchan devoted a

considerable amount of energy to the study of inscriptions or epigraphs as forms of writing during his lifetime. Chinese scholars have been paying great attention to the study of the historical

significance of an epigraph as a document or the artistic value of a literary composition. Epigraphy is also a prime tool of archaeology when dealing with literate cultures.

Xinhua



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Mass flu outbreak reported in three more classes in Macao

MACAO, 31 March—Health Bureau of Macao Special Administrative Region said Tuesday that it had received reports of mass flu outbreak in three classes.

According to the Health Bureau, a total of 21 children aged three to six had developed symptoms of cough and

fever. All have been taken to hospital but released soon after receiving medical treatment.

The Health Bureau has received several mass flu reports recently, a situation that prompted the Bureau to announce Macao has entered peak period of seasonal

influenza.

The Health Bureau has been collecting sample of viruses from some affected children for analysis. It also asked schools involved to enhance preventive measures and students are not allowed to school if they have flu symptoms.

Xinhua

Kuwaiti wife gets death sentence for wedding blaze

KUWAIT CITY, 31 March—A court on Tuesday sentenced a Kuwaiti woman to death for starting a fire that killed 57 women and children at the wedding party of her husband who married another wife.

Judge Adel al-Sager read out the verdict against Nasra Yussef Mohammed al-Enezi, 23, at the court of first instance.

Death sentences in Kuwait are carried out by hanging, but it would first have to be upheld by the appeals court.



A burnt vehicle is seen at the scene of a fire at a wedding party in Jahra, west of Kuwait City.—INTERNET

The woman who was not present in the court was found guilty of

“premeditated murder and starting a fire with the intent to kill.”

Press reports at the time of the blaze said Enezi had wanted to avenge her husband’s “bad treatment” of her, but in court she denied any involvement in the incident.

Defence lawyer Zaid al-Khabbaz vowed he would prove Enezi’s innocence in the higher courts and said the verdict had been influenced by public opinion.

Internet

Burglars tunnel into French bank vault

PARIS, 31 March—Burglars tunnelled into a Parisian bank vault and raided around 100 safety deposit boxes rented by private customers before making good their escape, investigators said on Tuesday.

Police said identifying and putting a value on what was missing would be a long and difficult task, and that the gang appeared to have been equipped with sophisticated tools for what was otherwise a very traditional robbery.

They bust into the LCL branch on Avenue de l’Opera, between the



Security guards stand outside the LCL bank agency in Paris. Burglars tunnelled into a Parisian bank vault and raided around 100 safety deposit boxes rented by private customers before making good their escape, investigators said.

INTERNET

Louvre and the Opera Garnier in the heart of tourist Paris, late Saturday night by passing through ventilation pipes and tunnelling in from a neighbouring cellar.

Internet

Sandra Bullock holds her Oscar for best actress in “The Blind Side” as she arrives with her husband Jesse James (L) at the 2010 Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, California, recently.—XINHUA



NASA to help probe Toyota acceleration problem

BEIJING, 30 March—People behind America’s space program will join the US government in finding out causes of Toyota’s acceleration problems, according to media reports on Tuesday.

Scientists of the NASA space and aeronautics agency were asked for help analyzing Toyota electronic throttles to see if they are behind unintended acceleration, US Transportation Secretary said.

A total of 8.5 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles have been recalled over the past six months for unintended acceleration. The US Government’s decision to turn to NASA came as Toyota held the first post-crisis meeting of its new quality control committee in Japan.

Dutch, British police link tow grisly slayings

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, 31 March—Dutch and British police have joined forces to revive two old unsolved cases in which the bodies of women were found in canals, stuffed in bags with their heads and hands hacked off, a prosecutor’s office spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

Jeichien de Graaff said the first victim was Melissa Halstead, 33, from Dayton, Ohio.

The photographer’s body was found in 1990 in Rotterdam’s Westersingel and originally buried in a nameless grave before it was finally identified in 2008 using new DNA techniques. Her remains have since been returned home, De Graaff said.

Halstead had been living in Amsterdam at the time of her death, but earlier had lived in London.

The second victim was Paula Fields, a 31-year-old British mother of three, found in 2001 by children fishing in the Regent’s Canal in London.

Internet

Beware of Fire

Photo shows an engineer of a Toyota Motor Corp dealership repairs the antilock braking system (ABS) on a recalled Prius hybrid in Nagoya, central Japan.—XINHUA



Nine NASA scientists with expertise in electronics, electromagnetic interference, software integrity and complex problem solving are joining the Toyota probe, US officials said.

Xinhua

Producer Bonnie Arnold arrives at the premiere of Dreamworks Animation’s “How To Train Your Dragon” at Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, California on 21 March. Animation adventure “How to Train Your Dragon” roared to the top of the North American box office in its debut weekend, beating out “Alice in Wonderland” in a battle of the 3-D blockbusters, industry figures showed on Sunday.—INTERNET



2,000-year-old ceiling partially collapses in Rome

ROME, 31 March—A huge chunk of a 2,000-year-old gallery in the complex that includes the infamous Emperor Nero’s fabled Golden Palace collapsed Tuesday, Rome’s art officials said.

Officials said they believed nobody was inside when the collapse took place at around 10 a.m., bringing down part of a garden above, but firefighters cordoned off the area as they checked no one was trapped. Nero’s Palace had been closed as workers were doing repairs.

Built by Roman emperor Nero in the

first century A.D., the sumptuous palace is known to many by its Latin name Domus Aurea. With its frescoed halls and gold-encrusted ceilings, it was meant as a fabled residence for one of Rome’s most depraved emperors.

Umberto Broccoli of Rome’s artistic superintendency said the vaulted ceiling collapsed because of water damage.

“Think 2,000 years of history, think of all the rain of the past couple of months,” Broccoli told reporters at the scene.

Internet

Turkish PM replies to peace message of 9-year-old German girl

ANKARA, 31 March — Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday wrote back to a 9-year-old girl in Germany who had sent a "White Peace Pigeon" bibelot and a peace message to him through visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Turkish media reported.

In the letter, Erdogan praised the girl for contributing to peace efforts, promising to deliver the white pigeon to students in the Turkish city of Istanbul to spread peace message, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

"Your white pigeon has passed through the mountains, rivers and seas and reached me through German Chancellor Merkel. I was very pleased to get it,"

Erdogan was quoted as writing in the letter.

Merkel presented the gift and message from Lara, a student at the school of Katharinenschule in Germany's Unna city, when meeting Erdogan during her visit to Ankara

on Monday.

In her message, Lara said the pigeon is a symbol of peace and part of the peace movement of several elementary schools in Germany, Turkey and Hungary.

Xinhua

China to launch new inspection of construction projects

BEIJING, 31 March — Chinese authorities are to launch a month-long inspection of major construction projects and the implementation of policies to boost economic growth as part of a two-year campaign against corruption and

misconduct in the construction sector.

A total of 21 teams will be sent to 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions across the country for the inspection, said an unnamed official after officials from the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and the Ministry of Supervision met to discuss cleaning up the construction sector Tuesday.

Another three inspection teams will focus on low-income housing, water engineering and state-funded projects. Another main focus of the inspection was the use of money and materials

for reconstruction after the May 12 earthquake.

"Supervision should be strengthened especially for projects that are closely related to people's benefits and have considerable influence on the development of social economy," said He Yong, deputy secretary of the commission, the CPC's anti-graft body, at the meeting.

Xinhua



Popular Chinese singer Faye Wong.
XINHUA

Honda to create 400 jobs in Canada

MONTREAL, 31 March — Japanese automaker Honda expects to create around 400 new jobs in early 2011 when it adds a second work crew to one of its two assembly plants in Canada, the company said Tuesday.

Once the additional workers are in place, in the first quarter of next year, Honda of Canada anticipates assembling between 400 and 600 additional cars each

day. The jobs will be created at Honda's plant in Alliston, Ontario, some 110 kilometers (70 miles) northwest of Toronto, the company said in a statement.

The plant assembles various models including the Honda Civic sedan, the Acura MDX and the Acura ZDX.

Another plant, also in Alliston, produces Honda Civic coupes and sedans, as well as

the luxury Acura CSX sedan. Honda also has a factory on the same town which build engines for the Civic.

Honda builds about 390,000 cars and 200,000 engines at its factories in Canada.

Its first Canadian assembly plant in opened in 1986; the second opened in 1998. The Honda plant which manufactures engines opened in 2008.

Xinhua

India's new terror weapon: hot chili peppers

The Indian military plans to develop a new kind of terror weapon with the bhut jolokia, the world's hottest chili pepper, according to Associated Press.

The pepper known as the "ghost chili" is ranked by Guinness World Records as the most piquant of peppers.

It, primarily found in the Bangladesh and the northeastern states of India, is rated at 1,040,000 Scoville units, almost twice the strength of the second place pepper, the red savina, and up to 20 times as hot as the average jalapeno.

"This is definitely going to be an effective non-toxic weapon because its pungent smell can choke terrorists

and force them out of their hideouts," RB Srivastava, director of the life sciences department at the Defense Research and Development Organization said.

"It will immobilize them but not kill them," he added.

The Indian military has been testing the chili pepper to fight militants, and it is also undergoing trials to create defensive sprays to be used by women and police.

Widow takes ashes on world tour

A British widow said she took her husband's ashes on the 60,000-mile world tour he always wanted in life but never had because of his fear of flying.

Rita Munns, 63, of Exning, England, said her husband, Richard, had regretted not traveling more during his life but was prevented from flying more than twice in his lifetime because of his fear, the Daily Mail reported Friday.

Munns said Richard died from cancer in 2007 and she set out to take his ashes on a three-year vacation to countries including China, Italy, Turkey, France, New Zealand and Israel. She said she scattered a little of his ashes in each of the destinations.



Dare to try wrestling with crocodiles? The first "freestyle crocodile wrestling competition" has been held in the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino at Seminole, Florida. Organizers of the event said they planned to make the sports a legal sports program.



A dentist demonstrates on a dental patient robot at its unveiling ceremony at Showa University in Tokyo. The humanoid female robot was developed to give practical experience for dental students and can be used for examination purposes. The 157 cm tall robot displays autonomous action of physiological phenomenon such as eye and tongue movement and can be controlled by either original programming or an instructor using an external touch panel, the university said.



US photographer Steve Shinn captured the moment of an egret eating a pocket mouse alive.



The Indian military plans to develop a new kind of terror weapon with the bhut jolokia, the world's hottest chili pepper.

NEWS ALBUM

Make right decision: correctly choose people's...

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General Thein Sein and party including Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence had also a mission to facilitate functions of the private business companies in the coastal region, visiting a 1000-ton cold storage and a finished wood product factory of Pyaephyotun International in Kyunsu township, soft

crab cultivation of Aungmyathpyo International, Annawasoe modern jetty project, the project of Yuzana to build the three-storey main hall of University of Computer Studies in Myeik township, oil palm farm and a mill producing 60 tons of palm oil every hour of Yuzana company in Kawthaung township.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sprinkles scented water on the foundation laying ceremony of the three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Myeik).

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Photo shows 60-ton oil palm factory of Yuzana Company.—MNA



In addition to visiting Pahtet Dam, embankment enforcement project, the Prime Minister made arrangements for the betterment of the livelihoods of the locals of Taninthayi Division and provision of social and health assistance.—MNA

Photos show the Scale model of the three-storey main hall of University of Computer Studies (Myeik).—MNA



Oil palm farm of Yuzana Co Ltd.—MNA

MWJA CEC meets

YANGON, 31 March—The Central Executive Committee of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held its meeting 3/2010 at Sarpay Beikman on Merchants Street here yesterday.

MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presided over the meeting.

The meeting focused on progress in materializing the resolutions of the previous meeting, ongoing tasks, and programmes for the fifth literary conference due to take place in May this year.

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe...

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there by the chairman and members of the pagoda board of trustees.

The Head of State offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda. Next, the Senior General made cash donations. He then signed in the visitors' book. The Senior General and party viewed all-round renovation of the pagoda.

The Head of State and party passed through the Ayeyawady Bridge

jectives and data of the projects and plans to produce vehicles and transmission system (gear box), car production techniques to be taught in Industrial Training School (Magway) and progress in construction tasks.

In response to the reports, the Senior General stressed the need for making step-by-step efforts to engage in auto industry with own strength. Although B-600, T-2000 and TE-11

were assembled in the past, systematic plans could not be made to produce the whole vehicle.

The Senior General instructed officials for successful assembling of vehicles in Myanmar with the truck factory as a mother department to gain knowledge.

He also urged them to cooperate with other industrial enterprises related to motor vehicle production in Thagara Industrial Region.

He said that it is important to share the motor vehicle production

technologies to private industrial zones in all regions. Encouragement should be given to private entrepreneurs for successful production of motor vehicles. He added that harmonious collaboration among the State, technicians and public is pivotal.

The Head of State viewed the map of Magway Industrial Region and the scale model of Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant.

Later, the Senior General and party inspected progress in construction of Gear &

Transmission Plant and Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant in a motorcade.

The Head of State and party proceeded to Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project by helicopter.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint explained the finding of the axis of the bridge, facts about the bridge and the use of heavy machinery and labourers at the project.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also gave an account of the construction of five Ayeyawady River spanning bridges.

The Senior General instructed to work with great care to avoid any mistakes and to complete the projects on schedule.

The Head of State inspected the bridge construction from the observation deck of the project.

The Senior General and party arrived back here by helicopters in the evening.

The construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is located about one mile from Michaungye. It will link Magway township on the east bank and Minhla township on the west bank. It is of reinforced concrete type at lower structure and steel girder type at the upper structure with the length of 3215 feet and width of 28 feet.

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Factories of Magway Industrial Region.—MNA

(Magway) by car and viewed developments of Minbu and development and greening of Magway.

At the briefing hall of Magway Industrial Region, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on establishment of Magway Industrial Region, its location and area and matters related to Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant project, gear transmission factory project, ob-



Senior General Than Shwe...

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Committee for the Sangha Chancellor of the State Pariyatta Sasana Universities Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Maha Withutayama Taikthit Monastery Venerable Monk Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara, aged 88, Vasa 68.

The Senior General, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, and departmental heads, left Nay Pyi Taw by helicopter and arrived at Magway Airport at 10 am.

The Head of State and entourage received a welcome from Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials at the airport.

The Senior General and party paid respects to the remains of the late Venerable Monk on the ground floor of the ordination hall of the monastery.

Next, they paid homage to members of the Sangha led by Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Mandalay Bhamo Monastery Venerable Monk Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Dr Kumarabhivamsa.

They offered alms to the monks. On behalf of the Senior General, the Secretary-1 presented cash donations made by SPDC to the committee for Final Rites.

The Secretary-1 presented cash donations of the Myanmar Economic Corporation; and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, cash donations of the Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented cash donations made by ministries and organizations

MNA

Union Election Commission meeting (15/2010) held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The (15/2010) meeting of Union Election Commission took place at the meeting hall of UEC this morning. It was attended by Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and members of UEC.

The chairman instructed those present to do tasks on Election, Political Parties Registration and conducting courses. And the chairman heard matters reported by responsible persons and gave concluding remarks.

MNA

Chairman U Thein Soe addresses (15/2010) meeting of the Union Election Commission.—MNA



Meeting between Myanmar and Indonesia in progress.

MNA

Myanmar, Indonesia share regional, international issues

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Marty M. Natalegawa and wife commenced a goodwill visit to Myanmar today.

They were welcomed by the minister and departmental personnel at Nay Pyi Taw Airport today.

In a bilateral meeting between the two foreign ministers held at the ministry, the both sides shared views on mutual cooperation between the two nations and regional and international issues.

The visiting minister and delegates visited Gems Museum and various prominent sites in Nay Pyi Taw and attended the dinner hosted by Minister U Nyan Win at Myat Taw Win Hotel.—MNA

Industrial Training Centre (Pakokku) opened in Magway Div

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The opening ceremony of Industrial Training Centre (Pakokku) under the Ministry of Industry-2 was held at the training centre this morning in Pakokku, Magway Division.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt- Col

Khin Maung Kyaw and Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Aloke San formally opened the ceremony.

The chairman sprinkled inscription of Industrial Training Centre with scent water. And the handing over ceremony of Industrial Training Centre followed with the speeches of the deputy minister and the Indian

Ambassador.

Director-General U Myo Aung from Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning and Joint General Manager Mr I. G. Kandaraji from Hindustan Machine Tools (International) Ltd signed handing over certificate of Industrial Training Centre and exchanged documentary.

MNA

Inter-Club Tennis Tourney on 8-14 May

YANGON, 31 March—Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Trophy Inter-Club Tennis Tournament will be held on a grand scale at the tennis court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here from 8 to 14 May.

The tournament com-

prises singles and doubles events, age-wise events, and inter-club events. Contestants from states and divisions are provided with travelling allowances. Contenders of young generations have exclusive access to expenses for accommoda-

tions and meals.

Those wishing to join the tournament are to sign up by letter or by phone to MTF (Theinbyu Tennis Court) (Ph: 372360, 381991/992 (Ex-1) not later than 5 pm on 6 May.

MNA

Strong earthquake recorded outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India region), about 315 miles southwest of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 23 hrs 22 min 20 sec M.S.T on 30 March, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Best way to see real Myanmar apart from first-hand visit Myanmar International launched

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information launched Myanmar International TV channel upgraded from MRTV-3, at its office in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township this morning.

Kyaukse troupe presented elephant dance; and the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture, royal drum dance to welcome Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, and distinguished guests.

Department presented U Shwe Yoe-Daw Moe dance (humorous traditional dance).

Presenters Sophi and Peter presented facts about Myanmar, and a videoplay "Surprising Myanmar".

Next, artistes from the Fine Arts Department, vocalists, and students from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) and Myanmar International School entertained the audience with dances and songs.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in his speech said,



Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents a bouquet to performers.—MNA



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the launching ceremony of Myanmar International.

MNA

The commander unveiled the bronze plaque of Myanmar International.

The second session took place at the Auditorium of MRTV. The State Orchestra of the Ministry of Cultural played Myanmar traditional tunes. Artistes from the Fine Arts

"There is a lot the world outside does not know about Myanmar, a country progressing and modernizing, even as it preserves and practices its culture and traditions. It is also a peaceful and stable country, with close to 60 million people, 14 states and

divisions, and where more than 100 national races live.

Myanmar has a long and rich history that can be traced back to over 2,500 years. We have snow capped mountains, pristine forests, open plains white sandy and unspoiled beaches, exotic coral reefs and rivers. The story of the development of our country into modern Myanmar is full of fascinating characters, exciting events and important struggles for independence.

We in Myanmar are glad to show the world how we work and live, how nature has blessed us with some of the best natural resources, and many parts of our country will not only charm but will also surprise you.

Of course, there is no substitute to visit

Myanmar first-hand, and our tourism is growing healthily. But Myanmar International is the next best way to experience our history and heritage, and most importantly, the warmth and intrinsic charm of our people. The world needs to know the growing sophistication in the skills and expertise of work force.

Myanmar has an illustrious history. We have a glorious past and our approach to the present and the future is equally unique. We will work and live on our own terms and at our own pace—so that our progress will benefit this diverse country in the best way possible, allowing every state, every race, every individual in a way that will fulfill our people's fullest potential, and giving our people the

chance to embrace change while keeping their traditions intact.

Myanmar International hopes that its programmes in English will connect Myanmar with the world outside, and, similarly, through Myanmar International, the world outside will know the real Myanmar and understand it.

Of course, we must not forget that Myanmar International will be watched by the Myanmar communities in other countries. Through Myanmar International, I hope they will feel closer to the homeland and will have a sense of pride in and love for their motherland."

The commander formally unveiled the Myanmar International Logo.

Artistes and students

sang the song "Mann Taung Yeik Kho" in chorus.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented a commemorative gift to the commander.

The commander and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented bouquet fruit to the entertainers.

After the ceremony, the commander, ministers, and guests visited Visual Studio, Cherry FM, Padanya FM, Audio Work Station Room, TV News Network, News Control Room, and Presentation Room.

MRTV and Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd jointly launched a test running of Myanmar International on 12 February 2010.

Now, they will begin regular airing of Myanmar International programmes as from 31 March.

(See page 11)



Myanmar International launching ceremony in progress in front of the MRTV building in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

MNA

Best way to see real Myanmar apart...

(from page 10)

The new channel comprises international news, local news, documentary, current affairs, entertainments, and Myanmar movies and video films with English subtitles.

The programmes can be received all day round in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, China, India, and Indochina and from 9 am to 11 am daily in the nation.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers and guests enjoy launching ceremony of Myanmar International.

MNA

Staff members working in MRTV building.

MNA



Resident Olegs Krivasonoks rows a boat back to his flooded house near Plavinas, about 130 km (81 miles) from Riga on 29 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Undersea volcano threatens southern Italy

BEIJING, 31 March— Europe's largest undersea volcano could "disintegrate and unleash a tsunami that would engulf southern Italy any time," a prominent volcanologist warned Monday, according to AFP reports. The Marsili volcano, which is bursting with magma, has "fragile walls" that could collapse, Enzo Boschi told the leading daily Corriere della Sera.

"It could even happen tomorrow," said Boschi, president of the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV).

"Our latest research shows that the volcano is not structurally solid, its walls are fragile, the magma chamber is of sizeable dimensions," he said.—Internet

Brazil opens second Confucius institute for youngsters

BRASILIA, 31 March—The Brasilia Confucius Institute on Monday started its first academic year to teach Chinese language and introduce Chinese culture.

It was the second such Chinese school in Brazil.

Both were formed to promote language and cultural exchanges between China and Brazil.

"With the platform installed, we can add many accessories. For example, we

can organize cultural events, competitions on knowledge about China and also we can select the best students to do internships in China," said Shu Jianping, cultural councilor from the Chinese embassy in Brazil. Brazilian students are expected to take part in this year's "Chinese Bridge Competition" which they participated in 2008 and 2009 only as observers.

Internet

First-ever single-claw dinosaur fossil found in China

BEIJING, 31 March—Chinese scientists have found what is believed to be one of the oldest ever fossils of the mononykus (meaning "one claw") species of dinosaur, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The fossil was discovered at the Upper Cretaceous Majiacun Formation of Xixia County, in central China's Henan Province, which dates back more than 63 million years, and represented one of the earliest species of the mononykus in the world, scientists said Monday.

Small and bird-like,



Chinese scientists have found what is believed to be one of the oldest ever fossils of the mononykus (meaning "one claw") species of dinosaur, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).—INTERNET

the fossil weighed less than 1 kg.

As one of the theropod dinosaur species, the mononykus had short and single-

clawed forelimbs in sharp contrast with its long and skinny legs, and scientists speculate that the mononykus could run at high speed.—Internet



Guangping Lang of China (C) stands on raw eggs, as actress Emma Thompson (L) and co-presenter Michelle Hunziker react during the German game show "Wetten Dass" (Bet it...?) in Salzburg, on 27 March, 2010.—INTERNET

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJA VOY NO (930) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 1.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Yao Ming (L) and Shane Battier of Houston Rockets look on during the NBA game between Houston Rockets and Washington Wizards in Houston, south United States of America, on 30 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Congo, Qatar sign cooperation agreement in Brazzaville

BRAZZAVILLE, 31 March—The Republic of Congo and Qatar have signed a series of agreements on economic, commercial and technical cooperation to lift bilateral

ties to a new level, the government announced here on Monday.

The signing of the wide-range cooperation in the Congolese capital on Sunday marked a new era of bilateral ties between the Central African country and the Gulf state, according to an official statement.

The five cooperative documents were signed in the presence of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, the emir of Qatar, who arrived in Brazzaville on Sunday for a brief official visit, his first to the



A policewoman patrols a subway station with police dog in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 March, 2010. Fu Zhenghua, director of the Beijing Public Security Bureau, confirmed the security in the capital city had been increased after the double suicide bombing in Moscow's subway on Monday.—XINHUA

Somali pirates capture 120 Indian sailors

NEW DELHI, 31 March—Somali pirates have seized eight boats with nearly 120 Indian sailors taken hostage on their way from Somalia to Dubai, reported local TV channel Times Now on Tuesday. The report quoted relatives of one of the sailors as saying they appealed to the government for help in securing the release of the sailors.

The report also said the hijacked Indian vessels have been traced near Seychelles in the Indian Ocean.

The sailors belong to the Saurashtra and Kutch regions of Gujarat state in western India, said the report. They had anchored last in the rebel territory of Kismayo in Somalia where they loaded cargo

into their boats. After they left the port, pirates captured them. So far, the pirates have not asked for any ransom, according to the report.

The Indian Navy have confirmed the hijacking and said efforts are being made to contact the pirates and get the Indians back safely, said the report.

Xinhua

Electricity-starved Bangladesh to halt fertilizer production

DHAKA, 31 March—The Bangladeshi government, as part of an "emergency measure" to boost power generation in a bid to cope with ongoing looming electricity crisis in the country, will freeze fertilizer production to divert gas to power plants, officials said on Tuesday. They said the decision was made at a high-level meeting of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources on Monday as electricity scarcity has already plagued life all over the South Asian country with mercury rising to a boiling point in the recent days.

Secretary of the government's Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Mohammad Mesbah Uddin, told Xinhua on Tuesday, "As part of emergency measure we've decided to supply adequate gas to power plants for boosting electricity generation by stopping gas supply to the fertilizer factories for a certain time."

According to the power ministry officials, it would take several days to stop gas supply to the fertilizer factories and divert the same to the power plants, most of which are failing to utilize their full capacity in generating power due to inadequate gas supply.

They said around 880 million cubic feet (mmcf) gas will be saved by stopping supply to the fertilizer factories that will help generate an additional 400-450 Megawatt (MW) of power, very much urgent to ease the ongoing electricity scarcity which created untold suffering. Bangladesh's capital Dhaka dwellers, during the last few weeks, are experiencing at least nine to ten hours of electricity scarcity each day.

Apart from residents in Dhaka and other cities and towns and farmers in many parts of the country, business leaders, who are also bearing the burnt, have already urged the government to improve gas and power situation, shortage of which have already affected production in export oriented apparel sector.—Xinhua

Baby fat not good for baby

CHAPEL HILL, 31 March—Chubby infants may look adorable, but US researchers warn baby fat may slow motor skills development.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found infants with rolls of fat under their skin were 2.32 times as likely as babies without fat rolls to have low scores on the Psychomotor Development Index test.

Overweight infants may have future health problems, but the researchers say their study found infant-weight status may have an immediate consequence — overweight infants are more likely to take longer than thinner babies to crawl and walk.

"This is concerning because children with motor skill delays may be less physically active and thus less likely to explore the environment beyond arm's reach," lead author Meghan Slining, a doctoral student in nutrition, says in a statement.

The researchers visited 217 African-American first-time mothers and their babies in their homes from 2003-2007 and weighed and measured the children at each visit. They researchers also assessed the motor skills of the children at 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months.

The findings are published online in *The Journal of Pediatrics*.—Internet



Andy Roddick of the US returns a shot to Germany's Benjamin Becker during their match at the Sony Ericsson Open tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, on 30 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Nearly 270,000 contracted workers to lose jobs by June in Japan

TOKYO, 31 March— A March survey released by the Labor Ministry in Japan on Tuesday showed that 269,790 nonpermanent workers are expected to lose their jobs from October of last year to June.

The survey shows the number of noncontracted workers, known as "hakken" in Japanese, has increased by 7,192 compared to the previous month.

Aichi Prefecture, where the head office of Toyota Motor Corp. is based, is expected to see 44,525 nonpermanent workers lose their jobs over the period, the highest among all the areas of the country. Tokyo expects to lose 15,932 noncontracted workers, and both Nagano and Shizuoka prefectures are also expected to see job losses of more than 10,000.

Internet



A woman chooses goods in a clothing store at a shopping district in Tokyo March 29, 2010. Japanese retail sales jumped the most in 13 years in the year to February as government incentives prompted shoppers to open their wallets, but some analysts cautioned about the outlook as such stimulus measures taper off.—INTERNET

Inflation rate rises for fifth consecutive month in Spain

MADRID, 31 March— Spain's inflation rate rose 0.5 percent in March, the fifth consecutive month of growth, the National Institute of Statistics said Tuesday.

The Inflation rate for March stood at 1.4 percent, another increase on the 0.9 percent recorded for February. The increase was due to a surge in fuel prices that also have influenced food prices, the institute said.

The results have been hailed by the government as "moderately positive." The government said economic conditions in Spain are "becoming more normal."

The government predicted that the current upward trend would continue in the coming months.

The five months of growth followed eight months of decline in Spain's inflation rate during the worst of the economic crisis.

Internet

Turkey to build railway to connect with Iran

ANKARA, 31 March— Turkey is preparing to build a railway in its eastern part to connect its railway network with Iran, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported Tuesday.

The railway will link eastern Turkish destinations of Kars, Igdir, Aralik and Dilucu and is part of the Istanbul-Islamabad railway project, said the agency.

The Istanbul-Islamabad project aims to make railway transportation between Pakistan, Turkey and Europe more efficient by shortening the train ride between Turkey and Pakistan to 4 days from 11 days, according to the agency.

Under the project, new rail lines will be built

while the existing railway networks in Pakistan and Iran will be rehabilitated, making a massive network that runs 6,160 km, with 2,600 km in Turkey, 2,570 km in Iran and 990 km in Pakistan, it reported.

The project is estimated to be completed in five years, said the report.

Internet

Woman posed as FBI agent, 'hired' neighbors

ALEXANDRIA, 31 March— Authorities say a Virginia woman pretended to be an FBI agent and conned her neighbors into taking jobs as her assistants.

Twenty-nine-year-old Brenna Reilly of Arlington was indicted by a federal grand jury in Alexandria last week on a charge of impersonating an FBI agent.

According to a court affidavit, Reilly told neighbors in her apartment complex that she was the FBI's director of forensics. Two of those neighbors say they agreed to work as Reilly's assistant and put personal information such as their social security numbers on phony job applications.

Internet



This undated photo released by Home Shopping Network, HSN, shows Twiggy in one of her designs for HSN, in London.

INTERNET

Ex-IBM executive pleads guilty to insider-trading scheme

NEW YORK, 31 March— A former senior IBM executive on Monday pleaded guilty to insider-trading, to become the 11th confessed involvement in the Galleon case.

Robert Moffat Jr., 53, pleaded guilty to federal charges of conspiracy and securities fraud in which he had provided

confidential information to a hedge fund consultant.

The charges carry a potential penalty of 25 years in prison. Sentencing was set for 26 July.

Moffat, once considered a candidate for the IBM CEO, was deemed the highest-level executive ever arrested in a case that resulted in 21

arrests.

Moffat confessed to the Manhattan federal court Monday that he had provided inside information to tip off Danielle Chiesi, a former consultant for the New Castle Funds LLC, who was also accused of participating in the insider-trading scheme.

Internet



In this handout photograph released by the Indian Navy, Indian Marine Commandos board a suspected pirate ship as its surrendering crew (left) hold their hands above their heads in the Gulf of Aden.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Kashima first into AFC Champions League knockouts

SINGAPORE, 31 March—Japanese heavyweights Kashima Antlers powered into the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on Tuesday for the third year in a row and were joined by Korea's Jeonbuk Motors.

The J-League leaders trampled Indonesian minnows Persipura Jayapura 3-1 in Jakarta to leave them unbeaten after four games and on top of Group F. Jeonbuk Motors also went through from the group after grinding out a 1-0 home win over China's Changchun Yatai.

A fine 54th minute strike by former Middlesbrough man Lee Dong-Gook was enough to secure a win for the Koreans.—Internet



Alberto Gonçalves da Costa (L) of Indonesia's Persipura Jayapura fights for the ball with Nakata Koji (R) of Japan's Kashima Antlers during their AFC champion's league football match at Bung Karno stadium in Jakarta. Kashima Antlers powered into the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on Tuesday for the third year in a row.—INTERNET

Prandelli pledges future to Fiorentina

ROME, 31 March—Cesare Prandelli has dismissed speculation over a move to Juventus next season by pledging his allegiance to Fiorentina on Tuesday in a statement on the club's website.

Prandelli's announcement followed on from the resignation of honorary club president Diego Della Valle earlier in the day.

The pair had been at odds since last week when Della Valle criticised Prandelli for not openly claiming he would be staying in Florence.—Internet

Hamlin surges to victory at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, 31 March—Denny Hamlin is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday morning, and then rehabilitation to get his left knee back into driving shape as soon as possible.

What better way to prepare than to begin rehabilitating his sagging season first?

The NASCAR star may have done just that in his home state on Monday, rallying from ninth place after giving up the lead on a late trip to pit road and almost recklessly bull-rushing his way through the field in a pair of stirring two-lap sprints at Martinsville Speedway.—Internet

Denny Hamlin celebrates winning the Goody's 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va, on 29 March, 2010.

INTERNET



Lyon, Bordeaux in a memorable night for French football

LYON, 31 March—Victors and vanquished took pride in a memorable night for French football after Lyon defeated Bordeaux 3-1 in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final here.

Early goals for both sides set the scene for a match of occasionally frantic intensity and there was consolation for Bordeaux in both the quality of their football and the role they played in an engaging first ever all-French Champions League knockout match.

"I saw a really good match," said Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc after Tuesday's game at the Stade Gerland.—Internet



Lyon's Argentinian forward Lisandro Lopez (R) vies with Bordeaux's French defender Ludovic Sane (L) during the UEFA Champions League quarter final football match Lyon vs. Bordeaux, at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, eastern France.—INTERNET

Last-minute Bayern stun United in Champions League



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery (R) celebrates scoring with Bayern Munich's Turkish midfielder Hamit Altintop during the UEFA Champions League 1st leg quarter-final match FC Bayern Munich vs Manchester United at the Allianz Arena in the southern German city of Munich.—INTERNET

MUNICH, 31 March—Bayern Munich stunned Manchester United 2-1 in their Champions League quarter-final first leg on Tuesday, with an injury-time goal by Ivica Olic evoking memories of their famous clash in 1999.

The match was eagerly anticipated as a re-run of the famous thrilling Champions League final in 1999 when two dramatic goals right at the end of the game took the trophy to Old Trafford in a devastating blow to the Germans.

Internet

Maradona bitten by dog, has lip surgery

BUENOS AIRES, 31 March—Argentina coach Diego Maradona was bitten by one of his pet dogs and had reconstructive surgery on his upper lip.

The Los Arcos clinic said the 49-year-old soccer great was discharged and in good condition on Tuesday. He entered the clinic earlier in the day.

Attempts by *The Associated Press* to reach Maradona's personal physician, Alfredo Cahe, were unsuccessful.

Internet

I don't like Italian football, says Mourinho

LONDON, 31 March—Jose Mourinho sparked speculation about his future on Tuesday on the eve of his side Inter Milan's Champions League quarter-final clash with CSKA Moscow by declaring he was unhappy with Italian football.

The charismatic but unpredictable Portuguese coach, who previously managed English Premier League giants Chelsea and guided Porto to the 2004 Champions League trophy, told *Sky Sports* that he did not like Italian football.

"It is a simple situation, I am very happy" said the 47-year-old, who is in his second season with Inter.

"I am happy at Inter, but unhappy with Italian football. 'I always speak with my heart but if I spoke with my heart now about Serie A I would be suspended.'"

Mourinho, who has not enamoured himself with the Italian football authorities earning himself four touchline bans, made it clear why he was unhappy.

"Because I do not like it (Italian football) and because they don't like me."

Mourinho - who earlier on Tuesday had held his first Press conference with the Italian media for six weeks - has made it no secret he would love a return to English football which he left when sacked by Chelsea in 2007 after a successful three year spell there.

Internet

UEFA hands Chelsea's Didier Drogba two-match Europe ban

LONDON, 31 March—UEFA has banned Didier Drogba for two European matches following his sending off in Chelsea's Champions League loss to Inter Milan at Stamford Bridge.

The striker was shown a straight red card for a stamp on Thiago Motta in the 87th minute of the second leg of the last-16 tie, which the Blues lost 1-0.

UEFA also extended Drogba's period of probation by two years until July 2013.

Drogba, 32, was warned about his future conduct after last season's Champions League semi-final defeat by Barcelona.

The Ivory Coast international was reprimanded by European football's governing body for "offensive comments" made towards Norwegian referee Tom Henning Øvrebø directly after the 1-1 draw, when the Catalan giants scored an injury-time equaliser



Drogba served a three-match European ban earlier this season



Inter Milan's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho ponders a question during a Press conference at 'la Pinetina' in Appiano Gentile on the eve of their Champions League football match against CSKA Moscow. Mourinho sparked speculation about his future on Tuesday on the eve of his side Inter Milan's Champions League quarter-final clash with CSKA Moscow by declaring he was unhappy with Italian football.—INTERNET



An Asian elephant calf wanders among the adult herd in the elephant enclosure at Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire.
INTERNET

Flooding puts Warwick wastewater plant in 'uncharted territory'

WARWICK 31 March—The overflowing of the Pawtuxet River has caused many problems in Rhode Island, not the least of which is the Warwick Wastewater Treatment Facility.

"We're dealing with something that's uncharted territory for us, unprecedented, really," a facility worker told NECN on Wednesday. "I've seen nothing like it except for picture from Katrina, when the New Orleans wastewater treatment facility went down."—Internet



WEATHER

Wednesday, 31st March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Mandalay Division, scattered in Magway Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay Division, (6°C) below March average temperatures in Kachin State and Lower Sagaing Division, (7°C) to (9°C) below March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Naypyitaw (Pynmana), Minbu, Magway, Aungmye, Zaungmye and Hpa-an (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naypyitaw (Tatkone) (0.39)inch, Kyauktaw (3.27)inches, Palatwa (1.97)inches, Hakha (1.73)inches, Myauk-oo (1.50)inches and Gangaw (1.18)inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 31-3-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-3-2010 was 59%. Total sun shine hours on 30-3-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (21:30) hours MST on 30-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1st April 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States and Upper Sagaing Division, isolated to scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-4-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-4-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-4-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (31-3-10 09:30 am ~ 1-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Jade (Living and Working)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprint"
- * Pho Thingyan Myanmar Classical Song "Kyaye Tama"
- * Land of Silver Mountain
- * Special Projects for All-round National Development
- * Fabulous Bagan

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Jade (Living and Working)"
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprint"
- * National Kandawgyi Garden
- * News
- * Mazali Salad & Soup of Rice Noodle
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Jade (Living and Working)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprint"
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Director"
- * News
- * Myanmar Orchestra
- * News
- * Disaster and Developments (I)
- * Myanmar Movies "Master of Flowers"

Myanmar



Thursday, 1
April

View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တတိတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဂ္ဂိယမာရ်

(ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Dance Of National Races

8:10 am

7. Musical Programme

8:20 am

8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:35 am

9. International News

8:40 am

10. Dance Variety

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:30 pm

4. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်(ရသစာပေအရေးအသားအထူးပြု)(ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

8. "ကွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့"

5:25 pm

9. မူတန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:40 pm

10. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

"အချစ်တော်မိ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

- (သူရလင်း မေတ္တာ၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ ယုဇနပိုင်မြင့်၊ စုပုံချစ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:30 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေးကားကိုသိပ္ပံမြင်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:00 pm

16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Make right decision: correctly choose people's representatives with vision to shape nation's better future

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March— With vision, the entire people will have to make the right decision in choosing correct representatives to shape a better future, stated Prime Minister General Thein Sein during his visit to Taninthayi Division yesterday.

The government while building sound foundations is also implementing the seven-step Road Map for national democratization, he told administrative staff, social organizations and townsenders in Myeik, Bokpyin and Kawthoung of the country's southernmost division yesterday and today. Laws and rules have

been enacted to hold the multiparty democracy general election soon he added.

The Prime Minister also elaborated on the insurgency that hindered national development in the past, the government's endeavours to consolidate national unity and enhance development in all aspects by building infrastructures in multisectors.

The previous day, he was in Kyunsu fulfilling the requirements of locals of the township, speaking to them that building and upgrading of schools are for further improving the intellectual level of the people. In addition,

libraries are being opened even in rural areas to encourage the constant learning society, he said. Health facilities and staff have been provided to the region for emergence of fit and healthy human resources, he noted.

The Prime Minister's speech also included the duty of teachers to train students starting from the basic level to become intellectuals and intelligentsia possessing moral conducts and strong Union Spirit and the harmonious efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw for promoting peace, stability and progress of nation. (See page 7)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects oil palm farm of Yuzana Company.—MNA