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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

LOCAL NEWS

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INT'L NEWS



The site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, 4 April, 2010.

TEMPERATURE

Magway (43°C)

WEATHER

Nay Pyi Taw and Neighbouring area
Partly cloudy.

Yangon and Neighbouring area
Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and Neighbouring area
Partly cloudy.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend 16th ASEAN Summit in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be attending the 16th ASEAN Summit scheduled to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in the near future.

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Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010 opened

YANGON, 4 April— who is here on a working visit at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Min Dhamma Road here yesterday afternoon. Artists from the Ministries of Culture of the two countries performed at the ceremony.

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Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung views booths at Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010. —MNA

Tachilek on the road to development

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

Tachilek a town facing Thailand at the border is on the path to progress, with its neat and tidy Bogyoke Road in downtown area flanked by rows of modern apartment buildings and shops. On its roads were busy people going from one place to another on motorcycles or in cars making the border town always lively and active. As we were there to hunt news we first interviewed U Tin Htoo Maung, Chairman of Tachilek Township Peace and Development Council. He explained, "Township PDC has been carrying out development tasks in harmony." Under the close supervision of Shan State (East) PDC, officials of

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PERSPECTIVES

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Try to improve national economy making use of infrastructures

Now is the time when all-out efforts are being made to improve the socio-economy and living standards of the people. Infrastructures are also being built for regional development.

We can see signs of significant progress even in Taninthayi Division in the far south of the Union. Dawei and Myeik have emerged as developed regions. Dawei University and Myeik University have been built, and the local youths are also pursuing higher education at universities of computer studies and technological universities.

The State has built new roads and bridges for better transport that is fundamental to regional development. Dawei-Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road and Ye-Dawei railroad have emerged. Along the routes, Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridge, Taninthayi bridge and Layhnya-Mandaing bridge have been built for the convenience of the travelling people.

Even in Kyunsu that has to rely mainly on the waterway, the local people can now use inter-town roads and circular roads. On Pahtaw-Pahtat Island in Kyunsu Township, 1000-ton cold storage factories are built to conduct fish and prawn breeding, and soft crabs are being sent to markets.

As Taninthayi Division has a great deal of vacant land, it is establishing oil palm plantations on a commercial scale and have built palm oil factories. Its rich marine resources have enabled the division to extend fishery and improve the economy by sending marine products to markets.

The government has built economic, education, health and social foundations in all regions of the Union, including Taninthayi Division. By enlisting the innovative strength of the regional people alongside the State-built infrastructures, the entire nation will improve its economy for sure.

Timely completion of fertilizer factory projects discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended a meeting on timely completion of No.4 Fertilizer Factory (Myaungdaka) and No.5 Fertilizer Factory (Patheingyi) projects held in Hmawby Township Yangon Division this morning.

First, the minister made a speech and responsible persons of Asia World Company, HQCEC and China-II reported on project tasks. The minister then gave necessary instructions.

Later, he looked into installation of at the Co2 removal unit absorber, ammonia compressor house and control room in the project compound of No.4 Fertilizer Factory.—MNA

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

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—The opening ceremony of Sub-National Immunization Days-2010 was held at City Hall in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday with an opening speech by

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe.

It was also attended by Minister for Health Dr

Kyaw Myint. The minister urged the health staff members to make efforts for reaching polio-free region as a national duty. The Immunization Days are being observed with the aim of preventing against polio virus

spreading from neighboring countries. The days were observed held on 3 and 4 April for the first time and on 1 and 2 May for the second time covering 2.23 million of under 5-year-old kids, he continued.

"The local people in Nargis-ravaged region of Ayeyawady Division are now in good health due to efforts of health members and assistance of WHO, UNICEF, JCV, social organizations, ministries and well wishers", he said.

The commander and the minister then viewed commemorative booth and gave away gifts to kids undergoing healthcare.

The Sub-National Immunization Days-2010 were observed with joint cooperation of Health Ministry, WHO, UNICEF and JCV.—MNA

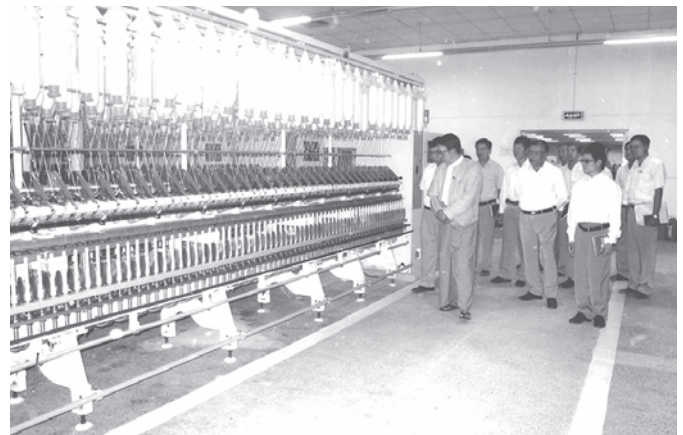
Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Pyawbwe, Yamethin

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung today inspected construction of Yonesingyi Station Hospital in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Division.

The minister also visited Pyawbwe Textile Factory of Myanmar Textile Industries.

He inspected durability of machines, production processes and products of the factory and left necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister visited Soap Factory (Yamethin) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Pyawbwe Textile Factory.—MNA

Industries and Dyeing and Printing Factory (Yamethin) of Myanmar

Textile Industries. He inspected production processes of the factories

and left necessary instructions.

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Baghdad suicide blasts target embassies; 38 dead

BAGHDAD, 4 April—Suicide attackers detonated three car bombs near embassies in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least 38 people and wounding more than 200 in back-to-back bombings.

Authorities said they foiled two other attacks aimed at diplomatic targets. The bombings came two days after a chilling execution-style attack by gunmen who raided homes south of Baghdad, killing 24

people, many of them believed to be anti-al-Qaida fighters. The rise in bloodshed after a relative lull deepened fears that insurgents are seizing on the political uncertainty after last month's close parliamentary elections to sow further instability.

Sunday's blasts went off within minutes of each other — one near the Iranian Embassy and two others in an area that houses several embassies, including the Egyptian Consulate, and the German and

Spanish embassies, said Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for the city's operations command center.

Sunday's explosions occurred shortly before 11:30 a.m. after a number of far smaller blasts overnight and early Sunday. One of those earlier blasts, believed to be caused by a bomb underneath a parked car, killed one civilian and injured nine others, according to police.

Internet



The site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, 4 April, 2010. Suicide attackers detonated car bombs in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least 38 people and wounding more than 100, authorities said.—INTERNET



A Palestinian protester prepares to hurl a stone at Israeli troops during clashes in the West Bank village of Iraq Burin, near Nablus, Saturday, 3 April, 2010. Residents of the village said they tried to prevent Jewish settlers from bathing in a water cistern Palestinians depend on for agriculture. INTERNET

Gunman kills four near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 4 April —Four people were killed and at least two others wounded when a gunman opened fire at a restaurant in Valley Village near Los Angeles on Saturday.

The shooting occurred around 4:40 pm at the Hot Spot Cafe, a Mediterranean restaurant packed with customers, according to police.

The gunman in his 30s walked into the restaurant and opened fire, according to police officer Rosario Herrera.

Three people were declared dead at the scene. Several more victims were taken to a hospital, where one later died, Herrera said.

The gunman ran away and remained at large, she said.

It remained unclear whether there was an accomplice. —Xinhua



An Afghan man is searched by a soldier of the Afghan National Army as a US Marine from Kilo company 3rd Battalion 6th Marines watches near a US Marine base in Marjah district, Helmand province, on 1 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Nightclub shootout kills seven in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 April—Seven people were killed in a shootout in the Gulf coast city of Tampico, the Tamaulipas state prosecutors' office said on Saturday.

Five men and two women were killed in the shooting between rival drug gangs at a nightclub late Friday, the office of the northeastern Mexican state said.

The latest violence came after five gunmen were killed during a clash with the Mexican Army near Monterrey, capital of Nuevo Leon state in northern Mexico on Sunday. —Xinhua

Hamas condemns Israeli strikes on Gaza

BEIJING, 4 April —Hamas in Gaza has condemned Israeli air strikes, which hit different targets throughout the Gaza Strip. Hamas released a statement on Friday, hours after Israeli warplanes carried out at least seven missile attacks on Gaza.

Israel says the military destroyed several Palestinian munition sites and the air strikes were in response to an earlier rocket attack carried out by Gaza militants.

Xinhua

Rocket attack kills Afghan child, wounds two

KABUL, 4 April — A rocket fired by insurgents claimed the life of a child and injured two others in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province, said a press release of the Interior Ministry issued here on Saturday.

"A rocket attack,

fired by the rebels yesterday to target the headquarters of Dasht-e-Archi district in Kunduz province hit a residence area killing an innocent child and injuring two women," the press release said.

It blamed the enemies

of peace in Afghanistan, a term used against Taliban insurgents, for the attack.

However, the militants have yet to make comments.

Taliban militants who staged a violent comeback four years ago have vowed to speed up their activities this year against the Afghan government and NATO-led forces stationed in post-Taliban country.

Kunduz, a relatively peaceful province until early 2009, has been the scene of Taliban-led increasing militancy over the past several months as three soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and five Afghan troops were killed on Friday. —Xinhua



A woman reacts to the killing of her brother by unknown gunmen who stormed into his house in Baghdad on 3 April, 2010. INTERNET

21 militants killed in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 4 April — At least 21 militants were killed in clashes with security forces Sunday in northwest Pakistan's Orakzai tribal area, according to local TV reports.

Another 61 militants were injured in the clashes in Orakzai, the only tribal area which is not bordering Afghanistan.

The security forces also arrested eight militants.

Orakzai has seen intensive military operation since late March, in which over 300 militants have been killed or injured.

A large number of local and foreign militants fled to this area months ago before Pakistani military launched an offensive in South Waziristan, a stronghold of al-Qaeda and Pakistani Taliban insurgents.

Xinhua

President Hu encourages tree planting for better environment

BEIJING, 3 April—Chinese President Hu Jintao Saturday urged people nationwide to keep planting trees in a voluntary way to help build a more attractive country. Hu made the remarks when he was planting trees with young pioneers together with other top leaders of the

country including top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao at the Beiwu Park in the northern part of the capital. Saturday marked the 26th voluntary tree planting day of Beijing. Some 2 million local residents had taken part in the activity over the past few days. Hu said

the voluntary tree planting activity helped improve the environment and fight global warming. Hu called on constant efforts to mobilize the whole society to join the activity to create a beautiful and hospitable environment.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 3 April, 2010 shows hot air balloons during a 5-day hot air balloon festival held in Levin, New Zealand. The annual hot air balloon festival started in Levin on Thursday.

XINHUA



Workers set up sculptures in the shape of "go" pieces, which can also be served as chairs, at the Expo Park in Shanghai, on 2 April, 2010, east China. Various decorative sculptures were placed in the Expo Park as the trial operation of the Shanghai World Expo scheduled on 3 April is drawing near.

XINHUA

One of eight hijacked Indian cargo ships released

MUMBAI, 3 April—One of the eight hijacked India's cargo ships several days ago were freed by Somali pirates due to less fuel to sail, local media reported on Saturday evening.

The cargo ship Krishna Jyot managed to refuel following being

released off the coast of Somalia, and is now on its way home with fifteen sailors on board, the news agency Press Trust of India quoted Bholim, president of Kutch-based Ship Communication Association of Gujarat as saying.

Bholim said the association was informed by the sailors of the Krishna Jyot after it was released.

The freed ship was one of the 7 Gujarat-registered cargo ships with about 100 crew members hijacked by Somali pirates on March 28. However, there was still no word about the other 6 ships and one more Gujarat-registered cargo ship which was captured by Somali pirates on March 30, according to the president.

India has asked the Somali government to help the release of the remaining cargo ships and sailors held by pirates. —Xinhua

Meteoworld, the joint pavilion of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and China Meteorological Administration, tests its "respiration skin" at the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 3 April, 2010.

XINHUA

At least one dead in NJ private plane crash

WEST MILFORD, 3 April — At least one person was killed and a second critically injured on Saturday in the crash of a private plane in the northernmost part of the U.S. state of New Jersey, officials said. There were unofficial reports from

first responders that two people died in the crash.

West Milford, NJ, police said the Cessna 172 aircraft carrying two people crashed in a wooded area near Ridge Road and Iron Hill Road about noon, EDT.

It was not immediately known if

the aircraft had been flying into or out of nearby Greenwood Lake, or even had been there recently.

A police statement said conditions of the people on board were being withheld pending notifications.

Xinhua



Dengue fever cases up 72% so far this year in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 April — The number of dengue fever cases in Brazil from January to March reached 227,109, up 72 percent from the cases registered in the same period last year, the country's Health Ministry

said on Thursday. According to the ministry, 184,574 of those cases, or 86.5 percent of the total, were registered in the same states in which most dengue fever cases occurred last year: Rondonia and Acre in the

northern region; Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul and Goias in the midwestern region; and Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo in the southeastern region.

About 35.4 percent of the cases are reported in

six cities: Campo Grande in Mato Grosso do Sul state, Goiania and Aparecida de Goiania in Goias state, Rio Branco in Acre state, Porto Velho in Rondonia state and Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais state. —Xinhua



Carpets made of sawdust are seen in Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, on 2 April, 2010. Local residents made 42 sawdust carpets with traditional patterns on Friday.

XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua NewsAgency

7 security guards, one soldier killed in Algeria bomb attacks

ALGIERS, 3 April—Seven security guards and a soldier were killed late Saturday in two bomb attacks in east Algeria, local El-Watan daily reported.

The report said the attacks, which were an ambush, occurred on a town road in Tifra, near Bejaia, some 250 km east of Algiers.

The first bomb exploded in the path of a van carrying nine

security guards, killing seven while two managed to flee. One hour later, the second bomb, which was remotely detonated in the same place, killed a soldier and wounded two others. The report said local authorities have started a search operation immediately using two helicopters, while the whole region was sealed by the military. —Xinhua

Bolivia, China team up on communications satellite

LAPAZ, 4 April—Leftist Bolivian President Evo Morales signed an agreement on Thursday that paves the way for the acquisition of a \$300 million Chinese telecommunications satellite, the latest sign of deepening ties between the resource rich Andean country and commodity-hungry China.

The Morales government announced earlier this week that

China will provide Bolivia with a \$67 million loan to build infrastructure in the mineral-rich Oruro region and transportation equipment worth \$2.6 million to the Bolivian armed forces.

Other recent deals have included a \$60 million loan from China late last year, part of which will be used to purchase natural gas drilling rigs. Bolivia has

also announced plans to buy six Chinese light military aircraft worth \$58 million to fight cocaine traffickers.

"Now the President, the Vice President and the Finance Minister have to guarantee the funds, so that we can sign a contract and ... in three years, as the technicians are saying, we'll launch the Tupac Katari satellite," Morales said after signing the deal in La Paz.

The satellite, which will be named after an Indian who led an uprising against the Spanish conquistadors in the 18th century, will improve Internet access and communications in remote rural areas, Morales said.—*Internet*

Officials seize seven mln cigarettes on lorry from France



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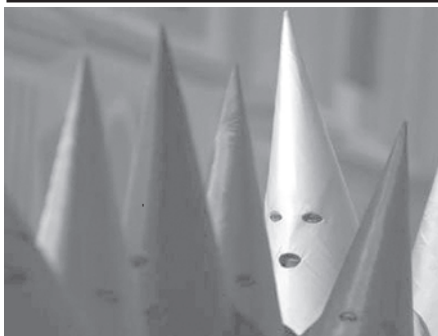
INTERNET

LONDON, 4 April — Border police have seized seven million illegally imported cigarettes from a lorry after it arrived from France, officials said.

The cigarettes were recovered from a freezer unit in the vehicle after it reached Newhaven ferry port from the French port of Dieppe late Wednesday, according to border officials.

Authorities estimated the tobacco would have cost the government 1.3 million pounds in lost tax revenues had it reached the black market.

Police arrested a 42-year-old Scottish lorry driver in connection with the seizure.—*Internet*



Penitents attend the Procession of the Torches during Holy Week in Cidade de Goias, central Brazil 1 April, 2010. Hundreds of Easter processions take place as part of Holy Week in Brazil, drawing thousands of visitors.

INTERNET

Beware of Fire



A boy jumps with his bicycle in front of the European Central Bank (ECB) headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany on 1 April, 2010.

INTERNET

Six die in Minneapolis fire

WASHINGTON, 4 April—Six people, including three children, died Friday in a fire that engulfed a two-story building in Minneapolis, Minnesota, local authorities said.

The bodies of a woman, two men and three children were recovered from the building which housed apartments on the second floor and a pub on the first. Their names were not released.

All victims in the building were believed accounted for, the Minneapolis Fire Department said in a news release.

The fire was reported around 6 a.m. local time (1100 GMT) and firefighters took hours to bring it under control.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation. —*Xinhua*

45 killed in flood-ravaged village in South Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 4 April—Kazakhstan Ministry of Emergency Situations revealed on Friday that the final number of flood victims was confirmed to 45 in Kyzyl-Agash village South Kazakhstan.

The last person on the village's missing list — villager Toleybay Reiszhan has not been found yet. According to the ministry Reiszhan was declared dead. However, the Almaty State Emergency Bureau and local residents are still searching for his body alongside the channel of Kyzyl-Agash River.

At present, the Almaty State Prosecutor's Office has initiated the investigation on relevant suspects related to this disastrous accident. Suspects include some local officials and private companies' executives responsible for the dam's maintenance.—*Xinhua*

Landslide kills 5 in northern Peru

LIMA, 4 April—A landslide in northern Peru on Thursday killed at least five people and left three others missing, the country's national institute of civil defense said.

The landslide, occurring near the town of Cancejos in Huanuco province, destroyed 10 houses, damaged 43 houses and blocked a section of the inter-provincial highway.

Rescuers have already been sent to the disaster area. Cancejos is 550 km northeast of the capital city of Lima.

The institute of civil defense said the landslide was triggered by downpours which lasted over five hours in the area.

Another landslide a week earlier killed seven people in the mining province of Puno in eastern Peru.

Xinhua

A child views cherry trees in full bloom at the Tidal Basin in Washington on 1 April, 2010.

INTERNET

GM China reports record monthly sales in March

SHANGHAI, 4 April — GM China, the Chinese subsidiary of US car-maker General Motors, said Friday sales of GM and its Chinese joint

ventures in March jumped 67.9 percent from a year ago to a new monthly record. Sales totaled 230,048 units last month, the company said in a statement.

The US company and its joint ventures sold 623,546 vehicles in the first quarter, up 71.4 percent, setting a new record of GM sales in China.

March sales of Shanghai GM, GM's joint venture with Chinese auto giant Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, surged 88.8 percent to 86,967 units.

Internet



An aerial view taken of the Gyzeh pyramids near Cairo. The desert is making a comeback in the Middle East, with fertile lands turning into barren wastes that could further destabilise the region, experts said at a water conference on Thursday. —INTERNET

Bird with H5N1 virus found in Bulgaria

SOPIA, 4 April —A dead bird found near Bulgaria's Black Sea port of Varna has tested positive for the deadly H5N1 virus, officials said on Thursday.

The Agriculture Ministry said the tests on a common buzzard were conducted at the national veterinary. No other cases of the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of avian influenza were detected in Bulgaria, but farmers were alerted to the risks of transmission by migratory and wild birds. Two weeks ago, a bird flu outbreak was found at a backyard poultry farm in a village in neighboring Romania, and all its birds were killed.

The European Commission called it the first detection of bird flu in the European Union in a year, following a confirmed case in March 2009 involving a wild duck in Germany. Gregory Hartl, a World Health Organization spokesman in Geneva, told The Associated Press on Thursday that he heard about the bird flu cases in Bulgaria and Romania, but that WHO doesn't confirm or record bird flu cases unless they involve humans. Bird flu has killed 291 people around the world since it began ravaging poultry stocks in 2003, Hartl said, with Indonesia being the worst hit country. — Internet

NASA to conduct 3rd listening check on Mars lander

LOS ANGELES, 4 April — NASA on Friday announced it will check whether the Phoenix Mars Lander has come back to life after experiencing a Martian arctic winter.

The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said the Mars Odyssey orbiter will conduct the check by "listening" to the lander for a third time.

The listening period will last from 5 April through 9 April the JPL said in a news release.

While Odyssey listens to Phoenix during 60 fly-overs next

week, the Phoenix site will be in around-the-clock sunshine.

The Mars Odyssey orbiter received no signal from the solar-powered Phoenix Mars Lander in the previous two listening check-ups conducted earlier this year.

The lander showed no sign of coming back to life in February when it had supposedly revived itself after the northern Mars winter.

The solar-powered Phoenix Mars Lander operated two months longer than its planned three-month mission in the Martian arctic in 2008.—Xinhua

China to buy air defence systems from Russia

MOSCOW, 4 April—China has agreed to buy a large number of S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems from Russia, Interfax news agency reported on Friday, citing the director of the Russian plant that makes the weapons.

The truck-mounted S-300, known in the West as

the SA-20, can shoot down cruise missiles and aircraft.

Interfax quoted Igor Ashurbeili, director general of Almaz Antei which makes the missiles, that China would receive a total of 15 batteries of S-300s. He did not give the value of the deal. In Russia's armed forces, a S-300 battery normally consists

of four truck-mounted installations, each consisting of four missiles held in metal tubes.

Moscow has said it plans to fulfill a contract to supply the S-300, nicknamed "the favorite" in Russia, to Iran, unnerving Israel and its close ally the United States.

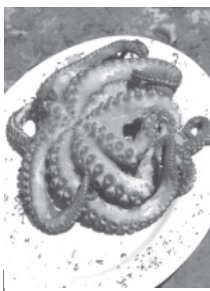
Internet

Fla chef has nine reasons his octopus tastes better

Nineopus. Novopus. Freak of nature. Whatever you want to call it, the nine-legged octopus probably had a leg up on all the other creatures in the Gulf of Mexico — until it was caught and found its way to Hellas Bakery and Restaurant in Florida.

Head Chef Emmanuel Psomas says he was steaming the octopus Thursday when he discovered that it seemed, well, leggier than normal. Psomas says he's cooked octopus for 40 years — it's a Greek delicacy — and has never seen one with an extra leg.

He says he counted the legs three times in



This photo, shows the 9-legged octopus found in a seafood shipment by Hellas Bakery and Restaurant head chef Emmanuel Psomas. He says it's the first 9-legged octopus he's seen in his 40 years as a chef.

disbelief.

"I'm like, this can't be," Psomas said. "I've seen a lot of octopus."

He's keeping the octopus in his refrigerator for now, but he plans to enjoy it soon with a bit of vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and herbs. While unusual, marine experts say the extra leg on the octopus is likely due to genetic mutation.

3-year-old boy drives away with mom's car

A toddler in Oshkosh is OK after taking his mother's car

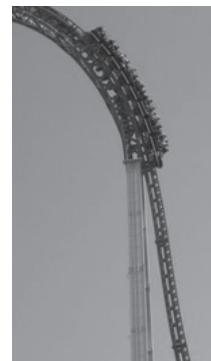
out for short spin down the block. Police said the mother of the 3-year-old

boy told officers her son was asleep in the 1985 Buick sedan when she left it running and ran into the house for a moment Wednesday morning.

When she returned, the car was gone. Police say the boy knelt on the seat, pulled down on the gear shift lever and started to roll down the block.

The car had traveled nearly two blocks before an officer was able to stop the vehicle.

Passengers ride Kings Dominion Park's new roller coaster, the Intimidator 305, during a sneak peak at the new ride, featuring a 300-foot drop at an 85-degree angle, and speeds of up to 94mph, in Doswell, Va. outside of Richmond.



Ohio inmate's letter to wrong address nets charges

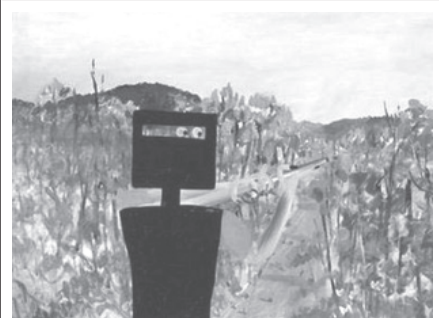
Prosecutors say an Ohio inmate's letter to his mother included detailed instructions on how to sneak drugs to him — but lacked the correct ZIP code.

Ottawa County Sheriff Bob Bratton says the letter was returned to the Port Clinton jail where corrections officers read it along with the other incoming mail.

Donald Dudrow III of Toledo was indicted Thursday on charges of attempted drug trafficking and trying to get drugs into a correctional facility.

He already was in jail on a probation violation.

Jail officials didn't know whether Dudrow has an attorney.



Sidney Nolan's "First-class Marksman" (1946) is seen in this undated handout photo.

NEWS ALBUM

Share duties for better future of motherland

Mi Pyi Chit

A single grain of sesame is not enough to extract edible oil from it, but we can get enough edible oil if we collect a huge number of grains of sesame. Now, the nation is in its transition to democracy, thus calling for concerted efforts, broader views, thoughts, advice and knowledge from the entire people. I am glad to learn that now journals are featuring cartoons, articles, news stories and photos of historic events, processes and views about political affairs.

National brethren at the age of around 60 across the nation passed that period. I don't think there is much difference between characters, ways of thinking, diets, and parental management of a person and that of another. They adhered to the advice of their parents, and practised thrift in their married life. At that time, the price of 10 duck eggs was just one kyat, but on average, a portion of dish for a family member was just half of a boiled duck egg.

No one can deny that the living standard of their children was better than theirs. In like manner, their grandchildren enjoy better living conditions and socio-economic status, with fine educational institutions, clothes and utensils. Myanmar has seen a lot of positive changes during the period.

However, under various circumstances and reasons, a small number of people migrate from rural areas to towns, then to districts and then to capital Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, and then to foreign countries in search of greener pasture. In that regard, some of them are getting on with their businesses, whereas some are not. The former should not forget where they came from, and the latter should not consider that to be a Myanmar citizen is to be shameful and disappointing. They have to accept good results and evil consequences of their past deeds in line with the Teachings of the Buddha. They should not put blame on others, with a negative attitude to life. The more hardships they face the more intention they should

turn to the Teachings of the Buddha and the more they should practise meditation.

That is supported by the Six Supreme Qualities of the Dhamma, one of which says that one can enjoy good returns practically if one follows the Dhamma; and the next of which says one doesn't have to wait to enjoy the fruits of honouring the Dhamma.

In Buddhism, there are the Three Refuges, the Five Infinite Venerables, Supreme Attributes of the Buddha, Supreme Attributes of the Dhamma, and Supreme Attributes of the Sangha, *parittas*, *gathas*, ways of counting beads, and methods of meditation.

All phenomena such as wealth, poverty and bad health are in connection with the Nature of Cause and Effect. In particular, one's innate nature can turn one's living status on its head. Only when one acts with good volition can one enjoy fruitful results.

History reveals that there are many countries suffering from one or two or all of the Three Catastrophes namely famine, war and epidemics. As for Myanmar citizens, Myanmar is the most suitable land to live in. To put it another way, for them, there is no country like Myanmar.

I wish those citizens who are now abroad due to various reasons would take national interest into consideration, viewing the objective conditions of the nation as they really are. And I wish they would recognize the value of adorable traditions, humanitarian spirit of the people, fresh air, waters and land, green vegetable fields, and beautiful natural sceneries of the nation.

So, each and every citizen is duty-bound to do their bit in the tasks for generating a better future of the motherland. Sometimes, I have a nostalgic look back at the past periods in which our ancestors worked very hard and harmoniously to rise from the miseries. The people of us also have to do all what should be done in the interest of our younger generations.

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Every citizen should not think highly of alien lifestyles, but should try to be able to lead a prosperous, peaceful and secure life.

In my opinion, the entire people have to work with a sense of duty in the interest of the nation in order that our posterities will be able to inherit fine legacy of stability, peace and prosperity that have been achieved due to the efforts of our forefathers.

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(2) Observing the objective conditions of the nation, all reliable younger generations should have correct concepts and convictions to be able to chart a prosperous future of the nation. In the process, they should imitate how Japan, Korea, China and Vietnam have worked for their development. The people should lead a peaceful life, while serving the interest of the mother country, a land of impressive geographical features, fine traditions, cardinal virtues, and the Dhamma.

Each and every citizen is duty-bound, and the sectors in which they have to shoulder their duties have been designated. Working hard to accomplish the assigned duties is inspired by a sense of patriotic spirit, and the spirit of adoring and valuing the motherland.

If every citizen of a nation is educated with high reasoning power and a strong sense of patriotism, such a nation will be able to stand tall with a prosperous future in the international community as long as the world lasts.

I wish the mother country would see further flourishing of the sublime states of mind, and the entire people share joys and sorrows in repulsing internal and external dangers and in building a stable, peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

- May the entire people show mutual respect to one another and live through thick and thin,
- May the cardinal virtues flourish!
- May the entire people take care in doing bodily, verbal and mental actions!
- May the people work hard for a prosperous future!
- May the people work with physical and mental well-beings to serve the interest of themselves, their society, the nation and the people!
- May the people become highly-educated and good-hearted citizens with good morality and vast knowledge!

In conclusion, the people are urged to share duties with a sense of duty to chart a brighter future of the motherland.

Translation: MS

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Vietnam-Myanmar International...

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The Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce extended greetings.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivered an address.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Myanmar Am-



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Soe open Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010. —MNA

bassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe formally opened the fair.

The delegation members led by the Viet-

namese Prime Minister and party, the commander, the minister, the mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads, entrepreneurs of

both courtiers, and guests viewed booths staged at the fair.

The fair runs at MCC between 9 am and 5

pm from 3 to 6 April.

Products of Myanmar and Vietnam will be displayed and meetings for boosting

investment and trade between the entrepreneurs of both countries will be held at the trade fair.

MNA

Vietnamese Prime Minister concludes visit



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung accepts Myanmar traditional painting from Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint. —MNA

YANGON, 4 April—The visiting delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung left here by a special flight at 10.45 am today.

Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint presented Myanmar traditional painting and video and documentary photo disc

of the visit to the visiting Prime Minister before his departure.

The delegation was seen off by the commander, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, departmental heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr. Chu Cong Phung and families of the embassy at Yangon International Airport. Earlier in the morning, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

MNA

Health Minister inspects hospitals in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 2 April visited Farmers' Hospital in Samalauk village of Nyaungdon Township in Ayeyawady Division and inspected health care services.

The minister instructed to carry out staff welfare tasks with the profits from fish pond in the compound of the hospital and comforted the patients.

He later visited Pantanaw Township People's Hospital and met with officials.

He also met with township health committee members and staff at People's Hospital of Kyaunggon Township.

The minister inspected wards and laboratory of People's Hospital of Kangyidaunt Township and met officials.

He inspected wards and laboratories in Patheingyi General Hospital and met with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors, nurses and staff. He left necessary instructions.—MNA

Concluding ceremony of hospitality courses held

YANGON, 4 April—The concluding ceremony of hospitality courses of the training school of Star Resources Hospitality

Management Academy was held at 10 am on 2 April at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here.

Managing

Director Daw Nay Yi Aung of the academy extended greetings. Lecturers presented certificates on 150 trainees.—MNA

Managing Director Daw Nay Yi Aung presents certificate to a trainee at the course conclusion of Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy. —MNA

Certificate Awarding Ceremony

(Friday)



Take Fire Preventive Measures

Vietnamese Prime Minister attends opening of representative office of BIDV



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers Col Hla Thein Swe and Col Nyan Tun Aung, and Myanmar ambassador open representative office of BIDV. —MNA

YANGON, 4 April—The opening of representative office of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) in Yangon, was held at Ruby Land Plaza on Pyay Road, here, yesterday, attended by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of

Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung.

It was also attended by Vietnamese delegation, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen

Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for

National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and embassy members, and businessmen of the two countries.

Vietnamese children performed Vietnamese traditional dances and songs to attendees.

Vice General Director of BIDV Mr Le Dao Nguyen made an opening speech.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe presented BIDV Vice General Director Mr Le

Dao Nguyen banking service license and explained banking services.

After that, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and BIDV's representative office Chairman Mr Tran Bac Ha made speeches respectively.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, Myanmar minister, the mayor, deputy ministers, and Myanmar Ambassador formally opened the representative office.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party looked around the office and the former signed visitors' book.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party in the evening attended a dinner at Traders Hotel here hosted by responsible persons of BIDV and Vietnamese airline which is flying Hanoi-Yangon-Hanoi route.—MNA

Tachilek on the road to development

(from page 1)

district and township PDCs have been making efforts for the emergence of developed Tachilek, joining hands with local people.

Tachilek was founded as a long stretch of dwellings on both sides of the Bogoyoke Road, which is composed of six wards with several national races. They trade regional goods and grow seasonal

crops by profession.

Aung Myat hall in the town is standing magnificently to serve as the venue for holding meetings and ceremonies as well as guesthouse for visitors.

Friendship Bridge (1) and (2) between Myanmar and Thailand symbolize friendship between the two countries. Friendship Bridge (1) aims to facilitate travels for the peoples of the two countries and Friendship Bridge (2)

for trading. We saw people going for a stroll across the Friendship Bridge (1) with peace of mind.

Bayintnaung statue near the office of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs is encouraging all visitors to foster Union Spirit.

We proceeded to Tachilek Hospital where we witnessed that the hospital was providing full healthcare service to locals. In addition,



Colourful flowers in full bloom on traffic islands on the road to Tachilek Airport.



Tachilek in Shan State (East) enjoying remarkable development with magnificent buildings.

Tachilek Basic Education High School is standing grandly for nurturing well-qualified youths.

Furthermore, Golden Triangle Paradise Hotel, Shan Yoma and Golden Palace departmental stores in Ponhton Ward reflect economic growth of Tachilek.

Tali-Mongkoe, Tali-Mongphone, Tali-Honglaik and Tali-Maelan bus lines are plying daily in downtown area for public conven-

ience. Short and long route bus lines with modern coaches are also running.

In communication sector, two GSM stations, and auto telephone lines are bringing to-and-fro clear voices all over the country.

Now, Tachilek is on the road to all-round development as a result of sound infrastructures and prevailing peace and tranquility.

Translation: ZZS
(Myanma Alin: 29-3-2010)



The lighting system of the World Expo axis is tested in Shanghai, east China, on 31 March, 2010. The Shanghai World Expo will start trial operation on 20 April with the participation of about 70 percent of the pavilions, the organizer said on 31 March, Tuesday.—XINHUA

Breakthrough reported in fight against sleeping sickness

LONDON, 4 April — Scientists said Wednesday they had identified a new treatment for the potentially fatal disease known as African sleeping sickness, which infects tens of thousands of Africans each year.

The findings, published in the British journal "Nature," pave the way for the development of effective, orally administered, low

toxicity drugs to treat the disease.

"This is one of the most significant findings made in recent years in terms of drug discovery and development for neglected diseases," said Professor Paul Wyatt, director of the Drug Discovery for Tropical Diseases program at the University of Dundee, Scotland.

The World Health Organization estimates

between 50,000 and 70,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with sleeping sickness, or Human African Trypanosomiasis, which is spread by the bite of the tsetse fly.

The disease is caused by a single-celled parasite called trypanosome that can infect the brain and disrupt the sleep cycle.

Xinhua

Car crashes into 737 aircraft

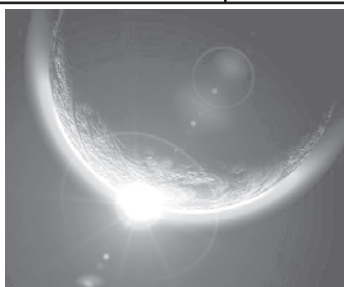
LAGOS, 4 April—A man crashed his car through security gates and into a parked commercial aircraft at a Nigerian airport Wednesday, marking the latest airport security breach in a country where the attempted Christmas Day airline bomber apparently managed to get by screening.

The man slammed an aging Audi sedan through two sets of gates guarded by the Nigerian Air Force at Margaret Ekpo International Airport in Calabar, a city near the country's eastern border with Cameroon, federal aviation spokesman Akin Olukunle said.

The car then rammed into a Boeing 737 operated by Arik Air, Nigeria's top commercial airline.

The aircraft was empty at the time of the collision and no one was injured, Olukunle said. A photograph of the car published online by the Nigerian newspaper NEXT showed it wedged underneath the belly of the aircraft, its front bumper hanging off.

Olukunle said he had no information about the man, who was immediately arrested and is in Air Force custody. A local police bomb squad found no traces of explosives in the car, he said.—Xinhua



Scientists have solved one of the great mysteries of our geological past: Why the Earth's surface was not one big lump of ice four billion years ago when sun radiation was much weaker than today.

INTERNET

Why Earth wasn't one big ball of ice four billion years ago when sun's radiation was weaker

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 April — Scientists have solved one of the great mysteries of our geological past: Why Earth's surface was not one big lump of ice four billion years ago when Sun radiation was much weaker than today. Scientists have presumed that Earth's atmosphere back then consisted of 30 percent CO₂ trapping heat like a greenhouse. However, new research shows that the reason for Earth not going into a deep freeze at the time

was quite different. In 1972, the late, world famous astronomer Carl Sagan and his colleague George Mullen formulated "The faint early Sun paradox." The paradox consisted in that Earth's climate has been fairly constant during almost four of the four and a half billion years that the planet has been in existence, and this despite the fact that radiation from the Sun has increased by 25-30 percent.—Internet

UN mission in DR Congo to support relocation of orphaned gorillas

KINSHASA, 4 April — The UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) will send helicopters to facilitate the transportation of orphaned gorillas to a new sanctuary in a natural reserve of Tanya in North Kivu province.

MONUC said on Wednesday the decision was taken by the representative of the UN secretary general in the DR Congo, Alan Doss, during a ceremony to award the prize of Alexander Abraham for Nature Conservation in

Kinshasa, posthumously to eight conservationists of the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN).

The decision is within the MONUC programs aimed at protecting the environment.

MONUC has also banned all its military contingents in the province from using wood charcoal. They are supposed to seek alternative fuels for the sake of environmental conservation.—Xinhua



Members of the Exeter, RI, fire department stand watch over a washed out section of Rhode Island State Route 102 in Exeter, Wednesday, on 31 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Four die in central China building fire

CHANGSHA, 4 April — Four people were killed in a building fire in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province Wednesday night, local authorities said Thursday.

No one was injured in the accident which occurred at about 10:00 pm in an old five-story building in Kaifu District, said a spokesman with the district government.

Police were questioning the landlord and four other people who

managed the building, he said. They were in police custody.

The landlord allegedly had illegally separated the rooms into smaller compartments using flammable building materials. Liquid gas had accelerated the fire spreading, the spokesman added.

The victims were two couples originally from Hunan's Ningxiang County and Yiyang City.

Police were further investigating the cause of the fire, he said. —Xinhua



Students learn Chinese at the Confucius Institute of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on 31 March, 2010. The number of Confucius faculties increased in recent years as many people choose to learn about Chinese economy, culture and history.

INTERNET



Expert decodes Arctic conflict

BERLIN, 4 April — Few would have predicted some years ago that the Arctic would become a boom region — but that's exactly what has happened.

Climate change is causing Arctic ice sheets to melt, with the oceans in the region possibly ice-free during the summer months. This is opening a new Atlantic-Pacific shipping channel and makes the natural resources lying under the seabed more accessible.

Nations have laid conflicting claims to the seabeds. Russia and Norway are disagreeing over a part in the Barents Sea that is poised to hold major oil and gas reserves. The United States and Canada are rowing over a swath of the Beaufort Sea and over the Northwest Passage, which in 2007 for the first time in modern history was free of ice.

Stefan Nicola, *United Press International's* Correspondent in Berlin, talked to Michael Byers, a politics and law professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and a senior expert on the Arctic, about a region that some observers say has become a potential hot spot for future conflicts.—*Internet*

Russia to apply electronic ticket system to road transport system

Moscow, 4 April — Russia will use an electronic ticket system with its transportation system in an effort to strengthen security, Transport Minister Igor Levitin said Thursday.

The Transport Ministry will install the e-ticket system to public transportation. The e-ticket would contain each passenger's information, including identity and destination, Levitin said at a meeting with Russian transport enterprises.

He also ordered all road transport companies to carry out specific operation schedules for long-distance buses next year. The ministry will make an inspection of all bus stations and terminals around the nation, and close the unsafe ones, he

added.

President Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday ordered the government to strengthen transportation security in response to recent terrorist attacks.

He also ordered new programmes that would equip key transport hubs with tighter security by the end of next March, and establish a complex transport security system nationwide by 2014.

Xinhua



Staff members escape a shopping center during a drilling in Beijing, 2 April, 2010. The police bureau in Beijing carried out a drilling Friday to test the reaction of shopping centres and policemen under emergent situations.

XINHUA



A rescuer looks at a pit of Wangjialing Coal Mine in north China's Shanxi Province, on 2 April, 2010. Rescuers on Friday heard the sound of knocking on pipes at the flooded north China coal mine where 153 miners have been trapped for nearly six days. About 3,000 rescuers are struggling to pump water and reach the trapped miners. — XINHUA

Mercedes Formula One driver Michael Schumacher of Germany is seen through heat haze during the third practice session at the Sepang F1 circuit outside Kuala Lumpur 3 April, 2010. The Malaysian F1 Grand Prix will take place on Sunday.

INTERNET

Asian wheat could strengthen US wheat

MANHATTAN, 4 April — Wheat species from Asia could aid in the US fight against a blight that causes wheat to shrivel and turn chalky white, scientists in Kansas said.

Fusarium graminearum fungi infects wheat heads, producing mycotoxins that reduce the kernels' value and quality.

Wheat collected from Japan, China and South Korea contain anti-fungal genes that could increase resistance in US wheat varieties, said Guihua Bai, a molecular plant biologist at the Hard Winter Wheat Genetics Research Unit in Manhattan, Kan.

The Asian wheat samples include 87 "landrace" populations — domesticated species that have changed little since the ad-

vent of modern plant breeding.

In testing so far, 26 of the landrace lines showed high resistance to the blight, Bai wrote in the April issue of *Agricultural Research Magazine*.

The blight cost the US wheat industry an estimated \$2.7 billion when it swept through the Great Plains states from 1998 to 2000.

Internet



Photo shows the model of the 2012 Olympic tower. The 19.1 million pound cost tower will stand in the southern part of the Olympic Park between the Stadium and Aquatics Centre and will open in time for the 2012 Games.—INTERNET

Hyundai bundles iPad with Equus

NEW YORK, 4 April — The head of Hyundai Motor America said in New York that consumers buying the new Equus luxury car will receive owner's manuals in an iPad rather than book form.

Hyundai Motor America Chief Executive Officer John Krafcik said the free iPad included with a purchase of the Equus, due out during the summer, will serve as an "interactive" owner's manual as well as all of the standard features of the iPad tablet computer, USA Today reported Friday. William Matthies of automotive electronics research firm Coyote Insight said he believes the iPad will add to the car's "gotta-have" factor.

"Many will respond positively to the inclusion of an iPad, not because they needed or planned to buy one but simply because it is topical and cool," Matthies told USA Today.—*Internet*

Crew members on attacked DPRK vessel hospitalized in Kenya

MOMBASA, 4 April — Three crew members of a Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) vessel attacked off Somalia waters were on Friday rushed to a Kenyan hospital in Mombasa after docking at the port of Mombasa.

The vessel, named *Chol San Bong Chong Nyon Ho*, was attacked by pirates on its way to Somalia from Brazil with a sugar cargo on Wednesday.

Port police chief Ayub Gitonga said the vessel had a 40 crew member on board at the time of attack where eight of them were injured.

He said the vessel docked at the port of Mombasa to take the injured to hospital for further treatment. "The crew had documents, we could not deny them entry for treatment," said Gitonga adding that they had been cleared by immigration officers.

He said were it not for good fire-fighting equipment the vessel would have caught fire under the pirates' attack.

The vessel had a large mark suspected to have been caused by a rocket propelled grenade launcher during that daring attack.

A crew member on board the vessel suspected to have been injured was seen limping with a bandage on one of his legs.

Despite a heavy presence of well equipped international naval forces patrolling the high seas of the Indian Ocean, Somali pirates have continued to launch attacks on ships passing through the corridor.

Almost three weeks ago, eight pirates were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment after the court found them guilty of attempting to hijack a ship.—*Xinhua*

Invitation to Tender

Sr. No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	S.T.P.P ကုန်ကြမ်းသယ်ပို့	20 Tons	5.4.2010	8.4.2010
2.	MgO95%	1000 Ton	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
3.	Slurry Pump With Motor	6 Set	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
4.	Power Supply For Coal Grinding Plant	1 Lot	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
5.	Reno: Of Air Separator	1 Set	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
6.	Electrical Power Supply Acc:	1 Lot	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
7.	Forklift Trucks	1 Unit	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
8.	Metal Mould	1 Lot	5.4.2010	24.5.2010
9.	Spare Parts For Polishing & Cutting M/C	6 Items	5.4.2010	24.5.2010

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanmar Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially. (For further details, contact telephone number. 067.408298)

Myanmar Ceramic Industry

People who smoke tend to have lower IQ

TEL AVIV, 4 April—A study of 20,000 men ages 18-21 in the Israeli army found those who smoked tended to have a lower IQ. Tel Aviv University researchers found.

Mark Weiser of the university's department of psychiatry and the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer Hospital found young male smokers are more likely to have lower IQs than their non-smoking peers.

The study, published in the journal *Addiction*, also found that in the case where one twin smoked,

the non-smoking twin tested at a higher intelligence level.

"In the health profession, we've generally thought that smokers are most likely the kind of people to have grown up in difficult neighbourhoods, or who've been given less education at good schools," Weiser said in a statement.

"But because our study included subjects with diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, we've been able to rule out socioeconomic factors as a major factor."

Internet



A grizzly bear at the San Diego Zoo. Canadian environmentalists are calling for strict conservation measures as the controversial grizzly bear hunt begins over the Easter weekend in Canada's westernmost province.—INTERNET

Worm gene could offer clues to human aging

BIRMINGHAM, 4 April—A gene greatly involved in determining the life span of a laboratory worm could offer clues to aging in people, researchers in Britain said.

The gene DAF-16 helps determine the rate of aging and the average life span of *Caenorhabditis elegans* and its close evolutionary cousins, researchers at the University of Birmingham said. The gene is found in many other animals, including humans, said researcher Robin May, who led the study.

May's team compared longevity, stress resistance and immunity in four related species of worms. In general, high levels of DAF-16 activity correlated with longer life, increased stress resistance and greater immunity against some infections.

Future studies will examine how DAF-16 coordinates a complex network of genes to balance the differing needs of an individual's immune system over time, May said in Thursday's edition of *PLoS ONE*.—Internet

Drug may prevent Alzheimer's, slow aging

SAN ANTONIO, 4 April—A drug already approved by the US Food & Drug Administration to prevent organ rejection may help prevent Alzheimer's disease, researchers said.

Several weeks after researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio said the drug

rapamycin helped mice engineered to develop Alzheimer's to retain memory, the same researchers said the drug helped an entirely different mouse model engineered to have early Alzheimer's disease to remember how to swim a maze.

"Rapamycin treatment lowered levels of amyloid-beta-42, a major toxic species of molecules in Alzheimer's disease," Veronica Galvan, an assistant professor from the Barshop Institute and the department of physiology at the

University of Texas Health Science Center, said in a statement.

"These molecules, which stick to each other, are suspected to play a key role in the early memory failure of Alzheimer's."

The drug is produced by a bacterial product isolated from soil of Easter Island and last year the same researchers and colleagues found rapamycin was shown to extend life in mice.

The current findings are published in the journal *PLoS ONE*.

Internet



Celtic's Glenn Loovens (left) vies with Rangers' Kris Boyd during a Scottish Premier League match at Celtic Park in Glasgow in January 2010. Rangers manager Walter Smith expects Scotland striker Boyd to put his future on hold until the end of the season.—INTERNET

Stone Age Scandinavians lactose intolerant

STOCKHOLM, 4 April—Stone Age hunter-gatherers who lived along the southern coast of Scandinavia 4,000 years ago were unable to digest milk, researchers said.

The findings support a widely held theory that modern Scandinavians descended from people who arrived in the area after the Stone Age population.

Unlike modern

Scandinavians, the DNA of the hunter-gatherers shows they were lactose intolerant, said researchers at Stockholm University and Uppsala University.

The ability to digest milk is closely associated with the transition from hunter-gatherer populations to agricultural societies, said researcher Anders Gotherstrom.

Gotherstrom is the coordinator of a European Union-funded project focusing on the significance of milk in European prehistory.

"The findings are indicative of what we call 'gene flow,' in other words, migration to the region at some later time of some new group of people, with whom we are genetically similar," Gotherstrom said.

Internet

Even toddlers notice good intentions

KINGSTON, 4 April—Canadian researchers found even toddlers notice and could reward good intentions.

Kristen Dunfield and Valerie Kuhlmeier of Queen's University in Kingston found children as young as 21 months old selectively helped the person who had shown good intent.

"Some of the characteristics of the rich reciprocal relationships observed in adults are in place in infancy," Dunfield and Kuhlmeier said in a statement.

The study, published in the journal *Psychological Science*, reported a toddler was more likely

to help someone showing good intentions — even if the person did not accomplish a desired outcome.

In one experiment, Dunfield and Kuhlmeier introduced toddlers to two actresses — one who offered a toy, put it on a slanted surface and showed surprise when the toy rolled away. The other actress showed the child the toy, but then took it away.

When the toddler was put in the position of being able to "return" a toy, it was most likely given to the actress showing good intentions, the researchers said.

Internet



Referee Tony Weeks (C) gets hit by a punch from Bernard Hopkins (L) of the US after Hopkins and compatriot Roy Jones Jr. continue to fight after the end of the sixth round of their light heavyweight fight at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on 3 April, 2010.

INTERNET



Nomads of Kazak ethnic group from the lower reaches of the Kiran River migrate with livestock to avoid floods prompted by melting snow, in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 2 April, 2010.—XINHUA

Broadband used in ocean images

FALMOUTH, 4 April — Two advanced broadband acoustic systems will help oceanographers pinpoint tiny zooplankton even in rough seas, scientists in Massachusetts said.

In terms of acoustics, the systems are equivalent to changing from black-and-white television to high-definition color television, researchers at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution said in a release Thursday.

The systems showed highly promising results when tested recently off the US East Coast, researchers Tim Stanton and Andone Lavery recently wrote in the *Journal of Marine Science*. The new systems measure sound scattering over a continuous range of frequencies, rather than just a few frequencies.

The advanced broadband ability will aid oceanographers in classifying fish and zooplankton, no matter the turbulence of the water, Stanton and Lavery said. Previously, it was impossible to know whether sound waves were being scattered by high turbulence or by the objects being studied.—Internet

Cambodia shrugs off US halting shipments of military trucks

PHNOM PENH, 4 April— Cambodia shrugged off US suspended shipments of 200 military trucks over retaliation of Cambodia's deportation of Chinese asylum seekers last year.

Koy Kong, spokesman for Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and In-

ternational Cooperation, said that Cambodia has her full sovereignty to implement its policy in deporting the illegal 20 Chinese Uighur asylum seekers back to China in December last year.

"It is the rights of US government to either donate or suspend such as-

sistance. Cambodia is implementing its own policy and laws within the frameworks of full sovereignty," Koy Kong told *Xinhua*.

"That means US can implement their policy and we can implement ours."

Xinhua



Visitors watch exhibits of computerised lingerie sewing machines at the 5th Shenzhen International Lingerie Fair in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province on 2 April, 2010. —XINHUA

Soldiers of a corps of engineers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) sent by the Beijing Military Area Command transfer equipment after arriving in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 2 April, 2010. The PLA engineers were sent to the drought-hit Yunnan province on Friday with a mission of water seeking and well drilling. —XINHUA



Grenadian minister calls on developed nations to take biggest climate change responsibilities

PANAMA, 4 April— A senior small island politician has demanded industrialized nations face up to their responsibility in leading a global solution to the global threat of climate change.

Grenada Environment Minister Michael Church, whose country chairs the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) said those developed countries who polluted in the biggest way over the history of industrialization must make the

biggest sacrifices now.

"We believe the historical responsibility becomes an extremely important and critical element in what we do now and in the future," Church told *Xinhua* in a recent interview.

"In other words, we should not, not withstanding our smallness, we should not sit back and al-

low countries to get away by not taking their responsibilities. It has nothing to do with ideologies. It has everything to do with the survival of man on this planet."

Small island nations face the direct threat of climate change. For the 42 member nations of AOSIS, survival is non-negotiable.— *Xinhua*

Rescuers transfer Moldavskiy Leonid, a sailor who suffered an attack of hypertension suddenly on a Russian cargo ship, to the ambulance in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 2 April, 2010.—XINHUA



Hormone may aid gastric cancer patients

OSAKA, 4 April— Japanese medical researchers say they identified a protein that might help reduce the incidence of malnutrition in gastric cancer patients.

Scientists from Osaka University's School of Medicine said gastric cancer patients who have undergone surgery to remove all or part of their stomach often suffer post-operative weight loss. But the re-

searchers said they found the hormone ghrelin might improve appetite and provide other beneficial affects.

"Our study provides convincing data for the beneficial effects of ghrelin — the only gastrointestinal hormone known to stimulate appetite — on body weight and dietary activity after gastrectomy," said Dr. Shuji Takiguchi, the study's lead author. "Although there are some issues to be resolved before clinical use, surgeons dealing with gastric cancers and other gastroesophageal diseases should be encouraged by the availability of ghrelin."

The research is reported in the journal *Gastroenterology*.—Internet



Tom Zirbel of the USA competes in the AMGEN Tour of California in 2009. Zirbel has been suspended for two years after testing positive for testosterone at the US Pro Road Championships last August, the US Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday.—INTERNET

Coffee beans may become insecticides

CAMPINAS, 4 April—Brazilian scientists say they've found unroasted coffee beans contain proteins that can kill insects — a finding that may lead to new food crop insecticides.

University of Campinas Professor Paulo Mazzafera said peas, beans and other plant seeds contain proteins called globulins, which ward off insects and coffee beans contain large amounts of globulins.

Although the high heat involved in roasting coffee beans destroys the globulins, Mazzafera said he and his team wondered whether the coffee proteins might also have an insecticidal effect.—Internet

SPORTS

Barcelona brush aside Bilbao to go top

MADRID, 4 April—Champions Barcelona brushed aside Athletic



Barcelona's forward Lionel Messi (L) fights for the ball with Bilbao's defender Carlos Gurpegui (R) during a Spanish League football match at the Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET

Bilbao 4-1 on Saturday to return to the top of La Liga and open a three-point gap on Real Madrid who they face next week in 'El Clasico'.

Barcelona have a decisive week ahead of them with the Champions League quarter-final second leg at home to Arsenal on Tuesday and then a trip to Real four days later.

They enjoyed the perfect preparation on Saturday with three points and a convincing win that puts the pressure on Real Madrid to win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

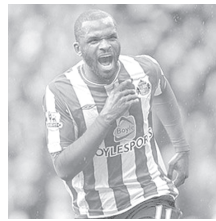
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Redknapp praying on Spurs' walking wounded

SUNDERLAND, 4 April—Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp admitted the race to finish fourth in the English Premier League was now wide open as he hoped his walking wounded could limp into Europe.

The Spurs boss has seen his side sink to second place in the four-way fight to grab the final Champions League spot and is putting his faith in the club's medics to get his missing stars fit for the final six league games.

Spurs are fifth in the table, a point behind Manchester City and



Sunderland's striker Darren Bent celebrates scoring their second goal during the English Premier League football match against Tottenham Hotspur at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland.—INTERNET

four ahead of Liverpool and Aston Villa.

Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Clijsters steamrolls Williams for Miami triumph

MIAMI, 4 April—US Open champion Kim Clijsters steamrolled Venus Williams 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday to win her second Miami hardcourt WTA title.

"I felt from the begin-



Kim Clijsters of Belgium celebrates after defeating Venus Williams of the United States in straight sets during the women's final of the 2010 Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida.—INTERNET

ning I was ready to go and really seeing the ball well," said Clijsters, who claimed her third title since starting a comeback last year after more than two seasons away from the WTA.

Clijsters, the 14th seed, also won here in 2005 - two years before she retired.

Now the Belgian, who married and had a baby during her break from the tour, will climb to number 10 in the world rankings next week, the highest ranking for the former number one since her return.—Internet

Rebel Balotelli keeps Inter ahead as top three in Serie A win



Inter Milan's forward Mario Balotelli eyes the ball during their Serie A football match against Bologna at San Siro Stadium in Milan.

INTERNET

ROME, 4 April—Rebel striker Mario Balotelli made a goalscoring return for Inter Milan on Saturday as the champions beat Bologna 3-0 while AS Roma and AC Milan also won to keep up the Serie

A title pressure. Mirko Vucinic scored the only goal of the game as second-placed AS Roma triumphed 1-0 at Bari, to stay one point behind Inter, while Milan stayed three points off top with a 3-2 success at Cagliari.

Inter came into their game in poor league form having won only two of their previous nine matches, but they dominated despite suffering from a number of suspensions, notably captain Javier Zanetti, Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o and Brazilian defenders Maicon and Lucio.

Internet

Mancini eyes Champions League after Burnley floored

BURNLEY, 4 April—Roberto Mancini has his eyes firmly on playing in next season's Champions League after Manchester City's resounding 6-1 win over struggling

Burnley in the Premier League moved them into fourth place.

City moved into final Champions League berth with Saturday's win, which featured five differ-

ent goalscorers.

It was City's biggest away win in the Premier League and their best result in the top flight since a 5-0 win at Manchester United in February 1955.

"It's important to be fourth now but it will be important to be there at the end of the season," Mancini said. "Now we play six games and they are six difficult games but if we have concentration like the first half today we have a good chance."

Internet



Bayern Munich's midfielder Franck Ribery (R) fights for the ball with Schalke's defender Benedikt Hoewedes (C) during their Bundesliga football match in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany.—INTERNET

Bayern eye Champions title as Man United clash nears

BERLIN, 4 April—Bayern Munich hailed their win over Bundesliga title rivals Schalke as a perfect tonic as they prepare to finish the job and knock Manchester United out of the Champions League.

Last week's come-from-behind 2-1 quarter-final first leg win over the English giants sent the Bavarians into Saturday's league encounter at a packed Veltins Arena with the wind in their sails despite some poor recent domestic form.

And a 2-1 courtesy of goals from Frenchman Franck Ribery - his fourth of the season - and Thomas Mueller, within a minute of each other, saw Bayern deliver a potential hammer to Schalke's hopes of a first league crown since 1958.

Internet



Chelsea's Portuguese midfielder Deco (2nd L) breaks through the Manchester United defence at Old Trafford in Manchester, north-west England on 3 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Man United count the cost of Rooney injury

MANCHESTER, 4 April—Sir Alex Ferguson's angry tirade at the officials who handled Manchester United's 2-1 defeat by Chelsea may have temporarily blurred the picture.

But once his temper had subsided, the United boss will have been acutely aware of the reality that his squad's season could effectively be over by Wednesday evening, when Bayern Munich will visit Old Trafford with a 2-1 first leg lead to defend in their Champions League quarter-final tie.

After watching his side outclassed by sharper, fresher opponents for much of Saturday's encounter, Ferguson did not hide from the fact that his players had lost control of their own destiny in their quest for an unprecedented fourth consecutive English title.—Internet

Wenger hits back at Domenech over Gallas injury

LONDON, 4 April—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has stepped up his war of words with France coach Raymond Domenech over the treatment of defender William Gallas.

Wenger was furious at Domenech's criticism of the decision to play Gallas in last week's Champions League quarter-final clash with Barcelona.

The defender aggravated a calf injury that has ruled him out for the rest of Arsenal's season and made him unsure of featuring for his country in the World Cup in South Africa.

Internet

Early Detection of Age-Related Memory Deficits in Mice

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 April—By studying the aging of memory in the mouse, researchers in the Laboratoire Neurobiologie des Processus Adaptatifs (CNRS/ Université Pierre et Marie Curie) have developed an experimental protocol that can detect age-related memory deficits at an early stage. They have shown that even at 10 months, which corresponds to a third of their life expectancy, some mice present with age-related memory disorders. Published in *Neurobiology of Aging*, this work opens new perspectives for an understanding of the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the aging of memory and for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's diseases.—*Internet*

ASLEEP IN JESUS Mr Patrick Watson @ U Soe Myint Aged (56) years

Beloved eldest son of Mr H A Watson (deceased) & Daw Aye Sein, brother of Kenneth Soe Win (deceased), Kathleen Tin Tin Aye-Joseph Thein Pe (Singapore), Albert Khin Maung Thein-Esther, Alick Tin Maung Htwe (deceased), uncle of (4) nieces and nephews and grand uncle of (1) grand niece passed away on 1st April 2010 at No. 155, Rm 13, 45th Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon. Funeral Mass and burial will be held on 5th April 2010 (Monday) at 11:30 am at Yeway Christian cemetery. (Buses will leave the residence and St Mary's Cathedral Catholic Church at 10:00 am).

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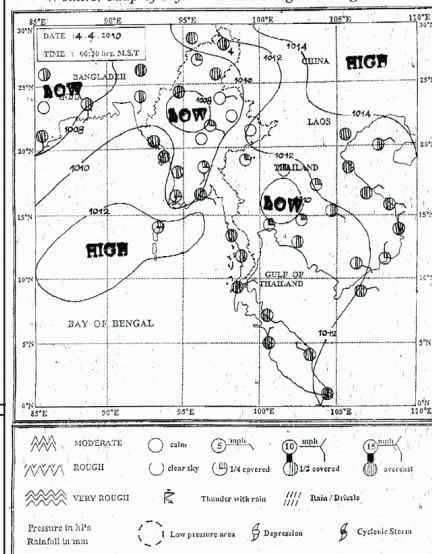
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 4th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair the remaining areas. Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Kayah, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures was Magway (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.47) inch and Machanbaw (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-4-2010 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 4-4-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4-2010 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 3-4-2010 was (9.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-4-2010 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (20:30) hours MST on 3-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Russian manned spacecraft docks with space station

MOSCOW, 4 April—A Russian spaceship carrying three astronauts docked with the *International Space Station* (ISS) on Sunday morning, the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said.

The 23rd ISS mission, consisting of Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Korniyenko, as well as US female astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, will work at the space station for some 167 days.

After two days of flight, the spaceship docked with the small research module Poisk of the Russian segment in an automatic mode at 9:24

a.m. Moscow time (0524 GMT), said Valery Lyndin, spokesman for the Mission Control.

The three astronauts were scheduled to enter the

space station about three hours later after checking on airtight conditions and pressures of the sealed cabin.

MNA/Xinhua



Participants look over cars of all sizes to be auctioned off by the US Marshals Service Thursday, 1 April, 2010, in North Salt Lake City, Utah. The collection, containing hundreds of automobiles and other vehicles, was seized by the government from Jeffrey Mowen, who is accused of swindling investors out of millions of dollars.—INTERNET

Two dead in north China chemical blast

HOHHOT, 4 April—Two people were killed and another injured after a silicon tetrachloride storage tank exploded in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Sunday, local authorities said. The blast occurred at about 10 a.m. in the Shengsen Silicon Technology Development Co., Ltd., in Yuanbaoshan District, Chifeng City, said officials with the district government. Rescuers were cleaning up the toxic chemicals. Residents near the company have been evacuated. Police and work safety officials were investigating the cause of the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

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- ★ 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

Regional development tasks in Thongwa, Kayan townships in full swing



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence at Yaungchi-U Library.—MNA

YANGON, 4 April—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of Yaungchi-U Library in Thaiktukan model village, Thongwa Township here this morning. At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented cash donations and publications donated by Yangon Division PDC to the library.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe next visited Duwin

Nagamauk fruit plantation in Ward-7, Kayan Township and the briefing hall for 30-mile greening project on Thanlyin-Bago road and left necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party went to Thongwa sluice gate where they inspected storage of water. An official reported on tasks to be carried out for 30-mile greening. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on conducting continuous checks on the sluice gates for their durability and extension of summer paddy cultivation.—MNA

Significant step toward lightweight batteries

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 April—A team of researchers at MIT has made significant progress on a technology that could lead to batteries with up to three times the energy density of any battery that currently exists.

Yang Shao-Hom, an MIT associate professor of mechanical engineering and materials science and engineering, says that many groups have been pursuing work on lithium-air batteries, a technology that has great potential for achieving great gains in energy density. But there has been a lack of understanding of what kinds of electrode materials could promote the electrochemical reactions that take place in these batteries.—Internet



Test battery has inlet and outlet on the sides to provide a flow of air, providing oxygen for the battery's operation.

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