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Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on Vietnamese President



NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein called on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi at 12.15 pm yesterday.

First, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries arrived at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi.

Next, the Prime Minister and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries met Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet.

Later, the Prime Minister and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries attended a luncheon hosted by the Vietnamese President.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi.

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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

Views exchanged at 16th ASEAN Summit (Retreat Session) in Hanoi of SRV

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 16th ASEAN Summit (Retreat Session) for Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member countries at Room 339 on the third floor of the National Convention Centre in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 9 am yesterday.

Also present at the retreat session were Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah of Brunei Darussalam, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President

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Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member countries pose for documentary photo.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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To avoid harms caused by hot weather

It is now high summer, so the people should take care of their activities and meals.

Significant day temperatures of respective regions are stated in the media for public knowledge. When temperature is high, the sweat pours off, causing dehydration. We suffer both mental and physical exhaustion due to high temperature.

We should have a healthy diet in high summer. We should avoid foods that can encourage hypertension. In particular, we must avoid drinking liquor as drinking can rise body temperature.

We should also avoid taking a bath in plain areas without shelters and on banks of watercourses while the sun is still shining.

Those with diabetes, heart attack, and hypertension, children, and old persons should stay in the places with adequate ventilation for their comfort.

We should drink lots of rehydrated liquid to avoid becoming dehydrated.

In addition, we should choose, light and comfortable clothes that are good for our health in hot season.

If a person suffers from exhaustion, high body temperature and loses consciousness due to high day temperature, we must rush him to the nearest hospital or health care centre.

Therefore, the people are urged to follow the public notices on dangers due to high temperature issued by the Ministry of Health and take care in daily routines for their longevity.

Yangon Entertainment to sponsor World Cup live on air

YANGON, 10 April — Yangon Entertainment Co Ltd organized a press meet on 2010 FIFA World Cup at Chatrium Hotel on 8 April here.

First, Chairman U Hla Win extended

greetings, and General Manager U L Main Dain explained arrangements to air 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa by Yangon Entertainment Co Ltd that was given an exclusive copy right

licence in Myanmar. Next, Daw Swe Zin Htaik gave accounts of



Yangon Entertainment Co Ltd explains arrangements to air 2010 FIFA World Cup in Myanmar.—MNA

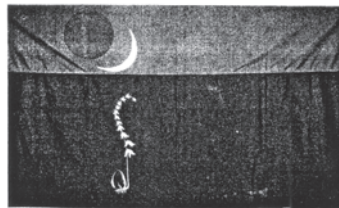
People's Desire

- * 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

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization (M.K.N.S.O), headquartered at No.202, Sartaik Street, Pyidawtha ward, Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State, on 9-4-2010 submitted its application for its continued existence as a political party under Article-25 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who want to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

The flag of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization (M.K.N.S.O)



The logo and the seal of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization (M.K.N.S.O)



Union Election Commission

Life-saving course of FSD concludes

YANGON, 10 April—The life-saving course (3/2010) of Fire Services Department under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement concluded at the Kyansithar hall of FSD (Head Office) on Oakponseik Road, Mayangon Township, here this morning.

On behalf of Acting Director-General, Director of FSD U Aung Kyaw Myint delivered an address at the ceremony. The four week-course was attended by 40 trainees.

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Myanma Awba honours its best sellers

YANGON, 10 April—The Myanma Awba Group Co Ltd, which has been distributing quality pesticides and fertilizers, held its 15th Anniversary in conjunction with a ceremony to honour sale representatives for 2009-2010 at Traders Hotel here on 8 April.

Managing Director U Thatoe Hein extended greetings. The managing director and members of Board of Directors presented gifts to the sale



Myanma Awba Group Co Ltd, distributor of quality pesticides and fertilizers, holds 15th Anniversary.—MNA

representatives who made best sales.

The address of the Myanma Awba Group Co

Ltd is No. 33, Shwepadauk Yeikmon, Bayintnaung Road, Kamayut Township,

Yangon (Ph: 01-538097, 01-538791 and 01-527082).

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2010 FIFA World Cup Exclusive Right.

Then Chairman U Hla Win and Chairman U Zaw Min Aye of Moe San Pan Group Co Ltd signed contract on broadcast of 2010 FIFA World Cup and Sales of Commercial Airtime Opportunities & 2010 FIFA World Cup Trade Marks & Logo.

Afterwards, Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Part

(1), mainly sponsored by Rico & Rina Logo (Hair, Body & Skin Care), was shown to those present.

Arrangements are being made to air this programme on May.

Those who want to use FIFA World Cup Trade Mark, Logo, sound, picture and words in commercial may contact Yangon Entertainment Co Ltd, No (40), 67th Street,

Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 294045, 290170, 291318 and Fax: 296928 and Email: epl@myanmar.com.mm, ye@myanmar.com.mm) and who want to put advertisements may contact Moe San Pan, No (18/51 A) at the corner of East Racing Course and Laydaunkan Streets in Tamway Township, Yangon (Ph: 098621694, 098614882 and 095185433).—MNA

Operation launched against Taliban in N Afghan province

KABUL, 10 April — Afghan and NATO-led troops launched a major offensive against Taliban militants in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province Saturday morning, officials said.

"A major operation with the involvement of Afghan and NATO-led troops launched against Taliban militants in Chardara district early this morning to ensure stability there," governor of Chardara district Abdul Waheed Omarhild told Xinhua.—Internet

German patrol vehicle damaged by bomb attack in Afghanistan

BERLIN, 10 April —A German military patrol vehicle was damaged after driving over an explosive device in northern Afghanistan but no German soldiers were injured, the German military said Friday.

According to a spokesman of the German military operations command in Potsdam near Berlin, the incident occurred near the German army camp in Kunduz at about 9:30 am Afghan time, just hours before German Chancellor Angela Merkel prepared to attend a funeral service in Germany for three German soldiers killed the previous Friday in

Afghanistan.

German media quoted governor of Kunduz province Mohammad Omar as saying the bombs on the road leading to the German military camp appeared to be detonated by remote

control.

Three German soldiers were killed and five others injured in a Taliban ambush in the Chahar Dara district southwest of the city of Kunduz last Friday. —Internet



A view of a building, destroyed by the US Military, on the banks of the Tigris river in Baghdad on 9 April, 2010.

INTERNET

A crashed training plane is seen in Tagman area of Pakistan's northwest province, on 8 April, 2010. A pilot was killed when a training plane of the Pakistani military crashed in Tagman area, local media reported on Thursday.—INTERNET

Missing Russian helicopter hit by avalanche after landing

Moscow, 10 April —A helicopter carrying 19 people that went missing earlier Saturday in the Kamchatka peninsula in Russia's far eastern region had been hit by an avalanche after it landed, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

The Mi-8 helicopter has been found from the air on a hill slope in Kamchatka's Yelizavetinsky district, and rescuers saw live people at the site, Sergei Viktorov,

spokesman of the far eastern branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry told Itar-Tass.

The 16 tourists on board have been confirmed Germans, the spokesman said.

Nine people have been removed from the helicopter, among who one German tourist and the pilot's grandson were in serious condition and had been transported to a hospital nearby, an

Emergency Ministry spokeswoman said.

"Rescuers have been able to remove nine people, seven of whom are in satisfactory condition and two of whom are seriously injured and are being taken by helicopter to a hospital in Yelizovo," the spokeswoman Natalya Lukash told the RIA Novosti news agency, adding she had no information on the remaining passengers and crew on board.

Internet

Polish President's plane crashes in western Russia



Poland's President.

Moscow, 10 April —A plane carrying Polish President Lech Kaczynski crashed near the Smolensk airport in western Russia Saturday, killing all people on board, said Russian officials.

The Polish Foreign Ministry confirmed that

the president and his wife were on the plane.

The plane, a Tupolev Tu-154, was flying from Warsaw to the Russia city of Smolensk also carried the president's wife, the army chief of staff, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrzej Kremer and the central bank governor, said Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman Piotr Pszkowski.

There were no survivors in the plane.

There were altogether 132 people aboard the plane, Russian news agencies reported.

Xinhua



A man adjusts photos by Namir Noor-Eldeen on displayed at a gallery in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad on 8 April, 2010.

INTERNET

At least 80 gunmen terrorize Mexican town, kill four

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — Police say at least 80 gunmen terrorized a town in northern Mexico for several hours and killed four people.

Sonora state attorney general Abel Murrieta says the assailants arrived in the town of Maycoba in at least 15 pickup trucks, opened fire on the state police headquarters and set it ablaze.

Murrieta said Friday the assailants terrorized the town for at least five hours Thursday afternoon. He said the

gunmen are members of organized crime but gave no other details.

In the central state of Morelos, police found the bodies of two men hanging from a bridge in the city of Cuernavaca.

Cuernavaca police say in a statement the bodies were found Friday along with a message that claims federal authorities are protecting an alleged drug kingpin.

Internet





Workers make Nixing Pottery wares at a factory in Qinzhou, city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 8 April, 2010. Nixing Rottery, dating from Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907), was enlisted into the Non-material Cultural Heritage of China in 2007.—XINHUA

China auto sales jump 56% year-on-year in March

BEIJING, 10 April—China's auto sales continued their strong growth in March, fueled by government incentives designed to boost domestic consumption.

Auto sales in China climbed 55.79 percent from a year earlier to about 1.74 million units in March, the China Association of Automobile Manuf-

acturers (CAAM) said Friday.

The March sales figure means first quarter sales reached 4.61 million units, up 71.78 percent year on year, according to the CAAM.

Passenger car sales rose 63.22 percent to more than 1.26 million units in March, bringing the quarterly sales figure to more than 3.52

million units, up 76.34 percent.

The Chinese government slashed the sales tax on small cars to 5 percent from 10 percent last year in a bid to boost domestic consumption amid the economic slowdown.

The policy is being partially retained in 2010, with the sales tax now at 7.5 percent.

Internet

Strong wind to sweep through North China

BEIJING, 10 April—A cold front will sweep through most parts of north China in the next three days, bringing strong winds and a temperature drop of 4 to 6 degrees Celsius or more, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said Friday.

South Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and central and western Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region are to be hit by sandstorms, and residents are advised to wear masks or scarves when outdoor, it said.

South China will experience a new round of rainy days which may cause flooding. Provinces of Hubei, Anhui, Hunan and Jiangsu, and Shanghai Municipality will have moderate rains or even heavy rains in the weekend.—Xinhua

Portugal sends troops, plane to combat Somali pirates

LISBON, 10 April — Portugal's Supreme National Defense Council on Friday decided to send a plane and some troops to the Indian Ocean to participate in the EU's piracy-combat mission there.

In a communique released after a special meeting, the Council said it is sending a sea-patrol

aircraft and 42 troops to fight the Somali pirates.

The Portuguese mission will last four months at most, the Council said.

Xinhua

Nigerian gunmen abducts four foreign nationals, kill police officer

PORT HARCOURT, 10 April —The Nigerian police in southeast River State has confirmed the abduction of four expatriates by gunmen operating in the oil rich region. One police officer was killed.

State police spokesperson Rita Abbey told Xinhua on phone on Friday that the gunmen numbering about 10 abducted three Syrians and one Lebanese.

Internet

Austria plans to increase investment in colleges

VIENNA, 10 April —Austria is planning to increase its investment in colleges, particularly in the field of information technology because IT graduates are in great demand, officials said Friday. Minister of Science and Technology Beatrix Karl said the plan is still under negotiation between the Austrian Federal Economy Chamber (WKO) and the Austrian College Conference (FHK). Kurt Koleznik, general secretary of the Austrian College Conference (FHK), said after a meeting with Karl that other majors such as biology, environment technology and engineer science should also receive more funds.

Austria was also facing a shortage of qualified staff in the technical natural sciences and about 400 additional graduates from the field are required until 2015, said Michael Landertshammer, director of the educational department of the WKO.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

France seeks China's green industry investment

BOAO, 10 April —France is striving to invite more Chinese companies to invest in the country's green industry, a French investment official said here Friday.

The French authorities sought to attract overseas investment to create more jobs by taking the advantage of global economic recovery and focus on green economy, David Appia, chairman and CEO of Invest in France Agency, told Xinhua.

The global financial crisis has dampened overseas investment in Europe, but it also offered opportunities for investment in low-carbon and biological industries, said Appia, also French Ambassador for International Investments.

China is committed to transforming the pattern of economic growth, which will drive more local businesses to enter new energy, new resources and new tech industries, he said.—Xinhua

Chinese mainland actress Zhu Xuan, Hong Kong actresses Fala Chen and Wai Ying-hung and Chinese actress Zhang Jingchu (L to R) pose for photos during a news conference promoting the Hong Kong Film Awards in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 April, 2010.—INTERNET



Tanker owner in talks with Somali pirates



The boarding team of the FGS Emden guard a skiff containing suspected pirates.

INTERNET

SEOUL, 10 April — Reports say negotiations for the release of a South Korean supertanker hijacked by Somali pirates have begun.

Authorities say Somali pirates hijacked the 300,000-ton Samho Dream in the Indian Ocean on Sunday. The ship was transporting crude oil worth about \$160 million from Iraq to the U.S. with a crew of 24 South Koreans and Filipinos.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency cited an unnamed source as saying Friday that the owner of the ship has begun negotiations for the ship's release but the pirates' demands aren't yet clear.—Xinhua



A saleswoman displays a cap made from an old pant at the Secco store in Helsinki, capital of Finland, on 9 April, 2010.

INTERNET



China discovers 3.52 bln tonnes of iron ore in 2009

BEIJING, 10 April — China discovered 3.52 billion tonnes of proven iron ore reserves in 2009, the Ministry of Land and Resources said in a report released on its Web site Friday.

That was among the 398 medium- to large-sized mineral deposits newly discovered in 2009, an almost 10-year high, the statement said.

It also said newly-found proven oil reserves hit 1.12 billion tonnes and newly-discovered natural gas reserves reached a record 723.4 billion cubic meters.

"Domestic supplies of iron ore have been increasing in recent years," the National Development and Reform Commission said in a statement

Friday, which added iron ore output had increased to 880 million tonnes in 2009 from 260 million tonnes in 2003.

Proven iron ore reserve totalled nearly 10 billion tonnes in major deposits in the provinces of Liaoning, Hebei, Shandong, Sichuan and Anhui, the statement said.

Xinhua



A girl of Qiang ethnic group stands in front of her portrait in National Art Museum of China, on 8 April, 2010. Paintings created by famous painter Li Zijian featuring children of Wenchuan which was hit by earthquake in May 2008 will be displayed at the museum from 17 April, to 26, 2010. XINHUA

4.1-magnitude quake jolts northern Chinese city of Tangshan

BEIJING, 10 April — A 4.1-magnitude earthquake jolted the northern Chinese city of Tangshan in Hebei Province late Friday afternoon, the China Earthquake Administration said.

No casualties or property damage was reported. The quake struck the city's Fengnan District at 6:51 p.m. with a depth of about 13 km. The epicenter is calculated to be 39.5 degrees north and 118.2 east, the China Earthquake Administration said. A local resident told Xinhua he felt the floor under his feet suddenly began to shake when the quake hit. The tremor was also felt in parts of the neighboring port city of Tianjin, as many residents rushed out of their homes into the street.

"The sound of the ground shaking was like the rumbling of heavy trucks, which reminded me of the Tangshan earthquake more than 30 years ago," resident Ren Lihua, in her 40s, told Xinhua. A 7.8-magnitude quake struck Tangshan in 1976, taking more than 240,000 lives.

Xinhua



People shop at Macy's Department store during the Macy's Flower Show in New York, the United States, on 9 April, 2010.

XINHUA

British doctors use inert gas to save baby

LONDON, 10 April — British doctors say they have used an inert gas to prevent brain injury in a baby boy who was born in critical condition.

The treatment with xenon gas is experimental and has not been used elsewhere, the doctors at St. Michael's Hospital in Bristol said

Friday.

When Riley Joyce was born recently, he couldn't breathe or maintain a pulse, and showed signs of brain injury.

The doctors say they resuscitated him and used xenon gas to cool his brain to reduce the risk of permanent damage.

Xenon is a rare, inert gas present in normal air. Laboratory tests have shown it can double the protective effect of cooling the brain. After a week, Riley was alert and eating.

Doctors plan to use the gas on at least 12 babies before starting a bigger trial. —Xinhua

Doctors separate conjoined Irish twins

LONDON, 10 April — British doctors say they successfully separated conjoined Irish twins in a London hospital.

The twin boys, Hassan and Hussein Benhaffaf, were born in Cork, Ireland, joined at the chest. They did not share any major organs.

About 20 doctors and nurses at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital were involved in a 14-hour surgery to separate the twins on Wednesday.

Conjoined twins occur about once every 50,000 pregnancies in developed countries. The twins' doctor said they are

in intensive care and are sedated but stable.

The twins' parents, Angie and Azzedine Benhaffaf, say in a statement released Thursday that "Words cannot express the relief and love we feel for our two boys."

Xinhua

Small asteroid to zip harmlessly past Earth

PASADENA, 10 April — NASA scientists have updated information on the path of a newly discovered asteroid that is set to make a safe flyby past Earth.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena says the latest trajectory indicates that the closest approach for asteroid 2010 GA6 will be just slightly beyond the moon's orbit, about 270,000 miles from Earth. The time of its closest pass will be 7:06 p.m. PDT on Thursday. NASA routinely tracks asteroids and comets that make close approaches to Earth. In January, another small asteroid made an even closer approach to Earth, passing within 76,000 miles.

Xinhua

Wild fox kills 15 flamingoes at Helsinki Zoo

HELSINKI, 10 April — An ambitious fox swapped the hen house for a flamingo coop when it sneaked into a menagerie and killed 15 pink flamingoes at Helsinki Zoo, its director Jukka Salo said Friday.

Salo said the fox wandered across the frozen sea to reach the island zoo, near the center of the Finnish capital, in the overnight raid. It climbed up the wire fencing of the roofless pen to reach the birds. "The paw marks are very clear — it was a

wild fox," Salo said. "When it got in, it acted just as if it were in a hen house, killing and creating mayhem." The intruder mauled and killed all 15 Chilean Flamingoes in the flock before escaping.

The 120-year-old Helsinki Zoo has had flamingoes on show for at least 20 years. The oldest flamingo in the flock was 48 years old.

The island zoo has 150 animal species and 1,000 plant species from various parts of the world. —Xinhua



A model shows a new style of Islamic dress during the Islamic fashion show in Istanbul, Turkey, 9 April, 2010. The four-day-long fair kicked off here on Thursday.

XINHUA



People stand on a bench to keep clear from the swelling seawater at the Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 9 April, 2010. Sidewalk and the Atlantic Avenue near the Copacabana beach were soaked because of the swelling of the seawater on Friday afternoon.

XINHUA

Science Council of Asia to hold 11th annual meeting in Mongolia

ULANBATOR, 10 April —The 11th annual Conference of Science Council of Asia (SCA) will be held in Ulan Bator, Mongolia in 2011, to focus on ecological issues, particularly the reduction of desertification and sand movements, officials said Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister Miyegombo Enkhbold held talks with visiting SCA general secretary Masatoshi

Tsunaki and reached an agreement on the venue for the next annual SCA meeting.

During the talks, Enkhbold said the Mongolian government and the Academy of Sciences of Mongolia will offer full support to make the conference a success.

The SCA is an international organization founded in 2000. Its secretariat is based in Japan.

The SCA has members from 19 organizations in 11 countries. Mongolia became the 11th member country in 2004.

The SCA focuses on sustainable development toward a prosperous, harmonious and greener Asia. Its first conference was held in Thailand in May 2001 and the 10th conference will be held in the Philippines later this year.

Xinhua

Two discovery astronauts complete first spacewalk of mission

WASHINGTON, 10 April — Two US astronauts conducted the first spacewalk for space shuttle Discovery's STS-131 mission on Friday morning, NASA said.

The US space agency said mission specialists Rick Mastracchio and Clay Anderson began the spacewalk at 1:31 a.m. EDT (0531 GMT) and that the excursion lasted

six hours, 27 minutes.

Mastracchio, the mission's lead spacewalker, wore a spacesuit marked with red stripes, while Anderson wore an all-white spacesuit. The two prepared a new ammonia tank and gyro assembly for the International Space Station and retrieved a science experiment from the station's porch, the Japanese Kibo

Laboratory's exposed facility.

The duo will perform two more spacewalks during their time at the station. They performed two spacewalks together during the STS-118 mission in August 2007.

Discovery lifted off on Monday from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. It delivered eight tons of supplies and

equipment to the station, including spare bunks for the occupants of the space station, a large tank of ammonia coolant and seven racks filled with science experiments.

Discovery's STS-131 mission is the 33rd shuttle mission to the station. Three flights to the station remain after STS-131 before the shuttles retire in 2010.

Xinhua



Egrets fly at sunset over Hongsha Village of Fangchenggang city, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 8 April, 2010. The migratory birds come to the village more and more frequently in recent years due to the sustaining improvement of local environment and people's awareness of protection. —XINHUA

Beijing Motor Show biggest ever

BEIJING, 10 April —Organizers of the upcoming Beijing Motor Show say the bi-annual event is expected to be the largest ever, with more than 2,100 auto-related firms taking part.

The Beijing Motor Show will run for 10 days, starting on April 23rd.

The organizers told reporters on

Thursday that the event will feature major auto and auto-parts makers from 16 nations, showcasing 990 new models.

The CEOs of world's leading automakers, including Nissan Motor's Carlos Ghosn, are scheduled to attend the show to publicize their latest offerings.

The attention the show is attracting

reflects the growing importance of China's auto market, which became the world's largest last year with more than 13.6 million new cars sold.

The show's scale marks a sharp contrast to the Tokyo Motor Show, where the number of exhibitors dropped to 100 last year—less than half that of the previous show in 2007.

Xinhua

Dive into DisneyNature's "Oceans"



The second trailer of DisneyNature's newest big-screen documentary "Oceans" was released yesterday. It is scheduled for release on April 22nd, Earth Day 2010.

Last year DisneyNature brought us the spectacular film, "Earth", on Earth Day. This year the studio releases "Oceans" presenting a chronicle of the mysterious depths in five of the world's oceans.

Narrated by Pierce Brosnan and directed by Jacques Perrin, who was the director of "Le Peuple Migrateur", "Himalaya" and "Microcosmos", and his partner Jacques Cluzaud, "Oceans" was shot at 50 different locations, and took three years to complete.

"Oceans" will awe moviegoers without 3D or IMAX and captured imagery with the newest underwater technology. Some never-before-seen imagery illustrates the wonders, informs, and gets the environmental message across about the impact of humans on the planet's oceans.

The Nature Conservancy and DisneyNature's "See OCEANS, Save Oceans" campaign hopes to make waves.

City pays 100,000 euros to find dead cobra

Authorities in the German city of Muelheim spent 100,000 euros on a three week mission to recover a missing snake — only to discover it had died.

"We had to do everything in our power to find this cobra," said Volker Wiebels, spokesman for the city council.

After the highly poisonous monocol cobra escaped from its container in March, fire services cleared the entire apartment block, removed all the furniture and gutted the owner's flat.

They then sealed all the doors and windows of the building, so the 30 cm (1 foot) long reptile couldn't get out, and set large sticky traps to catch it, Wiebels said.

Officials finally found the snake lying

dead in the rooftop apartment of its 19-year-old owner on Thursday. By that time the cost of the operation had ballooned to about 100,000 euros (87,564 pounds). Taxpayers are likely on the hook for 40,000 euros, because an escaped snake is considered public hazard, Wiebels said.

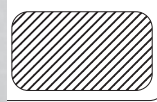
Turtles race during a turtle's speed race at the zoological centre in Tel Aviv on 22 August, 2004.



Getting a divorce? There's a cake for it



A happy divorcee pushes away the husband she no longer wants.



We all know that the cake is one of the most important parts of the whole wedding hoopla. But what happens when you get divorced? Now you can also get a fancy cake for that!

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets ambassador, military attaché and families in Hanoi



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets the ambassador, the military attaché and staff and families of Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein yesterday evening met the ambassador, the military attaché, staff and their families of Myanmar Embassy at Sheraton Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi where he was staying.

First, Ambassador U Khin Maung Soe and wife Daw Kyi Kyi San, Military Attaché Col Tin Tun Aye and wife Daw Thin Thin Soe, staff of the embassy and the military attaché office and families paid respects to the Prime Minister in accord with Myanmar tradition.

The Prime Minister in his speech explained the guidance given by

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe time and again for national development, the progress of the nation, arrangements for holding the election which is the fifth step of the seven-step Road Map as the nation is in the democratization process. He urged them to give priority to further cementing friendly relations between Myanmar and Vietnam on common interest, while ever observing the diplomatic ethics.

The Prime Minister presented gifts to the ambassador and wife and the military attaché and wife and cordially greeted them.

MNA

Construction Ministry eyes China for bridges construction

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Vice President Mr. Li Yi of China Railway Baoji Bridge Group Co Ltd and party at the ministry here

yesterday.

The meeting focused on construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) projects the ministry is

implementing.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, Acting Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and departmental officials.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Vice President Mr. Li Yi of China Railway Baoji Bridge Group Co Ltd and party.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism

Maj-Gen Soe Naing being welcomed by Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr. Kim Sok Chol at the reception to mark the birthday of H.E Mr Kim Il Sung on 10 April in Yangon.—MNA



Air Bagan Myanmar Open-2010 continues



Thai Prayad Marksang is three points behind the leader.—MNA

Prayad Marksang with 201 strokes, Japanese golfer Hideto Tanihara with 204, Thai golfer Thaworn Wiratchant with 206 strokes.

Myanmar golfer Yan Myo Aye stood 25th place with 211 strokes and Naing Naing Lin and Thein Zaw Myint shared 45th place with 213 strokes.

The title sponsor of the tournament is Air Bagan Ltd and presenting sponsor, International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC). Co sponsors are Elite-Tech, Sedona Hotel (Yangon) and Srixon. The tour continues tomorrow.

MNA

YANGON, 10 April—The third-day of Air Bagan Myanmar Open 2010 jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Asian Tour continued today at Pun Hlaing Golf Club

(Host Venue) in Hlinethaya Township, here.

Japanese golfer Tetsuji Hiratsuka led the tour with 198 strokes, followed by Thai golfer

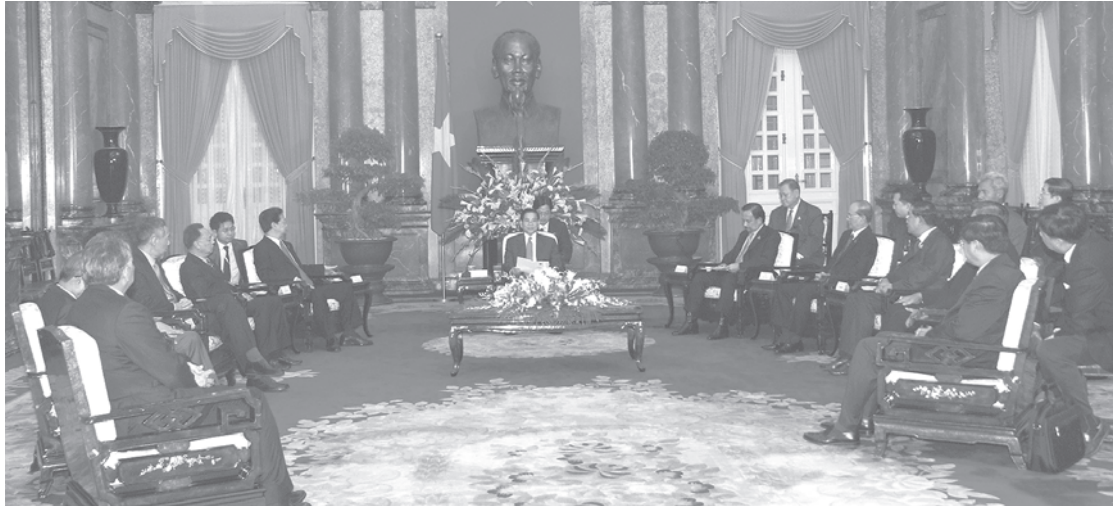
Hotels services courses to be opened

YANGON, 10 April—AKP International Hotel Tourism Centre is opening courses on food and beverage serving, food preparing, reception, room keeping, and spoken English for hotel employees.

It will also open Food Safety, Personal Hygiene & Grooming, Safety at Work, International Cooking Techniques, European Cuisine, Asian Cuisine and International Cuisine courses beginning on 3 May.

The AKP Centre will provide free services for hoteliers and tourism entrepreneurs who are in need of employees at their respective businesses. For more information, dial 254541 or 250489.

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*Heads of State/
Government of
ASEAN member
countries call on
Vietnamese Presi-
dent H.E. Mr.
Nguyen Minh Triet
at the Presidential
Palace in Hanoi.*

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Views exchanged at 16th ASEAN Summit...

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Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and senior officials of the ASEAN member coun-



Heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries at Retreat Session of 16th ASEAN Summit.—MNA

tries.

Before the retreat session, the Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member countries posed for docu-

mentary photo.

First, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung delivered an opening address.

Next, Myanmar

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and the Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member countries exchanged views on for-

mation in the region, sustainable existence of economic recovery, development and responding to the climate change.

Later, Alternate Chairman of the ASEAN Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Minister U Nyan Win attends 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attended the 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The minister received Special Envoy Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland Mr Kari Kahiluoto at Sheraton Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi on 7 April.

Next, the minister, together with Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U

Khin Maung Soe, met President of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) Mr Tvan Ha at the meeting hall of the bank building.

Minister U Nyan Win attended a working dinner for ASEAN Foreign Affairs Ministers hosted at Hanoi Daewoo Hotel. At the dinner, speedy implementation of ASEAN community road map, formation of ASEAN regional bodies, enhancing of ASEAN centrality and

implementation of the tasks concerning the laws of the ASEAN Charter were discussed.

On 8 April morning, Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council held in National Convention Centre in Hanoi. Later, he attended a ceremony to sign the protocol to the ASEAN Charter on dispute settlement mechanisms and signed the documents together with the ASEAN foreign affairs ministers.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attends 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attended the 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The minister attended a working dinner for ASEAN socio-cultural ministers on 6 April. He also attended the

opening ceremony of ASEAN Commission on Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children on 7 April morning. The minister then attended the third meeting of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council and discussed the implementation of the blue print of the council.—MNA

Surprised check on vehicles in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 10 April—Under the arrangement of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, Traffic In-charge Police Captain Myint Aye

of Mawlamyine Traffic Police Force and officials, officials of Road Transportation Department, Township Development Affairs Committee, and responsible persons made

surprised checks on vehicles on 20 March.

Until 9 April, actions were being taken against a total of 1140 cases for not abiding by the traffic rules.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and

Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and officials, left Sheraton Hanoi Hotel and arrived at Noi Bai Interna-

tional Airport in a motorcade at 3 pm VST yesterday to leave the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Union of Myanmar, after attending the 16th ASEAN Summit in Hanoi of the SRV.

Present at the Noi Bai International Airport to bid farewell to Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party were Mr Cao Duc Phat, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Khin Maung Soe, Military Attaché Col Tin Tun Aye, embassy staff and their families.

A Vietnamese damsel presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party left Noi Bai International Airport of Hanoi of SRV at 3.30 pm VST and arrived back here in the evening.—MNA

NPED Minister participates in 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha discussed economic affairs at 16th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

On 7 April, the minister met with Vietnamese Minister of Planning and Investment H.E. Mr. Vo Hong Phuc and discussed issues for boosting economic and investment cooperation between the two countries.

He attended the working luncheon, and discussed matters related to enacting the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement and the ASEAN Bilateral Investment Agreement. He also attended 3rd ASEAN Economic Community Council Meeting.

The minister attended the opening ceremony of 16th ASEAN Summit on 8 April and the working dinner of the summit in the evening on the same day.

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Loikaw, lovely land....

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Assistant Director U Tun Zaw Chit of Loikaw Township DAC said in an interview at the DAC office, "Sanitation tasks on urban roads are being carried out by 27 labourers and gardeners are working for growing perennial and flowering

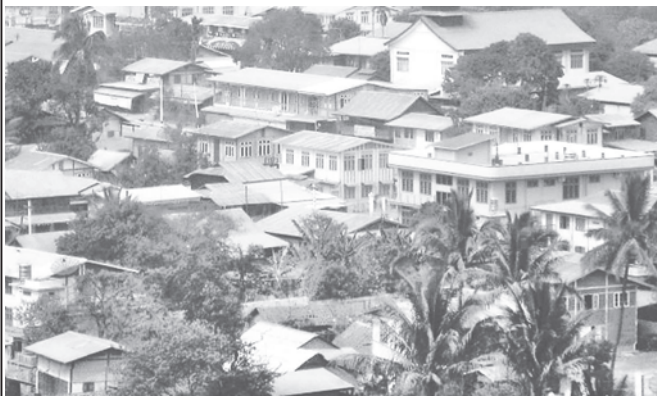
fiscal year.

I hunted the beauty around the township together with Assistant Engineer U Maung Maung Tun of the township DAC, shooting flash from my camera. My camera became fully loaded with scenes of development of Loikaw, nursery of flow-

ering plants in Kanda Haewon Garden and fire preventive measures in Thiri Mingala and Kandarawady Markets.

"There are four markets in Loikaw managed by the committee," the assistant engineer said.

He continued, "Fire drills have been rehearsed



Developing Loikaw accommodating more people and houses.

plants on traffic islands."

He went on, "Loikaw Township DAC has realized the 2010 goal for accessing pure drinking water in all towns and villages."

In-Charge Engineer U Aung Moe Kyaw of the township DAC explained the construction of rural and urban roads and bridges in the township. The committee implemented the tarred and gravel roads reaching the total length of six miles, six bridges and 18 water supplying centres in the township in 2008-2009



Seasonal flowers blossom on traffic island on main road of Loikaw.



Roundabout in downtown Loikaw decorated with flowering plants.

at the markets with three fire engines of Township Fire Brigade."

Loikaw is a unique land where various and



Flowers welcoming visitors to Loikaw Town Hall.

colourful flowers are blooming in all seasons besides the smooth roads. Accessibility of water is no more struggles for dwellers of Kayah State City.

Loikaw showed its hearty hospitality during my stay in the capital of Kayah State. My

last night in the city of highlanders Kayah nationals is my unforgettable memory, spending night in lovely chit-chat with local friends at Loikaw City Restaurant.

Translation: HKA
(Kyemon: 9-4-2010)

Lovebird flies in the face of indie-rock convention



The members of Lovebird are, clockwise from top left, Josh Hayes, Ashley Heatherly, Chris Jones, Mike Gleeson and Nicole Eva Emery. "We have a bunch of new material and we can't wait to make another album," Emery says.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 10 April — A bunch of bands are playing tonight at the Bombay Bar & Grill in Ventura for the ever-affordable no cover, which fits nicely with the economic parameters of

even the most dedicated slackers.

One of the bands is Lovebird, fronted by songbird Nikki Emery, ably assisted by co-writer Mike Gleeson as well as Chris Jones, Josh Hayes

and Ashley Heatherly.

Lovebird has a self-titled album and is threatening a follow-up effort, probably without any Bulgarian folk songs, but more on that later. Emery is a working musician — working whenever she can but not enough to keep her from studying to become a nurse.

She worked at McCabe's in Santa Monica for many years, and at night, has done her own thing and been a backup singer for a variety of artists including Bob Dylan. But for right now, Lovebird is the thing.

Emery discussed the latest during a recent phone.

INTERNET

Unwanted adopted boy sent back to Russia

UK, 10 April — A seven-year-old Russian boy who was adopted by an American woman has been sent home on his own with a note saying he was no longer wanted.

Young Artyom Savelyev arrived at Moscow airport with the typed note from his adoptive mother which said he was being abandoned after only six months in her care.

Torry-Ann Hansen

had admitted to having made a mistake and suggested the boy should be re-housed.

"I no longer wish to parent this child," the unmarried 27-year-old nurse from Tennessee wrote, requesting his adoption be annulled.

She accused the boy's Siberian orphanage of misleading her about Artyom's behavioural problems.

Hansen had placed sweets, biscuits and

colouring pens in the child's rucksack before checking him onto the 10-hour flight as an unaccompanied minor, reportedly telling him he was going on an "excursion" to Moscow.

Russia media has reacted with horror to the case and foreign minister Sergei Lavrov called for all adoptions of the country's children by US citizens to be frozen.

INTERNET

Broadway musical "I Do, I Do" hits Beijing's stage

BEIJING, 10 April — Now, when it comes to live theatre, you might find Broadway musicals a bit foreign here in China, but there are people volunteering their efforts to promote musicals in China, out of love and aspiration. Thanks to their hard work, the Broadway musical "I Do, I Do" has hit the stage in the capital.

The show opens with a wedding of sorts, as a beautiful bride all dressed in white and her tuxedo-wearing groom

listen to their wedding vows. And since this is a musical, it isn't long before the couple break into song and dance. The packed house was quickly swept off their feet by the romantic atmosphere. "I Do, I Do" explores the bitter-sweet marriage life of a couple spanning fifty years.

It traces the pair from the early days of their marriage, through all the tears and pain, till the time when they have both grown old, but their

love for each other remains strong.

INTERNET



Broadway musical "I Do, I Do" has hit the stage in the capital.

INTERNET

'Treme' explodes with pleasure

NEW YORK 10 April — "Treme," the new drama from the creator of "The Wire," David Simon, captures a musical culture in a way that's unlike anything that has ever been done on television or in the movies.

Set in New Orleans three months after Hurricane Katrina, "Treme" — named after a neighborhood in the city known for its rich cultural heritage — follows a wide array of citizens struggling to rebuild their lives.

There. I got the high praise and the obligatory just-the-facts summary out of the way. Now, then: Hoo boy, are you going to have fun watching this.

It bursts with great rhythm & blues, funk, and jazz music (bouncing covers of everything from George Clinton's "Pumpin' It Up" to Bobby Womack's "It's All Over Now"). It's got

superb performances from two "Wire" vets, Wendell Pierce (as devilish trombone player Antoine) and Clarke Peters (as the leader of a Mardi Gras Indian tribe).

There's also Steve Zahn, in his first TV series, playing a ditzy DJ; John Goodman as a righteous English professor; and Khandi Alexander (forget "CSI: Miami" — this is her best work since 2000's "The Corner,"

another Simon project) as Ladonna, a bar owner. Add cameos by Dr. John, Elvis Costello, the genius record producer Allen Toussaint, and many lesser-known but terrific musicians as both players and actors (go get Trombone Shorty's new album, Backatown, now!), and "Treme" explodes with pleasure.

INTERNET



HBO's new drama, "Treme," will premiere on Sunday, 11 April 2010.

INTERNET

German corpse was still alive at airport, wife says

BERLIN, 10 April — A German woman arrested on suspicion of trying to smuggle a corpse onto a plane says her husband was still alive when they reached Liverpool airport.

Gitta Jarant told Bild newspaper Friday she hopes to get the remains of her husband Willi from Britain as soon as possible to have him cremated — and then return to Berlin.

Jarant and her daughter were arrested at

Liverpool's John Lennon airport Saturday suspected of failing to give notice of Willi's death. She told the paper the 91-year-old former pilot had died at the airport just before the flight. "I'm not a smuggler," Jarant, 66, told Bild. "My Willi only died at the airport. He suddenly looked so lifeless, like a wax figure. His fingernails turned blue all of a sudden. At home he was still warm — I swear!"

The retired pilot was pushed in a wheelchair through the airport wearing sunglasses before check-in staff became suspicious and he was prevented from boarding the plane.

I want to have Willi cremated and then fly home to Berlin with his ashes," Jarant said. They live in Berlin but spent several months each year in England with her daughter, she said.

INTERNET

This undated product image provided by KFC shows their new Double Down sandwich. The Double Down is essentially a sandwich with two chicken filets taking the place of bread slices. In between are two pieces of bacon, melted slices of Monterey Jack and Pepper Jack cheese and a zesty sauce.

INTERNET



Jet Li visits drought-hit SW China

BEIJING, 10 April—Action movie star Jet Li, and staff of “Jet Li One Foundation” visited Mohei town in Puer city of southwestern China’s Yunnan Province, on Wednesday, 7 April, 2010. *Ent.sina.com* reports.Li along with actor Wen Zhang and some staffers from the charity organization spoke to locals who are suffering from the

drought in southwestern China. They donated drinking water and brought plant seedlings of coffee and grape for the locals.

The “Red Cross Society of China Jet Li One Foundation Project” (Jet Li One Foundation) was founded in 2007 by Red Cross ambassador Jet Li, under a strategic partnership with the Red Cross Society of China.

Internet



Film star Jet Li plants coffee plant seedlings to help those suffering from the drought in southwestern China.—INTERNET

Jackson's doctor banned from prescribing Propofol

HOUSTON, 10 April—The cardiologist who is charged in the death of pop-star Michael Jackson has been ordered to stop prescribing drugs like those blamed in Jackson's death.

Under an order announced Friday, the Texas Medical Board ruled that Houston cardiologist Conrad Murray cannot use, administer or prescribe any heavy sedative or anesthetic agent, such as Propofol, the anesthetic

that he gave to Jackson.

Murray was charged with involuntary manslaughter after lethal levels of the anesthetic propofol and sedatives were found in Jackson's body.

A California judge was expected to rule this week on a recommendation by the California Medical Board that Murray's license be suspended due to his “reckless” and reprehensible actions in giving Jackson Propofol.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Russian designer Elena Suprun during the 2010/2011 Fall/Winter Russian Fashion Week in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 5 April, 2010. INTERNET



Madonna's adoption was approved in May 2008. INTERNET

Madonna and David return to Malawian orphanage

MALAWIAN, 10 April—Pop singer Madonna has taken her adopted son David to visit his former orphanage in central Malawi. Chants of “welcome home, David!” and “we love you, David!” could be heard from inside the Home Of Hope as the four-year-old and his mother arrived. Journalists were barred from the reunion, which took place during Madonna's week-long stay in Malawi. But the head of the orphanage said Madonna did not want to break David's “emotional attachment” to the home. “David spent most of his first days on earth here,” Lucy Chipeta told the *BBC*. “We are delighted to have him back.”

“We have preserved

his room including his crib,” she added.

As Madonna engaged in discussions with the orphanage's directors, David and his older sister Lourdes played with the young residents. However, the four-year-old's biological father, Yohane Banda, was nowhere to be seen. Chipeta refused to comment on why he had not attended.

Madonna, in Malawi since Monday, is scheduled to leave the southern African country on Friday. The pop star, 51, funds six orphanages through her Raising Malawi charity and is setting up a school for girls on the outskirts of the country's capital, Lilongwe.

Internet

Man accused of raping, burying girl alive

KINGSTON, 10 April—A taxi driver has been accused of raping a 12-year-old girl and then burying her alive after he thought he had strangled her to death, authorities said today. Jamaican Garsha Wilson faces charges including rape, abduction, attempted murder and cruelty to a child, Deputy Police Superintendent Herfa Beckford said. Mr Wilson abducted the girl last month at a bus station in the capital, Kingston, then took her to a house in nearby St Andrew parish where he raped her and choked her until she was unconscious,

Supt Beckford said. Thinking she was dead, he buried her in a shallow grave and covered it with rocks, Supt Beckford said. The girl, who reported the alleged crime, told police she regained consciousness and dug herself out.

Mr Wilson was detained March 25 but was not charged until Tuesday. He is scheduled to appear in court on Saturday. His lawyer was scheduled to be in court all day today and was not available immediately for comment, his secretary said.

Internet



Models at a motor show in Thailand. INTERNET

Search for missing miners ‘too risky’

MONTREAL, 10 April—West Virginia—A US official says it is still too dangerous to send rescue crews into a West Virginia mine to search for four missing miners.

The four miners are missing and feared dead after Monday's blast, believed to have been caused by a buildup of methane, a naturally occurring gas

that is odourless and colourless. The explosion killed 25 people and two people survived.

Kevin Stricklin, an administrator from the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, told a media conference that the level of gases underground were still too high to search for the missing four.

Internet



The Brookfield Zoo shows, from left, Jawara, 2, Mithra, 20 and Jasari, 5, 3 of 5 of The Brookfield Zoo's reticulated giraffes, running and stretching their legs as they are given access to their outdoor yard for the first time this spring, Tuesday, 6 April 2010, in Brookfield, INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (5050)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (5050) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.4.2010 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.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12th April 2010 to 21st April 2010 (Water Festival Thingyan) and 27th April 2010 (Fullmoon Day of Kosone) being the public holiday. Goods will be received, shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

Chinese scientists find glacier tracks from two million years ago

LANZHOU, 10 April — Chinese scientists said on Thursday they had identified a landform left by glacial erosion at least 2 million years ago on mountains in northwestern Gansu Province. The erosion, on the southeast edge of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and bordering the western provinces of Gansu and Sichuan, started 2 million to 3 million years ago and ended about 20,000 years ago, said Shen Yongping, a researcher with the Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute.

Shen and his colleagues from the Lanzhou-based institute are planning to complete the expedition before the end of this year.

The landform, with an average altitude of 3,500 metres atop the Zhagana Mountains in Diebu County of Gansu Province, was first discovered by filmmakers from a cultural promotion company in Lanzhou in 2007.

Shen said he visited the site last year and saw U-shaped valleys, steep ridges and enlarged hollows. "These are typical landscape features formed by glacial erosion." During the expedition, Shen and his colleagues would further study its geological structure and environmental evolution. He said the discovery would provide important data for research on Quaternary glaciers as well as the geography and climate changes in western China.—Xinhua

One-year-old elephant Ko Raya plays in a pool in its enclosure at Berlin zoo on 9 April, 2010. Berlin's zoo on Friday opened the swimming season for elephants.—INTERNET



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A traditional Ukrainian celebration by Nicole Radja.—INTERNET

India all set to launch geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle

BANGALORE, 10 April — Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is all set to launch a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) 15 on April, said ISRO chairman K. Radhakrishnan here on Thursday.

"We are talking about a technology that only five countries in the world possess today. It's a technology which one country prevented another country from transferring which are the geo-political ramifications of this technology," said Radhakrishnan. The GSLV will be powered by an indigenous cryogenic engine.

The cryogenic engines are more efficient and provide more thrust. It will help ISRO launch heavier satellites in the future.

Xinhua



A member of the Les Studios de Cirque de Marseille performs "Angels Square" during the opening of the French Spring Festival on St Sophia Square in Kiev on 9 April, 2010.

INTERNET

Outrage in Venice at prospect of plastic gondolas

VENICE, 10 April — Venice has had to endure much over the ages: invading armies, constant floods and marauding tourists. But the evocative lagoon port has drawn the line at the latest assault — the arrival of fibreglass gondolas. A shipyard in southern Italy has offered a low-cost, wipe-clean version of the famous boat, which it says is an exact replica of the wooden original but with the added advantages of weather-resistance and easy-maintenance.

But authorities said the low-rent gondolas would be the final straw for a city that already risks turning into a Disney version of itself. Aldo Reato, head of the Venice Ente Gondola association said the idea was "outrageous". "We gondoliers will oppose this in every way possible. The idea of a 'plastic' gondola is unthinkable and I'm sure the whole world would agree," he said.—Internet



Geologists say the mountain continues to grow.

INTERNET

Nepal and China agree on Mount Everest's height

KATHMANDU, 10 April — China and Nepal have agreed a solution to a long-running disagreement over the height of Mount Everest. They agreed that the world's highest mountain — which traverses the border of the two countries — should be recognized as being 8,848m tall.

The Chinese previously argued it should be measured by its rock height. Nepal said it should be measured by its

snow height — this is four metres higher. During talks in Nepal's capital Kathmandu, China accepted that claim.

This means the official overall height of Everest is now designated as 8,848m. Nepal also recognizes China's claim that the rock height of Everest is 8,844m.

Correspondents say that while thousands of people have climbed the mountain since the first ascent in 1953 by Sherpa Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary, its exact height has been disputed ever since the first measurement was made in 1856. The broadly-accepted height of 8,848m was first recorded by an Indian survey in 1955.

Internet

Woman's body mistaken for dead deer

CLEVELAND, 10 April — Two Cleveland police officers drove past the body of a woman dumped beside a highway and did not stop, believing it was a deer carcass, officials say.

A motorist had reported seeing the body early on Monday morning on Interstate 90. But Matthew Prince and David Muniz, who drove past at about 40 mph to 50 mph, decided it was a deer carcass and called the Ohio Department of Transportation for removal. The Cleveland Plain Dealer said. An ODOT employee called police about 90 minutes later — after two more drivers reported the body — to say that's what it was.—Internet

Obese would-be mothers more likely to have babies with heart defect

LOS ANGELES, 10 April — Obesity in pregnancy may increase the risk of heart defects in babies, according to a new study.

In the study, US researchers compared the records of mothers of 7,392 children born with major heart defects and more than 56,000 mothers of infants born without birth defects.

The study found that the heavier a woman is, the greater the risk of heart defects in babies.

On average, obesity is associated with a 15 percent increased risk of having a baby with a heart defect. But the risk rises with the level of obesity. Compared to normal-weight women, the risk is 11 percent higher in moderately obese women and 33 percent higher in morbidly obese women.

Because the study looked at the records of infants after they were born, it doesn't conclusively prove that obese women who lose weight before becoming pregnant will reduce their risk of having a baby with a heart defect, the researchers noted.

The heavier a woman is, the greater the danger of heart defects in babies, concluded the study published in the April issue of the American Journal of

Clinical Nutrition.

In general, women who were overweight but not obese had no increased risk, said the researchers at the US National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the New York State Department of Health.

"The trend is unmistakable: the more obese a woman is, the more likely she is to have had a child with a heart defect," study first author Dr. James L. Mills, of the NICHD's Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research, said in a news release published on Friday by HealthDay News.

"The current findings strongly suggest that by losing weight before they become pregnant, obese women may reduce the chances that their infants will be born with heart defects," said Dr. Alan E. Guttmacher, acting director of the NICHD.

However, "if a woman is obese, it makes sense for her to try to lose weight before becoming pregnant," Mills said. "Not only will weight loss improve her own health and that of her infant, it is likely to have the added benefit of reducing the infant's risk for heart defects." —Xinhua



Professor Paul Dirksr, of the University of the Witwatersrand, in front of projected images, at the reveal of nearly 2 million-year-old skeletons unearthed in South Africa, at Maropeng, near Johannesburg, on Thursday, 8 April, 2010.
INTERNET

China's movie-makers prepare to compete in 3D arena

BEIJING, 10 April — Leading Chinese film-makers are lining up 3D movie projects in the hope of capitalizing on the spectacular success of "Avatar" and the latest Hollywood 3D blockbuster "Alice in Wonderland."

The China Film Group Corporation, a major production house and distributor, had two animated 3D films in the pipeline, company spokesman Weng Li told Xinhua, although he declined to give details.

The company was also considering ideas for 3D live-action films, he said. The CFGC movies would likely follow the release of "The Tangshan Earthquake" from one of China's most commercially successful directors Feng Xiaogang. Feng said in January that he had decided to transform the film of the devastating 1976 earthquake into a 3D film for its hoped-for release date of July 28.

He said it even had potential as another IMAX blockbuster. Weng Li said CFGC believed 3D cinema would develop rapidly in China.

Internet



Chinese actress Wang Luodan poses in various styles for BQ magazine.
INTERNET

A Dnepr rocket carrying the European satellite CryoSat-2 launches into space from Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome on 8 April, 2010. The CryoSat-2 will send back data on how ice is responding to climate change. Picture taken on 8 April, 2010.
INTERNET



China starts salvaging ancient merchant vessel off southern coast

GUANGZHOU, 10 April — Chinese archaeologists Friday began salvaging a ship off the coast of southern Guangdong Province believed to be a Ming Dynasty merchant vessel loaded with masses of antique porcelain.

The excavation team has been working to anchor the salvage ship, "Nantianshun", above the wreckage of a vessel at least 400 years old, dubbed "Nan'ao-1", in the Sandianjin waters off Nan'ao County, Shantou City.

More than 20 experts will recover the antiques on the "Nan'ao-1" by June and raise the ship wreckage by the end of the year, said Pu Gong, deputy director with the Guangdong Provincial Institute of Archaeology and Relics.

The salvage operations will go ahead as long as weather conditions permit, Pu said. The excavation was scheduled to begin on 26 September, 2009, but was postponed due to severe weather conditions, including typhoons and cold snaps.

Local fishermen found the wreck, estimated to be about 25 meters long and seven meters wide, in May 2007 buried in silt 27 meters underwater and about 5.6 nautical miles from Shantou City.

It is probably a Guangdong merchant vessel, since most of the porcelain found so far was produced by local workshops, said Cui Yong, an archaeologist with the institute.

Internet

Conference calls for return of artifacts

CAIRO, 10 April — An international conference in Cairo has agreed to jointly identify and recover artifacts and cultural assets which have been taken abroad from ancient ruins.

Officials from 21 nations including Greece, India, China and Peru attended the 2-day conference that ended on Thursday. The meeting was the first of its kind and organized by the Egyptian government.

Participating countries are seeking the return of artifacts which they say belong to them but were taken illegally during the colonial period and are now exhibited at museums in Europe and the United States. On Thursday, participants discussed cultural assets which they considered most important. They agreed to prepare a list of artifacts exhibited at foreign museums and jointly demand their return.

The artifacts to be listed include sculptures from the Parthenon in Greece and the Rosetta Stone, now part of the collection of the British Museum, which served as a vital instrument for deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphic writing.

Internet



SPORTS

Title judgement day as Real bid to stop Messi and Barca



Argentine Lionel Messi

MADRID, 10 April—Barcelona might be just one step from reaching the Champions League final but on Saturday tackle Real Madrid in a mouth-watering 'El Clasico' that could decide this season's La Liga title. Argentine Lionel Messi won all the plaudits after a spell-binding performance that saw him net all of Barca's four goals in the Catalan club's 4-1 thrashing of Arsenal on Tuesday. But Real playmaker Guti claimed Barca were not all about the young Argentinian.

"Messi didn't need to score four goals for us to know who he is," Guti said. "We need to have an anti-Barcelona plan be-

cause they are not just Messi." However, (Real) Madrid are always favourites especially playing at home. Barcelona are a great team with the same points but we don't need to feel inferior because we aren't. "Real have won all 15 of their home matches in the league to edge ahead of Barca on goal difference — both teams are on 77 points — and are targeting a 13th successive win in the league.

Internet



Ian Poulter of England

Desperate Celtic seek Cup healing

GLASGOW, 10 April—Celtic interim manager Neil Lennon says their Scottish Cup semi-final clash with Ross County is their biggest game of the season, conceding it is their most realistic chance of a trophy. The Hoops have had a poor season and trail rivals Rangers by 13 points in the Scottish Premier League while they exited the League Cup to Hearts.

Previous manager Tony Mowbray, who only arrived at the club in the summer, lost his job last month after overseeing a campaign in which Celtic have lost 13 times in all competitions so far. Celtic have won both games since Lennon and Johan Mjallby took over the reins at Parkhead but as they prepare to take on lower league opposition at Hampden on Saturday the interim boss said his side would not be complacent as they chase a 35th Scottish Cup.—Internet

Poulter, Westwood share halfway lead at Masters

AUGUSTA, 10 April—Ian Poulter triumphed in the second round at the Masters on Friday with a four-under-par round of 68 to share the lead with fellow Englishman Lee Westwood who finished a stroke behind, PGATOUR.COM reported. American Anthony Kim matched Tiger Woods' two-under-par round of 70, which placed them both in the pack just behind the leaders near the halfway stage, PGATOUR.COM reported.

The day before, in his first competitive start in

five months following the scandal over his admitted marital infidelities, Tiger had shot 68 — his best opening round at the first major tournament of the season. The world's top player had a streaky start to his second round when he pulled his shot into the trees, but recovered to save par and ended his day two shots behind clubhouse leader Ian Poulter in a tie for third.

Internet

'Step by step' for table-topping Marseille

PARIS, 10 April—Marseille may have climbed to the top of the French league in midweek but coach Didier Deschamps is keeping his feet firmly



Didier Deschamps

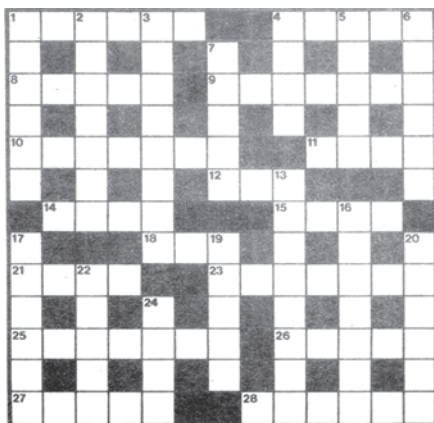
on the ground. "Step by step" as the English say. To be at the top is one thing, to remain there until the last day of the season is another," cautioned the 1998 World Cup-winning captain. The last fortnight has proved to be memorable on two fronts for the south coast giants, who lifted the League Cup to end a 17-year trophy drought and now occupy pole position in the title race.—Internet

Man United focus turns to Premiership title chase

LONDON, 10 April—Sir Alex Ferguson has demanded an immediate response to his side's Champions League heartbreak when Manchester United return to Premier League action at Blackburn on Sunday. With Chelsea playing Aston Villa in the FA Cup semi-final on Saturday, United can return to the top of the league by beating Sam Allardyce's side.

United are set to be without Wayne Rooney after the England striker aggravated his ankle injury during his unexpected appearance against Bayern Munich in the midweek European exit. And although the League Cup has already been secured, there is a real danger of the club's season ending in frustration after last weekend's home defeat by Chelsea handed the Londoners the initiative in the title tussle. "Three disappointing results in a row isn't something we're used to," Ferguson reflected.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Parent's mother
- 4 English country (abbr.)
- 8 Cook in oven
- 9 Scheme
- 10 Ageing man
- 11 Venerable historian
- 12 Wriggling fish
- 14 Release
- 15 Curved gateway
- 18 Gist
- 21 Motor car
- 23 Dishevelled
- 25 Narrating
- 26 Exploratory spacecraft
- 27 Catarrh
- 28 Attractive

DOWN

- 1 Medusa
- 2 Arabian Nights hero
- 3 System of symbols
- 4 Rare gas
- 5 Subject
- 6 Long seat
- 7 Steeple top
- 13 Delphinium
- 16 Vegetable manure
- 17 Minister
- 19 Horse Vehicle
- 20 Coldly inflexible
- 22 Veil silk
- 24 Business-house

Fiorentina test Inter's powers of recovery

ROME, 10 April—Champions and Serie A leaders Inter Milan face a stern test of their powers of recovery when they travel to face Fiorentina on Saturday, just four days after booking a Champions League semi-final spot.

Jose Mourinho's team lead AS Roma by a single point at the top of the table, but their tough trip to Florence comes in the wake of an emotionally-draining trip to Moscow, where they beat CSKA 1-0. Mourinho has repeated on several occasions his concerns about fatigue as his side is the only one in Italy still engaged in European competition. "We're very tired," he said following the victory in Moscow before issuing a rallying call.—Internet

Italian youngster makes more history at Masters

AUGUSTA, 10 April—Matteo Manassero could show guys twice his age a thing or two. The 16-year-old from Italy became the youngest person ever to make the cut at the Masters, making three long par putts on the back nine Friday to finish at 3-over — right on the cutline. Manassero is now 2-for-2 at the major championships, having tied for 12th at last summer's British Open.

"I always want to stay levelheaded since that's the education that my parents gave me," he said. "My parents help me also in this period to stay more level. But, you know, I dream for something like the Masters." So do older golfers, and they don't have his track record.—Internet



Amateur Matteo Manassero, right, of Italy is congratulated by Mike Weir of Canada on the 18th hole after their second round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga, on 9 April, 2010.—INTERNET

FIFA begs South Africans to snap up last 500,000 World Cup tickets

SOWETO, 10 April—With 62 days to go before the football World Cup opens, FIFA - the sport's



Danny Jordaan, head of South Africa's local World Cup organizing committee, and FIFA have urged South Africans to snap up the last half a million tickets.—INTERNET

governing body - and the South African local organizing committee are pleading with South Africans to buy the remaining 500,000 tickets that have been made available. The tickets are for 63 matches, excluding the final, and will go on sale 15 April.

It has become clear that fewer than the 450,000 foreign visitors initially expected will be coming to Africa's first World Cup. A significant

number of the tickets that have been made available come from FIFA and its affiliates that have decided not to use them. "This final ticket phase is very important," said FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke at a press conference in Soweto. "We will not want to give that picture of empty seats to the world; all will need to be done in these last days."—Internet

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With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolence to the father of Mr. Samuel Hanson, player of Yangon United Football Club, passed away suddenly recently.

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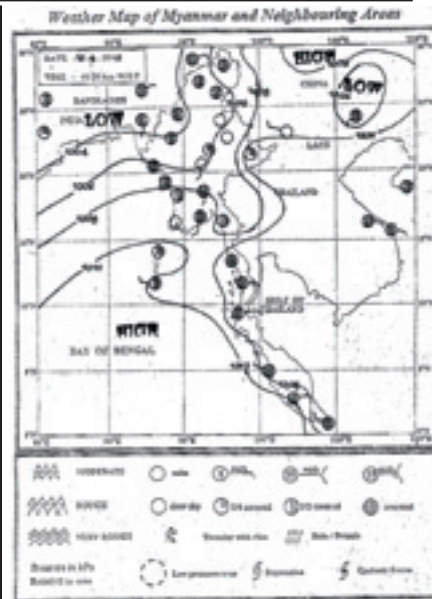
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A model presents a creation by fashion designer Pari Chen during the 2010 Shanghai Fashion Week in Shanghai, east China, on 9 April, 2010.
XINHUA



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(11-4-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions**Times**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (11-4-10 09:30 am ~ 12-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Youth and Music (Being Young)"
- * News
- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * Myanmar's Hardy Raftsmen At Work
- * News
- * Sittway, Evergreen Seaside Town
- * Myanmar Thingyan Water Festival through Successive Eras
- * "Water Festival of Konebaung Era"
- * News

- * Today's Efficient Youth "Thingyan Festival"
- Oversea Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Youth and Music (Being Young)"
- * News
- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * Disaster & Development (III)
- * News
- * Myanmar Thingyan Water Festival through Successive Eras
- * "Water Festival of Yadanabon Era"
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * Phyto Thingyan (Myanmar Classical Song) "Chaw Kalayar"
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Youth and Music (Being Young)"
- * News
- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * Early Morning Athletics
- * News
- * Myanmar Showbiz (Htwe Oo Myanmar puppet Show)
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Bagan)
- * Myanmar Movies "He"

WEATHER

Saturday, 10th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeayawady Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (45.3°C), Minbu (45°C), Monywa, Mandalay, Myingyan, NyaungU, Magway, Aungmye and Pakokku (44°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 10-4-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-4-2010 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 9-4-2010 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-4-2010 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 (15:30) hours MST on 9-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th April 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin, Chin and Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair 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 isolated rain or thundershower in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-4-2010: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 11 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ပိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice and Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:10am

7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)မြှာမင်္ဂလာ

8:30 am

9. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Connect With English (Episode-39) "The Pressure's On"

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

11:30 am

3. Round Up Of The Week International News

11:40 am

4. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

12:00 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:20 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "သင်္ကြန်မိုး"

(နေ့အောင်၊ ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ဇော်ဝင်း၊ ဇော်သန်းနု၊ ဇော်သန်းနု၊ တာသိန်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး)

2:40 pm

7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

2:50 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

4:25 pm

3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ်- (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:40 pm

4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

5. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:10 pm

6. ဆိုဗီယက်ပျော်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS' ADVENTURERS" (အပိုင်း-၈)

6:40 pm

10. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ဖူးစာရေးတဲ့ပွဲ" (သုရလင်း၊ သဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်မောင်အေး)

7:00 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နုလင်းသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၇) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် (တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်း ညီနောင်လေးများ) (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
16. မြန်မာ့ဒီဇိုလီဇာတ်လမ်း "မီးတောက်ဆွဲရဲ" (နေ့ထုတ်လင်း၊ နေ့အောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒေါ်နု)



- ★ 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

Loikaw, lovely land of highlanders

Article: *Tin Htwe (MNA)*; Photos: *Ko Htwe (MNA)*



Magnificent watch tower, beautiful traffic island and picturesque Loikaw.

I noticed Township Development Affairs Committees are worthy of credit for beautifying of towns in Myanmar, especially for decorating downtown roads of cities of states and divisions with patterns of flowers besides.

On my recent tour of the capital of Kayah State Loikaw, seasonal flowers in full bloom on either side of the road and on traffic islands made me delighted.

(See page 9)

Significant day temperatures

Chauk	45.3°C
Minbu	45°C
Monywa	44°C
Mandalay	44°C
Myingyan	44°C
NyaungU	44°C
Magway	44°C
Aunglan	44°C
Pakokku	44°C