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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

Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa opened



Photo shows Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa near Taungkyaw Village on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—The opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa was held at the archway of the spa near Taungkyaw Village on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road here today.

The ceremony was attended by Commander of

Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe,

Secretary of Special Development Project Implementation Supervisory Committee Col Kan Chun, departmental heads, responsible persons from companies, guests and locals.

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Manipura multi-purpose dam: facilitator for national development

Byline & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

As part of building dams and reservoirs the length and breadth of the nation, the government

has been intensifying the drive for regional greening, boosting agricultural produce and

ensuring adequate power supply.

The Manipura multi-purpose dam capable of

benefiting much the local people is being constructed. Manipura River flowing through Chin mountain ranges goes down to Myittha River near Myauksu Village of Sagaing Division. The Manipura River colloquially called Nankathe River has strong current and it is the largest tributary of Myittha River. A huge number of marine

resources can be exerted on completion of the Manipura multi-purpose dam. The multi-purpose dam is being constructed on Manipura River near Setaw Village on Kalay-Gangaw Road, Kalay-

Township of Sagaing Division.

In the past, only monsoon paddy was grown in Kalay Township and tomato plants in creeks. When completed, mixed crops as well as monsoon paddy can be grown.

Moreover, the multi-purpose dam can supply electricity to Sagaing Division and Chin State.

The Manipura multi-purpose dam project is being implemented by Myanmar engineers of Construction Group-4 of the Irrigation Department led by Director U Toe Aung, Staff Officers U

Tint Lwin Oo, U Saw Naing Htwe, U Thaik Soe, U Aung Khaing Tun, U San Win Naing, U Tun Aye Hla and Deputy Staff Officer U Min Tun Lin Aung.

On completion of the multipurpose dam, it will be able to supply irrigation water to 5000 acres of land and generate 1930 million kwh of electricity, thereby contributing a great deal to higher living standard of national brethren and bringing sweetest fruits to the State.

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Construction of diversion tunnel inlet No. 2 of Manipura multi-purpose dam.



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 12 April, 2010

Let's take part in Maha Thingyan by preserving its traditions

Tagu is the first month of the Myanmar calendar, when the water festival is held.

Myanmar holds the 'bo' tree water pouring festival in Kason, the religious examination festival in Nayon, the ordination and novitiation festival in Waso, Sayantanme festival in Wagaung, the boat festival in Tawthalin, lighting festival in Thadingyut, the Kathina robes offering festival in Tazaungmone, the 'nat' festival in Nadaw, the equestrian festival in Pyatho, the Htamathe festival and Mee-pon-pwe in Tabodwe, and the sand pagoda festival in Tabaung.

As the water festival reflects the Myanmar's culture and traditions, it is the duty of the national people to maintain and preserve the tradition of holding Myanmar Thingyan festival.

Although the style of holding the Thingyan festival is slightly different among the national races due to geographical conditions, its basically same tradition has existed for hundreds of years.

In the Rakhine Thingyan festival, young men and women stand face to face and drench each other with water from the longboats. Offering wax smelly Thingyan rice is the tradition of Mon nationals. The tradition of paying respects to the elderly and providing free meals by seeking funds with the performance of Thaman Kyar dances in Dawei and Myiek regions is among the happy occasions of Myanmar national people in the Thingyan Festival.

Myanmar New Year Thingyan is not just a happy occasion but it reflects Myanmar's traditions, culture and politeness. So, the people of young generation are urged to happily participate in the Maha Thingyan Festival by preserving and maintaining its traditions.

52nd Maha Thingyan PyinOoLwin Gold Cup commences

YANGON, 11 April— (KM Golf Centre), the 52nd Maha Thingyan PyinOoLwin Gold Cup,



organized by PyinOoLwin Golf Club, kicked off at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PyinOoLwin today. While the golfers

from the golf clubs across the nation took the position at No. 1 tee, Patrons of PyinOoLwin Golf Club PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and party, Chairman of the Club Brig-Gen Zarni Win and Managing Director U Maung Maung Myint of KM Golf Centre teed off by

The opening of PyinOoLwin Gold Cup golf tourney in progress.
MNA

launching the cup.

The bronze level team event, the bronze level singles event, the senior event and the women's event commenced today.

IBTC (International Beverages Trading Co Ltd), Htoo Trading, Shwe Cham Co, Hotel PyinOoLwin, Lucky Purified Drinking Water, Panhok Duwa Co, Shwe Thabyay Co, A-1 Construction, Thawdawin Construction, Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd, IGE Group of Companies,

Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, Asia World Co Ltd, Tarmoenye Chantha Tun Wai Tha, Fortune International Co Ltd, Fisca Co Ltd, Myat Mandalar Tun Express Service, Royal Reward Resort Hotel, KKK telephone trading, Myanmar Beer, Han Golf Master, Nikon Camera, Aurora Wine and Oak Barrel Wine are included in the list of co-sponsors.

The competition will last from 11 to 14 April.

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Perspectives

- * 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

A&I Minister receives NEDO Chairman of Japan



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Chairman Mr Sojil Murata and party of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).—A&I

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April— Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Chairman Mr. Sojil Murata and

Directors-General Mr. Shigeo Naruse and Mr. Shoji Kukita of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan at the ministry here on 9 April. The meeting focused on rural development activities and agricultural cooperation.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

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Top dealers of PZ Cussons International Co Ltd visit foreign countries

YANGON, 10 April— The top 50 wholesalers of PZ Cussons International Co. Ltd (England) that has been producing Imperial Leather Soap, Body Wash, Deodorant Body Spray and Baby Products through global market, paid a visit to Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand this morning. Those wishing to buy its products may dial 01-559744.—MNA



PZ Cussons International Co. Ltd (England) seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.—MNA



Bomb damages US consulate in Mexico; no injuries

MEXICO CITY, 11 April—An attacker threw an explosive device over the wall around the US consulate in the border city of Nuevo Laredo, breaking windows and startling employees inside but causing no injuries, the US Embassy said Saturday.

The attack, which took place about 11:30 pm Friday, is under investigation, embassy spokesman Claude Young said.

Young said the consulate and the consular agency in the border town of Piedras Negras would be closed Monday pending a review of security measures.

Mexican federal prosecutors in the capital said they were reviewing evidence from the scene, including video feeds from security cameras at the consulate.

Internet



Polish soldier wounded in rogue Afghan attack

KABUL, 11 April — NATO says a rogue Afghan soldier shot and lightly wounded a Polish soldier.

A spokesman said the Afghan soldier ran off after opening fire Sunday night and was being sought by Afghan and international forces. The spokesman spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity as is routine.

The spokesman said the wounded Pole was moved to a medical facility for treatment.

The shooting took place at a joint command center in the eastern province of Ghazni, the central base area for the 2,600 Polish troops in Afghanistan.

Internet

Iraqi security forces show weapon ammunitions found during a search and raid operation in Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) south of Baghdad on 10 April, 2010.
INTERNET



Explosion rocks Taliban birthplace, killing four people

KABUL, 11 April—An explosion rocked Daman district of Kandahar province in S Afghanistan Sunday morning killing at least four persons, an official said. “A mine planted by militants struck a vehicle of a de-mining agency in Daman district at 06:30 am local time today,” Governor of Daman district Sarajudin Khan told Xinhua.

Meantime, Mohammad Ibrahim, a doctor in the Mir Wais hospital of Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar province, said that four dead bodies have been taken to the hospital.—Xinhua

A resident searches for his belongings after a bomb attack targeted his house in Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad on 10 April, 2010.
INTERNET

Six people killed in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 April—Six people were killed and seven others wounded in separate attacks in northern and western Iraq on Saturday, the police said.

Two policemen and one Iraqi soldier were killed by a roadside bomb explosion near a joint police and Iraqi army force while conducting a patrol in Qiyara area, some 60 km south of Mosul, the capital city of Iraq's



northern province of Nineveh, local police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In another attack, a roadside bomb explosion struck an Iraqi army patrol in the Hamam al-Alil area, some 25 km south of Mosul, killing a soldier and a child who was close to the blast site, the source said.

Meanwhile, two soldiers were wounded in a small arms fire attack against their patrol in western Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, the source added.—Xinhua

US Marines from Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines search Afghans during a patrol in Karez-e-Sayyidi, Helmand province, on 10 April, 2010.
INTERNET

One killed, four injured in shooting at US mall

WASHINGTON, 11 April—One person was killed and several others injured on Saturday in a shooting at a crowded mall in Oklahoma, the United States,

police said.

Four people were taken to a local medical centre for treatment, a police spokesman said.

The shooting occurred late Saturday

afternoon in the Arrowhead Mall in downtown Muskogee, Oklahoma, where many visitors were attending the annual Azalea Festival.

Xinhua

A tire repair shop is seen located under a demolished building in Kabul, Afghanistan recently.
INTERNET



Afghan security forces detain 9 terror suspects

LASHKAR, 11 April—Afghan security forces arrested nine terror suspects including three foreigners at a hospital in Helmand province south of Afghanistan on Saturday, said a local official.

“Today at 04:00 pm local time, the security forces arrested nine suspected terrorists including three foreign

nationals from the Emergency Hospital in Helmand’s provincial capital Lashkar Gah,” said Gulab Mangal, the provincial governor.

Mangal told a press conference that two suicide vests, two pistols, one assault rifle and nine hand grenades were also recovered from their possessions.

Xinhua



Shanghai has China's longest metro lines in service

SHANGHAI, 11 April—Shanghai's 11th subway line started trial operations Saturday, ahead of the opening ceremony of the

futuristic Shanghai Expo on 1 May.

The new line made the city China's first to have more than 420 kilometers of metro

routes in service.

The metro Line 10, 29.6 kilometers long, would be officially open after a three-month trial period, said an official of the municipal government.

Line 10 will see busy traffic during the six-month Shanghai Expo as it passes Fudan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Tongji University and the downtown business districts. Shanghai had its first metro line on 10 April, 1995, which carried 180,000 passengers on its 16 kilometers route a day. Now the city has 11 metro lines with an average of 4.78 million tickets sold daily.

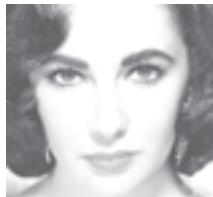
Xinhua



Models present designs during a fashion show at Paragon shopping mall in Singapore, on 10 April, 2010. The event showcased 10 international brands with 125 models presenting creations. It is also a part of this year's six-week Fashion Season@Orchard campaign in Singapore.

XINHUA

Elizabeth Taylor reportedly weds for ninth time



Elizabeth Taylor

LOS ANGELES, 11 April—Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor is reported to have romantically involved with a man who is over 20 years younger than her age, local media outlets reported Saturday. If the news that the 78-year-old icon has

engaged to Jason Winters, 49, the man who recently netted the job as pop singer Janet Jackson's new manager, this will be her ninth time heading down the aisle with the loved ones.

The news was broken by a source in an exclusive interview with UsMagazine.com. Taylor's aide confirmed that the two are romantically linked as a longtime couple, but would not comment further. Neither Taylor nor Winters is willing to confirm or deny the news. The couple took a

romantic vacation together at a Hawaiian resort in 2007, the British tabloids reported. "She didn't think she'd fall in love again, but since Jason came into her life that has all changed," a source close to the two was quoted as saying.

Taylor has tied the knot for eight times, with her latest marriage with a construction worker ended after five years in 1996. She has been wheelchair-bound, and has suffered many ailments including heart and spinal cord problems.

Xinhua

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Palestinian boys sit at Hamam al-Samra, a traditional Turkish steam bath in Gaza City, on 10 April, 2010. The hamam is one of the ancient archaeological places in the Gaza Strip built in 1,000 years ago.

XINHUA



Pear flowers are seen in full blossom in Wei Countyship, north China's Hebei Province, on 10 April, 2010.

XINHUA

President Karzai calls on armed oppositions to join peace process

KANDUZ AFGHANISTAN, 11 April—Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai during a visit to northern Kunduz province on Sunday once again called on anti-government militants to join the government-initiated peace process.

"I am calling upon all Afghans including the armed oppositions to give up militancy, join the peace process and play their role in the rebuilding process of their country," President Karzai told a gathering

attended by the elders and local administration officials amid tight security. The visit is taking place amid increasing Taliban-linked security incident in Kunduz as three German soldiers were killed in a gun battle with militants last week.

Afghan and NATO-led forces also launched a major operation against Taliban militants in Chardara district of Kunduz province early Saturday to ensure lasting peace there.

Xinhua

Moderate quake hits US border

LOS ANGELES, 11 April—A 4.4 magnitude earthquake hit the US border in the Imperial Valley, Southern California early Saturday, shaking people awake in the region.

People in San Diego, Orange and Santa Ana counties felt the quake, which occurred at 2:12 am and was centered 16 miles (about 16 kilometers) west southwest of Calexico bordering Mexico, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). Hundreds of earthquakes in the magnitude 2.0 range, as well as a few above 3.0, have hit along the Laguna Salada Fault at the US-Mexican border, the USGS said.

The quakes are generally hitting northwest of the epicenter of last Sunday's magnitude 7.2 earthquake, which killed two people in Mexicali, Mexico and caused more than 100 million dollars in damage in California.

Xinhua

Largest number of women in orbit ever



Image provided by NASA taken on 9 April, 2010 shows three female astronauts and one male astronaut at the International Space Station.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 11 April—The shuttle Discovery linked up to the International Space Station on early Wednesday, bringing three female crew members, along with the woman already on the ISS, making the largest number of women in orbit ever.

Discovery lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida at 6:21 am (1021 GMT) as scheduled. It brought three female astronauts: mission specialists Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, 34, a former high school science teacher; Stephanie Wilson, 43, a veteran of two shuttle missions; and Naoko Yamazaki, 39, an astronaut with the Japanese space agency since 1996. Along with the woman already on the ISS—NASA astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson—the mission marks a first in space: four women in orbit at the same time.

Xinhua



East China province builds first large electric car charging station

JINAN, 11 April — The first large electric car charging station in east China's Shandong Province, capable of charging 45 cars at a time, is being built in Linyi City, as part of a program to promote the development of new-energy vehicles.

The project, costing 23 million yuan (3.37 million U.S. dollars), would be completed by May, said Li Guohua, deputy director of the sales department of Shandong Electric Power Corporation, which is developing the station. Shandong is one of China's biggest auto producing provinces and has been developing electric cars since 2004. The province has more than 30 electric car producers, and is aiming at an annual production capacity

of 300,000 vehicles by 2015.

"How we charge the electric cars is the key to the industry's success. Whether the green cars can enter China's mainstream market depends on a nationwide charging network that we are building," said Li. China was the world's largest electric car producer and market, said Li. "Many other cities, including Shanghai, Shenzhen and Wuhan, have built electric car charging stations."

Developing and popularizing the zero-emission cars was one of the best ways to curb China's growing fuel demand and to reduce air pollution, said Yang Yusheng, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

Xinhua



People stand around hot air balloons during the first Indonesian Hot Air Balloon Adventure in Sentul, Bogor, West Java recently. A total of 20 professional hot air balloon pilots from around the world will take part in the three-day hot air balloon parade. Locals will also be allowed to ride the balloons for a price of Rp 100,000 (\$10) per ride.—INTERNET



Croatia Boat Show hit by economic crisis

BELGRADE, 11 April — The Croatia Boat Show opened on Saturday in the seaside town of Split, reported the Croatian news agency Hina. The 12th annual event with nearly 200 boats on display and approximately 850 exhibitors has been significantly scaled down since the previous

Israeli model Bar Refaeli poses at the end of the underwear fashion show of Passionata, in Paris recently. INTERNET

boat show in 2009.

Vicenco Blagic, organizer of the event, attributed the drop of approximately 30 percent to the effects of the global economic crisis.

Mario Babic, state secretary for Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, opened the boat show, which will run until 18 April. He said that nautical tourism along the Adriatic coast has experienced steady growth in previous years, with about 15,500 boats bringing 300,000 visitors to Croatia in 2009.

Xinhua

Car bomb kills police officer in North Caucasus

MOSCOW, 11 April — A senior police officer was killed Saturday by a car bomb in Russia's North Caucasus republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, the republic's interior ministry said.

Zuber Shukayev, the local investigation chief of Nalchik, the regional capital, was injured seriously in a car blast when he was driving in the town, and died later in hospital, the ministry said.

The explosive, hidden under the car chassis, was equivalent to 200 grams of TNT.

In January, Russian

President Dmitry Medvedev established the country's eighth federal district in the North Caucasus, which groups the republics of Kabardino-Balkaria,

Dagestan, Ingushetia, Karachayev-Cherkessian, North Ossetia-Alania and Chechnya, as well as the Stavropol territory.

Xinhua

An excavator works at the site of a landslide in Emeishan City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 8 April, 2010. Fourteen people were buried in a stone pit landslide which occurred on Wednesday in Emeishan City. INTERNET



Somali pirates abandon Turkish ship with 25 crew

NAIROBI, 11 April — Somali Pirates abandoned a Turkish flagged bulk carrier in the Indian Ocean waters, near the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa, after seizing it earlier this week, the East African Seafarers' Assistance Program confirmed on Saturday.

The MV Yasin C was seized on Wednesday 250 nautical miles off the Kenyan coast with a crew of 25 all believed to be Turkish.

The confirmation came after the Turkish press agency Anatolia said the pirates had to abandon the vessel as they could not find the crew, who "came out of their hiding place and headed to the port of Mombasa in Kenya."

Xinhua

A Syrian father kills his four children

DAMASCUS, 11 April — A 30-year-old Syrian man, who lived in north-central Syrian governorate Raqqa, threw his four children on Friday into the Euphrates river and drowned them, the Syrian local Arab website SNS reported on Saturday.

Zakaria, the father, has been detained and confessed that he had killed his four children, two boys and two girls, by throwing one after another into the Euphrates due to a family dispute, the report said.—Xinhua

Seven killed after truck plunges into valley in east China

FUZHOU, 11 April — Seven people, including a highway maintenance worker, were killed after a truck fell off a mountain Saturday in east China's Fujian Province, local police said Sunday.

The accident happened at 11:25 am Saturday when a truck loaded with more than 20 tonnes of lumber crashed through a guard rail and plunged into a 30-meter-deep valley in Guanyang Town of Fuding City, police said. Seven bodies were recovered at around 9:00 pm Saturday. Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua



Training programme polishes school teachers in western rural China

BEIJING, 11 April—A training program initiated by the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation has covered more than 3,000 primary school teachers and principals in the country's western rural regions to boost their teaching quality. The "Western Gardener Training Program" started in 2006 with a 12 million yuan (1.76 million US dollars) donation from the Starbucks Corporation.

Currently, the program plans to train 500 rural teachers, 250 rural school principals and 200 teachers of ethnic groups, according

to a statement released after a seminar opened Saturday on education in the western regions. During the two-day seminar, jointly held by the foundation and the University of International Business and Economics, government officials, education experts, entrepreneurs and teachers from the program discussed issues including higher learning institutes' role in promoting education in the western regions.

Internet



A model presents a creation which incorporates chocolate during a fashion show at the Chocolate Festival in Cairo on 1 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Gunships kill 13 militants in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 11 April—At least 13 militants were killed Sunday when Pakistani security forces' gunship helicopters charged at their hideouts in the country's tribal area of Orakzai, according to local TV reports. Six militants were injured in the air attack, said the reports.

Meanwhile, at least six militants were killed Sunday as Pakistani security forces pounded at their hideouts in the neighboring Kurram agency. Orakzai has a large number of presence of local, al-Qaida and foreign militants. Militants fled to this area months ago before the military operation was started in South Waziristan.—*Internet*



US teenager Jordan Romero leaves a hotel in Kathmandu on 11 April. Scores of climbers will attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest during the brief climbing season this May, but Jordan is probably the only one who has brought his algebra homework.—INTERNET

Dramatic gun battle on Belgrade street leaves man dead

BELGRADE, 11 April—An unnamed 24-year-old man killed himself with a hand grenade, after exchanging fire with police on a Belgrade street Saturday, Serbia state news agency Tanjug said.

The man, identified only by the initials J.K. by police, allegedly forced his way into a taxi,

displaying a revolver and a hand grenade with the fuse removed. During the ride, he also revealed an automatic weapon, a "Scorpion."

The taxi driver, activating a "panic button" alerted police to his whereabouts. With police blocking the progress of the taxi on a city street, the

armed passenger opened fire on a police barricade.

When police returned fire, the taxi driver escaped from the vehicle. Moments later, police reported hearing a loud explosion. The young man was rushed to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Internet

Border agents find wrong kind of grass in mowers

Border authorities arrested a man trying to cross the border with two mowers stuffed with the type of grass not usually found in machinery. U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested an unidentified Mexican man who tried to smuggle 53 pounds' worth of marijuana across the border on Friday. The man drove into the

inspection station from Tijuana, Mexico, at about 5:30 a.m. hauling the lawnmowers in his pickup.

A dog alerted agents and a search turned up 21 packages of pot crammed inside the chassis of the mowers.

The driver was arrested and booked into San Diego county jail on suspicion of drug trafficking.



Donkey cart owners compete in a 10 km (6.25 miles) race in Karachi.



A tiger jumps to catch a Chinese circus performer, clinging on to a ladder above the tiger den at a zoo in Changzhou in east China's Jiangsu province. Authorities canceled the performance amid wide criticism after media exposure, newspapers reported.

Colorado penguin parents adopt another zoo's chick

African penguins have adopted a chick that had trouble hatching, then wasn't being cared for by its biological parents at another Colorado zoo. Officials at the Denver Zoo, the chick's new home, say it's doing well.

The baby African penguin emerged from its shell at the Pueblo Zoo on 20 March, but it was four days overdue and needed help from a staff worker to get out. When the biological parents appeared unable to care for the hatchling, it was taken to Denver and placed with surrogate parents, who immediately began to feed it and keep it warm.

African penguins once came close to extinction and are listed as "vulnerable" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

News Album



A photographer takes a picture of a wooden house which is built upside-down in Gettorf, northern Germany. The fully furnished so-called 'crazy house' has a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room and a sleeping room.

NY woman gets feds' goat for compensation claim

Selling goats and collecting workers comp don't mix. An upstate New York woman faces up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000 after admitting she sold goats while collecting more than \$60,000 in workers compensation.

Susan Tansosch pleaded guilty in US District Court to making false

statements to the US Department of Labor.

In the plea announced, US Attorney Richard Hartunian said Tansosch collected the benefits after she told authorities she wasn't making money from other employment. She was selling goats near Syracuse.



White umbrellas opened to pay homage to late Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaw



Remains of late Venerable Monk Bhaddanta Kumara conveyed from Tulutwaiyan Ordination Hall to the pandal where the final rite will be held.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—A ceremony to open the white umbrellas over the body of late Chairman of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Chancellor of State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Magway Maha Withutayama New Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga

Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara, aged 88 and 68 vasa, was held at the monastery in Magway this afternoon. Presiding Nayaka of Nyauungdon Ponnamayama Zaygon Monastery Nyauungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Disciples, relatives of the Sayadaw and officials conveyed the body of the Sayadaw from Tulutwaiyan Ordination Hall to the pandal where the final rite will be held.

Staff Officer U Thura of the Religious Affairs Department supplicated on opening of the white umbrellas. White umbrellas were opened over remains of the Sayadaco.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejindaka, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala and Bhaddanta Viçcitta of Maha Withutayama New Monastery read the

brief biography of the Chairman Sayadaw and religious verses.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, invited members of the Sangha, Sayadaws of Magway Maha Withutayama New Monastery, disciples,

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, Brig-Gen Soe Htut of the local station, departmental officials, members of the Organizing Committee for Holding the Final Rite of the Sayadaw and local people.

Members of the Sangha from the various regions, disciples, relatives of the Sayadaw, members of the religious associations and local people paid homage to the late Sayadaw and donated cash to the funds of the organizing committee. Moreover, religious sermons were delivered from 5 to 11 April.

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Disciples, relatives of late Venerable Monk Bhaddanta Kumara pay homage to remains of the Sayadaw.—MNA



Presenting ceremony of Air Bagan Myanmar Open 2010 Golf Tournament held



Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awards Champion Tetsuji Hiratsuka of Japan.—MNA

YANGON, 11 April—Jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Asian Tour, Air Bagan Myanmar Open 2010 Golf tournament, with

presenting sponsor by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) and title sponsor by Air Bagan Ltd, continued its fourth day at Pun Hlaing

Golf club (Host Venue) here this evening.

After the tournament, Myanmar women dancers performed Myanmar Traditional Thingyan dance (Yein) and prize presenting ceremony of the tournament followed at the venue.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials, Chairman of Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Professional Golfers Association U Teza, Vice Chairman U Min Thein, General Secretary U Aung Hla Han, General

Secretary of PGA U Chan Han, Executives, responsible persons of Air Bagan, Chairman U Kyi Han from Asian Tour, Tournament Director MR. Jittisak Tampraser of Air Bagan Myanmar Open 2010 Golf tournament and invited persons.

Vice Chairman of MGF U Min Thein awarded Yan Myo Aye who won the Amateur player award with total 288 strokes, Executive Director of IBTC U Tint Oo third prizes to Thaworn Wiratchant(Thailand) and Andrew Dodd(Australia) with each total 275 strokes and second prize to Prayad Marksang with total 274 strokes.

The minister presented Champion Trophy

to Tetsuji Hiratsuka (Japan) who won the first prize with total 264 strokes and Chairman of MGF and MPGA U Teza honoured US \$ 50,000.

Chairman of MGF, officials and winners of Air Bagan Myanmar

Open 2010 Golf Tournament posed for documentary photo.

Co-Sponsors of the tournament are Elite-Tech, Official Hotel by Sedona Hotel and Official Ball by Srixon.

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Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Sumatra, Indonesia) 1600 miles southeast of Kaba Aye Observatory was measured at 12 hrs 29 min 28 sec MST today, Meteorology and Hydrology Department said.

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**The best time to plant a tree was
20 years ago.**

The second best time is now.



Cash donated for funeral rite of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Chairman Sayadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April – A ceremony to donate cash for the funeral rite of Chairman of the Sangha Chancellor of State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Magway Maha Withutayama New Monastery Abhidhaja Maja Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika, aged

88 and 68 vasa, took place this morning at the monastery in Magway.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental officials, members of funeral rite organizing committee and well-wishers.

To date, K 172,297,250 has been

donated including cash donated by the State Peace and Development Council, Myanmar Economic Corporation, Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd, state/division PDCs, departments and local and foreign donors and 1000 sets of robes, four white umbrellas and K 35.6 million for Satuditha by Mitta Centre Group (Indonesia).

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Well-wishers presenting cash for funeral rite of Bhaddanta Kumara Sayadaw.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring...

(from page 1)

The secretary explained the matters related to the spa. A local people expressed thanks.

The minister, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, the secretary and U Than Win Swe of FCGC Company formally opened the spa.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the camp and sprinkled it with scented water. The



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveils the signboard of Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa.—MNA

commander, minister and officials looked

round the spa.

The Nay Pyi Taw Hot

Spring Spa is situated on 55-acre land near

Taungkyaw Village at milepost No. (29/5) on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road. It has two rest houses, two changing rooms, one restaurant, swimming pool and hot spring.

The spa will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm daily. The temperature of the hot springs at noon are ranging between 75°C and 98°C at which chicken eggs, quail eggs and potatoes can be boiled. Products of Shan State — orchid, bitter turmeric, cardamom

plant, banana, honey, sour bamboo shoot, chicken egg, quail egg and potato — can be bought in the spa. Solar lamps are used in the spa in nighttime and four elephants have been arranged for those wanted to enjoy elephant riding.

The 200 feet high Koekwe Waterfall is located four miles far from the spa. The visitors may enjoy natural beauty and social life of local ethnic people along their tour to the waterfall from the spa.

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Minister for PBANDA and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyint, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Secretary Col Kan Chun and U Than Win Swe of FCGC formally open Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring Spa.
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Entries invited to colour photo contest

YANGON, 11 April — The colour photo contest in commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day which will fall on 4 January 2011 will be held under the title of "Peaceful and Prosperous Myanmar".

Anyone may participate in the contest and their entries must feature national developments, beauties, peace and stability, beautiful sceneries of regions of national races and traditional festivals. Handsome prizes will

be awarded to winners. Entries are to be sent to Director (Production) U Aye Kywe, Information and Public Relations Department, No.228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, not later than 30 September at 4 pm.

MNA

Mine blasts leave innocent people injured

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Saw Warta Pale living in Taingpin Village of Kyaukkyi Township on his way to chop bamboo together with a companion stepped on a landmine planted by insurgents three miles east of Thitcha Village, Kyaukkyi Township of

Bago Division at about 9 am on 6 April. He got loss of his right ankle and was taken to Kyaukkyi Township hospital.

At 12 noon on 8 April, Kyaw Naing Oo, villager of Thanbo Village of Kyaukkyi Township, who made a way to chop firewood together with his

little sister hit a land mine planted by insurgents about 50 yards east of Kappal Village of Kyaukkyi Township. Losing left ankle and injuring right ankle, he was also admitted to Kyaukkyi Township hospital.

MNA



Durability of Nyaunglebin-Madauk-Shwegenyin Road inspected

YANGON, 11 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected maintenance of Nyaunglebin-Madauk-Shwegenyin Road after leav-

ing Nay Pyi Taw through Yangon-Bago-Toungoo-Mandalay Highway yesterday.

The minister and party also inspected Shwegenyin-Madauk bridge

and roadwork on Nyaunglebin-Madauk road section constructed by Public Works between mile post Nos. 9/4 and 9/5 and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Construction Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects maintenance of Nyaunglebin-Madauk-Shwegenyin Road.—MNA



Sun-dried salt farms in bloom in Bago Division



Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min views salt farm in Mamauk Village of Kawa Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 April—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min yesterday visited a salt farm of owner U Min Swe in Mamauk Village, Kawa Township of Bago Division and U Myo Thein Tun's salt farm near Mamauk Village, inspecting production processes of salt.

At salt farming briefing hall near TadaU Village of Kawa Township, the minister attended to the needs after hearing the reports presented by officials and businessmen.

In the past, refined salt used with firewood came into disappearance in Bago Division thanks to forest conservation activities. On account of success in producing 50 acres of sun-dried salt in 2009, it was extended to 2000 acres in 2010 and plans are being made to raise the degree annually.

The minister also looked into roadwork of 11 miles long Thatkala-Thayatgon-Ayemon inter-village-road in Kawa Township.

MNA

Myittha Dam under construction for ...

(from page 16)

After the bus had driven along the uphill road, I witnessed Maw Creek Bridge and Kazundaunt Village.

On arrival at the village, I took a photo of the library and went to the house of my friend.

My friend took me by motorbike to Myittha Dam. We went along the embankment for one hour. Next, we saw the defile of Myittha River. The widest area of the river is 200 feet and the defile is 40-50 feet wide.

We observed the

area for damming the river and viewed the site for construction of a hydropower station. At the briefing hall, a staff member gave me a pamphlet on Myittha Dam Project. I took photos of the long embankment several times.

Sedde dyke of the dam and the outlet channel were completed. The construction of a bridge across the outlet channel was also finished. I learned that implementation of the project has completed by over 50 per cent. It is expected to



230 feet long bridge across diversion canal of Myittha Dam.

complete the project in 2011-2012. The hydropower station of the dam will generate 170 million kilowatt hours

yearly and the dam will benefit 12,000 acres of land.

I thought that the sufficient water will boost cultivation and production of crops in the region. The embankment of the dam will be longest in the nation. It has 29,750 feet long including 27,450 feet long saddle dyke. The embankment will be RL 1030 feet high and the dam can store 377,600 acre feet of water. The still water area will be 70,800 acre feet and the water surface will

be 5788 acres. The dam will have 14300 feet long and 100 feet wide diversion canal. The spillway is of RC duck bill type and it will be 1040 feet wide. The conduit for generating hydropower will be 19 feet diameters.

It is 205 feet high zone type earth embankment. The dam has 1,310,000 acre feet of inflow water yearly and its watershed area is 700 square miles. The area of river has 70 inches of rainfall annually. The dam is located near Pyintha Vil-

lage of Gangaw Township, Magway Division, and it will be largest and longer irrigation facility in Yaw region.

In the near future, the dam will irrigate Yaw region and supply electricity to there. Not only Kazundaunt Village but also Yaw region will enjoy fruits of development. I firmly believe that the Myittha Dam will shape the happy lives for the local people.

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27450 feet long saddle dyke seen at Myittha Dam.



Security video captured bloody shooting spree in Mexico



Security video shows two gunmen intercepting a car and sequestering the driver.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 11 April—Chilling video captured by a security camera shows more than a dozen armed men carrying out a shooting spree in broad daylight that left eight people dead last month in Mexico's Chihuahua state.

In the video obtained by CNN on Saturday, the men believed to be hit men for a drug cartel — are

seen opening fire with assault rifles into nearby vehicles and a housing complex.

A 14-year-old girl was among the eight victims of the March 15 killings in the town of Creel, according to Carlos Gonzalez, a spokesman for the state attorney general's office.

"We don't know what group these hit men are part of, but here

in Chihuahua there are two warring groups: the Sinaloa Cartel and Juarez Cartel," Gonzalez said. "We're working on trying to figure out which group was responsible."

Gonzalez said there is no evidence to suggest that the victims were involved in drug activity, adding that the motive for the shootings is unclear.

He said the video—captured by a state public security camera—is "important" evidence in the investigation.

"This is evidence to identify these people and it's part of the ongoing investigation to find them," said Gonzalez, who is the lead investigator in the case.

Internet

LA billionaires sued over Calif water sales



In this 30 March, 2010 photo, Primex International Trading Corp. owner, Ali Amin, poses at his international INTERNET

FRESNO, 11 April—They grew their fortune in the California sun, turning pedestrian fruits and nuts into a vast and varied empire that secured their place in Hollywood.

Stewart and Lynda Resnick's flashy bottles of Fiji Water and POM Wonderful are now coveted across the globe. Their donations keep the

lights on in art museums across the country. And Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Arianna Huffington count them among their dearest friends.

But as their marketshare rises worldwide, one of the billionaires' competitors is fighting back, accusing the Western power couple of profiting at the public's expense, court records and interviews show.

Now, as drought-stricken California weighs whether to give private companies more control in managing its scarce water supplies, a new lawsuit claiming the Resnicks violated utilities law by making money from a vast, taxpayer-funded underground reservoir is causing a stir in the state Capitol.

"Water is a public resource, owned by the people," said Democratic Assemblyman Jared Huffman

of San Rafael. "We shouldn't be giving away public funds to private sector interests, let alone choosing winners and losers in the business world."

The Resnicks, who live in a Beverly Hills mansion and have a second home in Aspen, Colo., are among the nation's largest corporate farmers and are generous philanthropists and political donors, giving \$536,000 to Democratic and Republican California governors in the last decade.

The Los Angeles Business Journal estimates the couple's empire is worth \$1.5 billion. It includes about 120,000 acres in California's Central Valley—where they say they own more fresh citrus, almond and pistachio trees than anyone else in the country—and a facility akin to the Fort Knox of water.

Internet

Quake-hit Haitians leave tent cities for camp



Homeless Haitians to safer locations.

INTERNET

PETIONVILLE, 11 April—Officials in Petionville, Haiti, on Saturday prepared to move the first people out of a ballooning tent city—one of many erected in the wake of the 7.0-magnitude quake that devastated the country in January—and into a displacement camp as the rainy season gets under way.

About 50,000 people have sought refuge at the Petionville Golf Club since the quake killed more than 200,000 people and reduced large swaths of Haiti to rubble.

The once lush fairways and rolling hills of the golf course have been transformed into a teeming tent city where residents have set up vegetable markets, pharmacies and other makeshift businesses.

But early spring rains have already turned portions of the course into rivers of mud and officials with the government and the International Organization for Migration fear that about 7,500

people are in danger now that the rainy season has officially begun.

Many of the residents' tents are located on a steep slope and are in danger of being washed away in mudslides, officials say. Engineers from the U.N. peacekeeping force, Minustah, and the U.S. military have identified several other areas that need to be cleared to prevent flooding and mudslides in the rest of the camp, according to IOM.

About 100 families were scheduled to be relocated Saturday to the Corail Resettlement Camp, a site north of Haitian capital Port-au-Prince that was prepared by IOM with help from military engineers and humanitarian groups. The site can accommodate 6,000 people, according to IOM.—Internet

Russia begins Nord Stream gas pipeline project

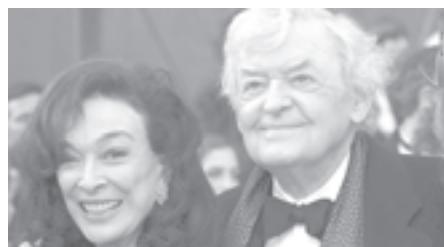
TOKYO, 11 April—Russia has started construction of an undersea pipeline to bypass Ukraine and directly transport natural gas to Europe.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Nord Stream pipeline project was held at the Russian starting point near the Baltic Sea town of Vyborg on Friday.

Under the plan, 2 parallel pipelines will carry gas for more than 1,200 kilometers to Greifswald in Germany under the Baltic Sea. The gas will then be distributed to countries through existing pipelines. The construction will be finished in 2012.

Internet

'Designing Women' star Dixie Carter dies



Dixie Carter at the 2008 Academy Awards with her husband, actor Hal Holbrook.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 11 April—Actress Dixie Carter, best known for her role as Julia Sugarbaker on the TV show "Designing Women," has died, her agent said Saturday. She was 70. No other details were provided.

Carter was drawn to roles portraying steely Southern women. One of her more recent roles included a guest appearance on the show "Desperate Housewives," for which she was nominated for an

Emmy in 2007.

"This has been a terrible blow to our family," her husband, the actor Hal Holbrook, told "Entertainment Tonight." "We would appreciate everyone understanding that this is a private family tragedy."

In addition to Holbrook, to whom she has been married since 1984, Carter is survived by two daughters, Mary Dixie and Ginna.

Internet



Hiding out behind the Milky Way

SCIENCE DAILY, 11 April—A leggy cosmic creature comes out of hiding in a new infrared view from NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE.

The spiral beauty, called IC 342 and sometimes the "hidden galaxy," is shrouded behind our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

Stargazers and professional astronomers have a hard time seeing the galaxy through the Milky Way's bright band of

stars, dust and gas. WISE's infrared vision cuts through this veil, offering a crisp view.

In a spiral galaxy like IC 342, dust and gas are concentrated in the arms. The denser pockets of gas trigger the formation of new stars, as represented here in green and yellow.

The core, shown in red, is also bursting with young stars, which are heating up dust. Stars that appear blue reside within our Milky Way, between us and

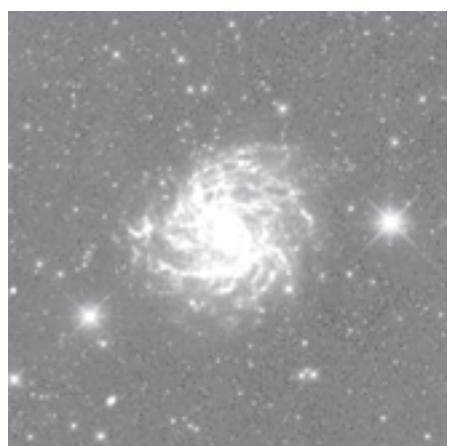
IC 342.

This galaxy has been of great interest to astronomers because it is relatively close. However, determining its distance from Earth has proven difficult due to the intervening Milky Way.

Astronomer Edwin Hubble first thought the galaxy might belong to our own Local Group of galaxies, but current estimates now place it farther away, at about 6.6 to 11 million light-years. This image was made from observations by all four infrared detectors aboard WISE.

Blue and cyan represent infrared light at wavelengths of 3.4 and 4.6 microns, which is primarily light from stars. Green and red represent light at 12 and 22 microns, which is primarily emission from warm dust.

Internet



A leggy cosmic creature comes out of hiding in this new infrared view from NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE.

INTERNET

Astronaut mom mails family

TOKYO, 11 April—Astronaut Naoko Yamazaki sent her family her first outer-space email from the International Space Station on Thursday.

Husband Daichi received the message, in which Naoko expressed her affection for him and their daughter, on his mobile phone at home in Houston.

The astronaut mom asked if her family on Earth were well. She said she was able to work vigorously from her first day, without suffering space sickness.

She told her family she would love to go to space someday together with them, and concluded with the words, "with the deepest love across the universe".

Daichi, who quit his job some years ago to support his wife's career, said the ease of e-mailing lets him feel very close to her.

He said his wife remembers well that their 7-year-old daughter once

said to her how much she wants to go space with her mom and dad.

Internet

Internet

How Nike exploits Tiger Woods' dead father

NEW YORK, 11 April—A new ad that uses the voice of Earl Woods isn't just provocative—it's a creepy piece of contemptible propaganda.

The latest from Nike and Tiger Woods, dropped into rotation on ESPN and the Golf Channel just in time for his balmy return to golf at the Masters, is not an ad. It's a provocation. A collaboration between a multi-billion dollar conglomerate, a man who just got out of sex rehab and the voice of a dead man who, when he prowled amongst the living, probably could have used a bit of counseling if not rehab himself.

Adam Hanft: The Psychological Strategy of the Tiger Ad.

Internet

New agent chokes off energy supply, kills cancer cell

SCIENCE DAILY, 11 April—Cancer cells grow so fast that they can strip their blood supply, leaving them short of oxygen. The cells then produce energy in a way that needs less oxygen but more sugar.

Researchers at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute have designed an experimental drug that chokes off that sugar supply, causing the cells to self destruct.

The agent, called OSU-CG12, is an example of a new class of anticancer drugs called energy-restriction mimetic agents. It is described in a paper published recently in the *Journal of Biological*



Dr. Ching-Shih Chen.

Chemistry.

"Energy restriction may offer a powerful new strategy for treating cancer because it targets a survival mechanism used by many types of cancer," says principal investigator Ching-Shih Chen, professor of medicinal chemistry, of internal medicine and of urology.

"Our study proves that this new agent kills cancer cells through energy restriction. This is important because it shows that it is possible

to design drugs that target energy restriction, and it is exciting because energy-restricting mimetic agents may also be useful for other diseases, including metabolic syndromes, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and obesity," Chen adds.

Energy-restricting mimetic agents cause changes in cancer cells that are similar to those that occur in cancer cells deprived of their main energy source, the sugar glucose.

To design the new agent, Chen and his collaborators started with a drug called ciglitazone, which had been developed to treat type II diabetes but also showed anticancer activity in laboratory experiments.

Internet

Toyota may face second US penalty

TOKYO, 11 April—The US Transportation Department is considering a second penalty for Toyota for defects in its accelerator pedals.

NHK obtained a letter by the department notifying Toyota of the initial fine, which was announced on Monday.



Friends and family grieve during a viewing for deceased coal miner Carl Acord, 52, of Bolt, W.Va., on Friday, 9 April 2010 at Melton Mortuary in Beckley, W.Va. Acord was killed on Monday during a mine explosion at Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, W.Va.

INTERNET

customers about the pedal problem in 2006, and changed its composition in 2008.

The problem was not resolved, and the automaker again changed the composition last year.

The department says it might pursue a second penalty based on these defects.

The letter adds that Toyota's headquarters sent documents to its production firm in North America to change the design of parts in October of last year, but that it withdrew the order 2 weeks later.

Internet

Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher have talked about having kids together.

INTERNET





UK investigates 800,000 organ donor errors

LONDON, 11 April—Britain's transplant authority says it is investigating several hundred thousand organ donor list errors stretching back to about 1999.

The National Health Service Blood and Transplant organization says a proportion of its 14 million organ donor list has been affected by technical errors, meaning some of the choices filled out by

donors may have been transposed.

That means, for example, that people who wanted to donate organs such as their lungs or their skin were put down as people who wanted to donate their corneas or heart. The service stresses that all those on the register were willing donors of one form or another and that no data was lost.

Internet



Achoo! Pollen at its worst in years in many areas

ST PETERSBURG, 11 April — Pollen: It's on

your car, in the air and especially in your sinuses. From Florida to Texas to Colorado, 2010 is shaping up to be a monster of an allergy season. The words "pollen" and "allergy" are among the top 10 trending topics on Twitter in several US cities. Everywhere, it seems, is covered in a fine yellow dust that irritates our lives. Experts say it's the worst they've seen in years in many areas.

"It's wicked bad this year," said Dr Mona Mangat, an allergy specialist in St Petersburg, Fla., who can't recall a worse year in the six she's worked there.

"We're just overwhelmed with patients

right now.

We're double- and triple-booked with new patients, trying to work people in because we know how much people are suffering."

This year is especially bad in the Southeast, weather experts say, likely due to winter's unseasonably cold weather. "That may have helped delay some of the plants from blooming as early as they may have wanted to," said John Feerick, senior meteorologist at AccuWeather. "It's the fact that everything is coming out all at once."

High winds in some areas also spread the misery. "We had a perfect storm this year," said Dr William Storms, professor at University of Colo-

rado and a clinician. "It's the worst I've seen in 10 years."—*Internet*

Men aboard a car splash water on a woman as they celebrate the Songkran festival, the Thai traditional New Year, also known as the water festival in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 11 April, 2010. The festival will officially start on 13 April through 15 April.

INTERNET

Colour e-readers with video shown off

STOCKHOLM, 11 April — A colour e-reader that supports video and potentially web browsing has been shown off by Dutch researchers. The prototype uses screen technology — based on century-old science — that its

makers say is up to four times more energy efficient than LCD screens.

Once established in the e-reader market, Dutch firm Liquavista hope to see its displays integrated into other devices in the future. But analysts ques-

tion whether consumers will be enticed by the greener gadgets. Liquavista said it expects the first e-readers using the "electrowetting" technology to be available by the middle of 2011 and the technology to then become more widespread.

"You certainly could see this technology in your smartphone, in your mobile phone, in your web tablet, in your PC, in your notebook," said Guy Demuyck, head of the firm. "But eventually you could see it in your home as your television screen in your living room," he added.—*Internet*



The new display bounces natural light through oil filters back at the reader.— INTERNET

Childhood deafness gene uncovered

LONDON, 11 April — A new genetic fault which may account for some cases of inherited deafness has been revealed by Dutch researchers. It means that parents with the hereditary condition may be able to predict more accurately the chances of passing it on to their children.

The new find, documented in the American Journal of Human Genetics, could even one day contribute to treatments, say the scientists. One child in 750 is born with severe hearing loss or profound deafness. The gene in question, labelled PTPRQ, appears to play a role in the development of the inner ear "hair cell" before the birth of the child. A genetic fault here means that these cells will not form properly or in sufficient numbers, leading to profound deafness or extremely poor hearing.—*Internet*

Shoppers check out the Apple iPad at a computer mall in Hong Kong. Technology-mad Chinese shoppers are paying a huge mark-up for Apple's new iPad on the grey market, only days after the device went on sale in the United States.

INTERNET

Miss America's AIDS platform: Making it personal

WASHINGTON, 11 April—Since 1989, the Miss America Pageant has required contestants to choose a platform to promote during their yearlong reign. This year's winner says she didn't choose her platform, her platform chose her.

When Caressa Cameron was 8-years-old, she lost her uncle to AIDS, after her family cared for him the last six months of his life. "At that age I didn't understand what AIDS was, I just knew he was sick," Cameron told FoxNews.com. Her uncle's death had such an impact on the Miss America titleholder's family that soon after, they signed on to care for a foster child who was born with pediatric AIDS.

As Cameron got older, caring for the foster child helped her understand what AIDS was, and the social stigma that came along with it. "There were a lot of kids in the neighbourhood whose parents would not allow them to play with us, because they thought that if they touched our toys, that they could get HIV," Cameron said.—*Internet*



Dogs chew off 6-month-old baby's testicles in California

LOS ANGELES, 11 April — A 6-month-old baby had his testicles chewed off by two large dogs while he was left strapped in his baby carrier alone in a California apartment, CBS2.com reported on Thursday.

Carrie McKinney, 22, was visiting her boyfriend Doug Ritchey's apartment and left her son in his car seat on the floor. After leaving the room, Ritchey's two pit bulls tore through the baby's diaper and chewed off his scrotum.—*Internet*



Caressa Cameron is crowned Miss America 2010 at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.— INTERNET



Saudi says Gaza conjoined twins inseparable

RIYADH, 11 April — The conjoined Palestinian twins that made the long, difficult journey out of the blockaded Gaza Strip to Saudi Arabia cannot be separated and do not have long to live, the Saudi health minister said Saturday.

A head of the medical team treating Rital and Ritaj said that the two have a bacterial infection in their chests and that their hearts, livers and digestive systems are all

intertwined.

"The two children are in a life threatening situation and similar cases have not survived," he said in a statement.

The two girls were born on 27 March, the first ever in the impoverished Gaza Strip, and doctors there lacked the resources to treat them. They requested help from Saudi Arabia, which has world renowned facilities for separating conjoined twins.—Internet



Palestinian doctors stand around conjoined twin girls Rital, left, and Ritaj Abu Ati as they rest in an incubator at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip. The conjoined Palestinian twins that made the long, difficult journey out of the blockaded Gaza Strip to Saudi Arabia cannot be separated and do not have long to live, the Saudi health minister said Saturday.

INTERNET

Scientists appeal for improvements in flu prevention mechanisms

VIENNA, 11 April — Scientists appealed for the establishment of a global supervision network against the flu and the speeding up of market admittance for the production of vaccines during a medical science conference here Saturday.

Alber Osterhaus, a virology expert from Rotterdam, Holland, said at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases that construction of a global monitoring network against flu was the most important way to effectively control the A/H1N1

flu. The best way to prevent an epidemic is to discover it and take precaution as early as possible, Osterhaus said. In addition, he said, the production of vaccines and market admittance needs to be quickened.

The strict approval procedures of the American Food and Drug Administration and the European Medicines Agency slowed production of the A/H1N1 vaccines, six months after the outbreak of the epidemic last year, Osterhaus said.

Internet



Palestinian women bake traditional Arabic bread using an Earth oven, at Jabalya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, on Saturday, 10 April, 2010. An Earth Oven or Cob Oven is a wood fired oven made from a mixture of mud or clay, sand and straw. It is built to retain the heat from a fire built inside of it.

INTERNET

Middle school student splashes sulphuric acid in south China, 18 burned

GUANGZHOU, 11 April — Eighteen students in a middle school in south China's Guangdong province are suffering from different degrees of burns after one student threw sulphuric acid to them, local authorities said Saturday.

A student surnamed Cai in Jiadong Middle School in Lufeng city, splashed sulphuric acid he had with him to a group of students during a quarrel, injuring 18, at around 8 a.m. Friday.

Of the 18 victims, five were sent to hospitals in Shantou city for treatment, seven mildly burned are being treated in a local hospital and another six have been sent home after brief treatment, officials from the Lufeng publicity department said.

The five students at Shantou Central Hospital

have 2 to 10 percent of their body surface area (BSA) burnt, according to doctor in charge of the treatment.

The burns of the five male students are on their faces, hands

and backs. It is very likely that the burns will cause scars or malformation and the cost of orthopedic treatment could be fairly high, the doctor said.—Xinhua

Explorer completes Arctic balloon crossing



In this Picture released by Septieme Continent, French explorer Jean-Louis Etienne is seen as he took off with a hot air balloon on the Norwegian Island of Spitzbergen, Monday on 5 April, 2010.

INTERNET

PARIS, 11 April — A French explorer's team says he has made the first Arctic crossing by balloon, landing in the tundra of eastern Siberia

five days after taking off in Norway. Jean-Louis Etienne traveled 3,130 kilometers (1,945 miles) in his special balloon, sailing over the Arctic Circle.

The 63-year-old radioed his team after landing Saturday, expressing relief "because there were difficult moments and I was starting to lose sleep." The landing had been set for Alaska, but Etienne had to change course after a snowstorm Wednesday near the North Pole hindered the recharging of batteries via solar panels.

Etienne measured the atmosphere for CO_2 during his trip and did other tests.

In 1986, the explorer became the first person to reach the North Pole alone.

Internet

Mel Gibson to donate movie sets to Mexican museum



In this 29 October, 2007 file photo, actor Mel Gibson arrives at the premiere of American Gangster in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

VERACRUZ, 11 April — The governor of the Mexican Gulf coast state of Veracruz says Mel Gibson will donate sets from the movie he's currently filming to a future museum.

Gov. Fidel Herrera says several sets were built inside the Ignacio Allende prison in the port city of Veracruz and that the jail will be converted into a museum once Gibson is done filming.

In January, 1,500

inmates were transferred out of the prison to make room for Gibson's film, which began production this week and is tentatively titled "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." Herrera made the announcement on Thursday.

Gibson filmed his 2006 Mayan-language movie "Apocalypto" in Veracruz.

Herrera said Gibson also donated some of the sets from that movie.

Internet

"Limited" smoking ban comes into effect in Croatia

BELGRADE, 11 April — Although a "limited" smoking ban came into effect in Croatia on Saturday, the hospitality industry is far from ready for its implementation, reported the Bosnian news agency Srsna.

According to the new law, bars and restaurants of 50 square meters or less can permit smoking if an appropriate ventilation system has been installed. Larger hospitality establishments must provide segregated areas for smokers, not exceeding 20 percent of the total area. However, in either case, permission from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare must be issued to permit smoking. To date, of the approximately 16,000 bars and restaurants in Croatia, permission has been granted by the ministry to only 156 cafes, one pizzeria, a single pension and three hotels.

Guests violating the smoking policy can be fined the equivalent of 140 Euros, while the waiter responsible can be charged from between 70 to 140 Euros. Potential fines to management vary from 4,000 to 20,000 Euros.

The smoking ban, however, applies only to interior spaces. Smoking will still be permitted outdoors and on terraces.—Xinhua



SPORTS

Di Matteo savours career highlight as Albion move up

LONDON, 11 April—West Bromwich Albion manager Roberto Di Matteo savoured the best moment of his illustrious career after the Baggies secured a quick return to the Premier League with a 3-2 win at Doncaster Rovers. Di Matteo's team, relegated to the Championship last year, completed their escape from English football's second tier after moving 11 points clear of third-place Nottingham Forest with only three matches left for both teams.

The former Italy midfielder won the FA Cup, League Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup with Chelsea, but he rated this achievement his



West Bromwich Albion's Chris Brunt

best."This is probably the highlight of my career, an achievement based on the last year of hard work," he said."It's a credit to the players who have worked very hard. Their attitude and effort has been the key to this season and we have been promoted with three games left, it's an amazing achievement.

Internet

Roberto Carlos celebrates birthday and chance to play in World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 April—The star midfielder for the Corinthians soccer team, Roberto Carlos celebrated his 37th birthday on Saturday.

Carlos thanked fans, teammates and the media for the possibility of rejoining the Brazilian national soccer team in its quest to South Africa in the 2010 World Cup.

Apart from his birthday, Carlos celebrated the fact that he returned to play solid soccer. Teammate Ronaldo recently appealed for his inclusion to the national team and even became choked up when giving his referral.

Internet

Portsmouth relegated from Premier League

LONDON, 11 April—Crisis club Portsmouth were relegated from the English Premier League on Saturday after West Ham's 1-0 win against Sunderland. Portsmouth will now kick-off in their FA Cup semi-final against Tottenham at Wembley on Sunday knowing their seven-season stint in English football's top flight has come to an end.

Their fate was sealed by Brazilian striker Araujo Ilan's 51st minute goal at Upton Park for West Ham. The highest

total Portsmouth, who have five league games left, can finish on 19 points and that would still leave them in the relegation zone. Portsmouth, who have estimated debts of more than 76 million pounds (117 million dollars), had their demotion effectively confirmed last month when the Premier League docked them nine points for entering administration.—*Internet*



Portsmouth City fans await the start of a match in London in 2008. Crisis club Portsmouth were relegated from the English Premier League on Saturday after West Ham's 1-0 win against Sunderland.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Querrey downs Odesnik to reach Clay Court final

HOUSTON, 11 April—Third-seeded Sam Querrey reached the final of the US Men's Clay Court Championships with a victory over Wayne Odesnik, who was playing with the threat of a drugs ban looming. Querrey, who said before the match that he would "refuse to lose" to Odesnik, triumphed 7-6 (7/3), 1-6, 7-5, Saturday, rallying from a third-set deficit to deny Odesnik his second straight trip to the final.

Odesnik pleaded guilty in an Australian court on March 26 to importing human growth hormone into Australia. He has denied taking the banned performance enhancer and is playing pending an investigation by the International Tennis Federation that could result in a suspension. Regardless of the outcome of the ITF's probe, Querrey said Odesnik owed the sport an apology.—*Internet*

Barca wins in Madrid to take huge step towards Spanish title

MADRID, 11 April—Leo Messi and Pedro Rodriguez scored to give FC Barcelona a 2-0 win in Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu, taking them to the top of the Spanish Primera Liga table. The victory leaves Barca three points clear of Real Madrid and with the added advantage of superior individual goal difference. The result was no less than Barca deserved after outplaying their rivals for the majority of the match.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola surprised many with his starting lineup, playing just two strikers and pushing right back Dani Alves into an advanced role on the right of midfield with Carles Puyol covering behind him. Real Madrid



FC Barcelona beats Real Madrid 2-0. — XINHUA

meanwhile continued to show faith in Fernando Gago in a central midfield role with Gonzalo Higuain and Cristiano Ronaldo in attack.—Xinhua

O'Neill turns on Terry as Villa suffer more woe

LONDON, 11 April—Martin O'Neill launched an angry attack on John Terry, accusing the defender of making a career-threatening challenge on James



Chelsea's defender John Terry (L) vies with Aston Villa's striker Gabriel Agbonlahor (R) during their FA Cup semi-final football match at Wembley Stadium in London. Chelsea won 3-0.—INTERNET

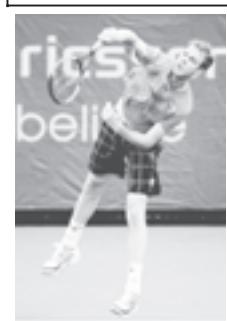
Milner during Chelsea's 3-0 FA Cup semi-final victory over Aston Villa. Villa manager O'Neill claimed Milner was lucky to escape with just heavy bruising following the 74th minute tackle that led to Chelsea captain Terry being booked by referee Howard Webb at Wembley on Saturday.

"It was an awful challenge on an England colleague and James Milner is very lucky his career is still intact," said O'Neill. "The referee has given him a yellow card. But it should have been a red. "James is very sore and very, very lucky. We think he has got away with it. But if you see the challenge, his knee bends out." I've just spoken to the doctor and he says he is very, very lucky. He was turning away from goal and Terry's coming in. I'm very disappointed with it. It should have been a red card. It was a desperately poor challenge.—*Internet*

Bayern levels with Leverkusen, Schalke upset by bottom team

BERLIN, 11 April—German Bundesliga leader Bayern Munich defended the top place despite a 1-1 draw with Bayer Leverkusen while Schalke 04 lost surprisingly to bottom team

Hanover 96 on Saturday. After the Champions League miracle at Old Trafford against Manchester United, Bayern started highly motivated to extend the gap in the Bundesliga table. Bayern sits on top with 60 points followed by Schalke with 58 points and Leverkusen with 54 points.



Sam Querrey

Bottom team Hanover surprisingly beat second-placed Schalke 4-2 in an entertaining seesaw match as both teams staged a concentrated start. Only 17 minutes into the match, Hanover defender Manuel Schmiedebach's pass into penalty area was deflected by Schalke defender Heiko Westermann into his own goal.

Hanover preserved the momentum until the 29th minutes to double the lead. Striker Didier Ya Konan utilized the chance in front of Schalke's goal and nutmegged Schalke goalie Manuel Neuer to extend the lead for Hanover. Schalke was absolutely out of sorts and unable to fight back within the break.—Xinhua



Local residents pay a visit to the Commissioner's Office of China's Foreign Ministry in the Hong Kong SAR, south China, on 10 April, 2010. The Commissioner's Office hold a public day event on Saturday. A total of more than 200 residents took part in the activity.—INTERNET

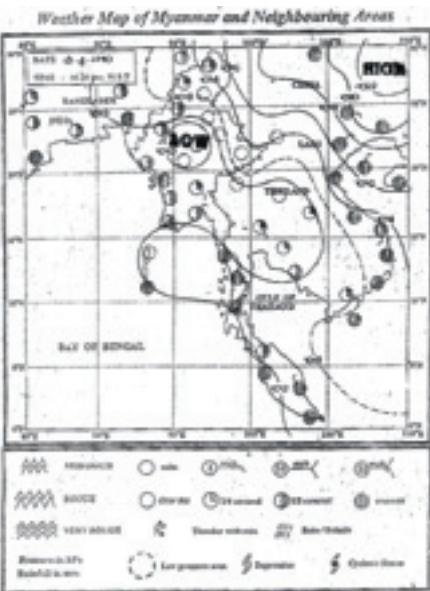
Pilot error may have caused Polish crash

SMOLENSK, 11 April—Pilot error was a possible reason for the plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski and Central Bank governor Slawomir Skrzypek on Saturday, a spokesman for the Smolensk local government said.

"The pilot was advised to land in Minsk, but decided to land in Smolensk," said the spokesman, Andrei Yevseyenkov.

The plane crashed in thick fog about two kilometres (1.3 miles) from the airport in the western Russian region of Smolensk.

MNA/Reuters



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (12- 4-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (12-4-10 09:30 am ~ 13-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Thanakha (Surprising Myanmar)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * Disaster & Development (II)
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * Booming Business of Rakhine Coastal Region

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening

- * News
- * Current Affairs "Thanakha (Surprising Myanmar)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Fine Arts Podium "Byaw"
- * Myanmar ushers in an Auspicious New Year
- * News
- * Myanmar Thingyan Water Festival through Successive Eras "Water Festival of the Present Day"
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * Venerable Pagoda of Mount Popa
- * News
- * Current Affairs Thanakha (Surprising Myanmar)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Avian Antivenom Rewarding Achievement of DMR (LM)
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Silver Ware
- * Myanmar Movies "Flash"



Monday, 12 April View on today

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| 7:00 am | 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
ဘဏ္ဍာဝိုး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော် |
| 7:25 am | 2. To Be Healthy Exercise |
| 7:30 am | 3. Morning News |
| 7:40 am | 4. မြတ်စွဲတော်သာ်
(သန်မြတ်စွဲ) |

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| 7:50 am | 5. Nice and Sweet Song |
| 8:00 am | 6. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 8:20 am | 7. Song of National Races |
| 8:25 am | 8. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 8:40 am | 9. International News |
| 8:45 am | 10. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 4:00 pm | 1. Martial Song |
| 4:10 pm | 2. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 4:30 pm | 3. အဝေးသင်တွေ့သိလ်
ပညာနေဂျာမြှင့်သြား
သင်ခိုးစာ -တတိယနှစ် |
| 6:15 pm | 11. Weather Report |
| 6:20 pm | 12. Sing & Enjoy |
| 7:10 pm | 13. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 7:25 pm | 11. ခါသြားအဆိုပြီ လန်းကြော်
အဆင့်အောင်အပြီ |
| 7:35 pm | 12. ခါသြားအဆိုအကများ |
| 8:00 pm | 16. News |
| 8:45 pm | 17. International News |
| 5:20 pm | 18. Weather Report |
| 5:35 pm | 19. ကျွန်စိမ်း (အငိုင်-၁)
(လူမောင်မောင်နှံပြု) |
| 5:45 pm | 20. သူ့ဗုံးပြု |
| 6:00 pm | 21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘဏ္ဍာ
ဂြို့ဗျာအရို့သယ်များနှင့်
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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Monday, 12 April, 2010

- ★ 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

Myittha Dam under construction for benefiting Yaw region

Recently, I made a trip to Kazundaunt of Htilin Township by car. Last seven years, I saw Kazundaunt Village pointed by a villager while visiting Mawle-Kyapat Village, but I missed a chance to visit there.

Therefore, I was pleased because I would be going to visit the village.

During the trip by car, I noticed that almost all the passengers on board the bus were female villagers of Kazundaunt Village, and male passengers were an older person, a young person and I.



Myittha Dam, located near Pyinthu Village of Gangaw Township, will irrigate 12,000 acres of lands.

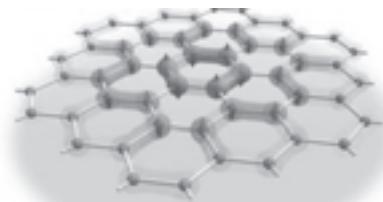
Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

The bus ran along Gangaw-Htilin-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road. I learned that the road would be upgraded in the near future. Local people thanked authorities concerned for construction of the road.

Daewoo bus which I took turned to a street and I saw the road signs reading "To Myittha Dam" and "To Kazundaunt Village".

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Exotic quantum spin-liquid simulated: A starting point for superconductivity?



The simulation of the quantum spin-liquid was performed on a flat honeycomb structure, where the electrons show a dynamical phase lacking any order.—Internet

STUTTGART, 11 April — An exotic state of matter that physicists call a "quantum spin-liquid" can be realized by electrons in a honeycomb crystal structure. This is shown by scientists from the Universities of Stuttgart and Würzburg, Germany in a new study published in the journal *Nature*. Electrons inside a crystal exist in different states. In many cases it is the crystal structure that decides, if the material is a metal with a finite electric conductivity, or if it is an insulator, which does not carry an electric current. But there also exist insulating materials, whose crystal structures suggest that they should behave like metals. Such materials are called "Mott insulators," and it is the repulsion between the electrons, that suppresses a metallic behaviour, such that the electrons are locked to the atoms.—Internet

Significant day temperatures

Chauk	45.7°C	Myingyan	44°C
Minbu	45.4°C	NyaungU	44°C