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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

Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to pagodas in Mandalay



NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe today and yesterday paid homage to pagodas in Mandalay.

Accompanied by the Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command, the ministers, senior military officers and departmental officials, the Senior General was welcomed by the Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Man-

delay Mayor and officials at Mandalay Hill yesterday evening.

On Mandalay Hill, the Senior General offered flowers and water to Kakuthan Buddha Image at the eastern archway of Hsutaungpyae Pagoda and paid homage to the image.

The Head of State made cash donation to the funds of the pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees and paid homage to the pagoda.

From the hill, he enjoyed the sunset of Mandalay and its environs and signed in the visitors' book.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe paying homage to Buddha Image at Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay).—MNA

Only when nation becomes a modern industrialized one, will it be transformed into developed one from status of developing nation

Senior General Than Shwe meets entrepreneurs of Mandalay Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance in meeting with entrepreneurs at Kanaung Hall of Mandalay Industrial Zone in Mandalay this morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy),

the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commanders of North-West Command and Central Command, the ministers, the Mandalay mayor and departmental officials, observed drills, tractors, three-wheel motor-bike, power tillers, combined thrasher, paddy transplant machine, stone grinding machine, concrete mixer and various kinds of trucks manufactured by factories in the zone at the compound in front of the hall.

Next, the Senior General viewed industrial products of Sein Pan Industrial Cooperative Society Limited, products of Mandalay power tiller factory, Myanmar traditional bronze ware, compound fertilizers of Toepwar Mann Company, import-substitute industrial products such as generators and farm machinery of UD Group Co Ltd and export items on display at the hall.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Provide better health care to public

The government is opening more and more universities of medicine, and universities on health care throughout the nation with the aim of developing the medical science and bringing about development of human resources in the medical field.

As part of the drive for giving better health care to the public, the government is also establishing modern hospitals, general hospitals, specialist hospitals and teaching hospitals extensively, and providing modern equipment on diagnosis and health care, and hospital equipment.

It is also encouraging production of modern and traditional medicines in its bid to upgrade hospitals to modern ones. With establishment of modern pharmaceutical factories, the nation obtains more new manufacturing methods.

As a result of setting up modern pharmaceuticals factories, people can get medicines at reasonable prices, and it reduces import of medicines, and contributes to regional development.

Being produced through the pharmaceutical manufacturing methods, all the medicines produced in Myanmar are of high quality, thus standing highest in potency in Southeast Asia. Myanmar has seen Inyaung and PyinOoLwin pharmaceutical factories in addition to Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon), which are designed to improve public health care.

In response to the government's benevolent attitude, the people, on their part, should keep themselves fit and rely only on the medicines recognized by the government.

Applications to set up political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting applications to the Union Election Commission and up to date 16 groups have sent applications to UEC. Of them, the Commission has found the following two groups to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and rules and thus the Commission has passed their applications on 22 April 2010.

- (a) The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar)
- (b) The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics

The said two groups are to submit their applications for registration as political parties in accord with the Political Parties Registration rule 7 within 30 days from the date of acceptance. The Commission is scrutinizing the applications of the remaining groups.

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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

Meeting of Union Election Commission 20/2010 held



Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe addresses meeting of the Union Election Commission 20/2010.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A meeting of the Union Election Commission 20/2010 took place this morning at the hall of the Union Election Commission (Nay Pyi Taw), here.

It was attended by Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and members of the commission.

At the meeting, the chairman made an opening speech and the members discussed formation of Township Election Sub-commissions, Ward and Villagetract Election Sub-commissions and scrutinization of applications for setting up political parties. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the chairman.—MNA

Entrepreneurs, Public Works upgrade Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon Road

YANGON, 22 April—On his inspection tour, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into construction of tarred road section and building of bridge on Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon Road being undertaken by Moe Yadana Tun Co on 20 April.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects upgrading of Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon Road.—CONSTRUCTION

The road is being upgraded with the undertakings of IGC Co, Same Sky Co, Shwetaung Co, Golden Harp Co, Soe Moe

Yandana Bridge Construction Co, Aung Gabar Co and Asia World Co. The private

companies are joining hands with Public Works in constructing the roads and bridges. The minister

attended to the needs of the construction entrepreneurs.

MNA

STI Education to conduct Diploma in Logistics Management and Supply Chain Management

YANGON, 22 April—STI Education has conducted Diploma in Logistics Management and Supply Chain Management subjects since 2007.

These subjects carry administration, purchasing, transport, production, distribution, storage, news, monetary and commodity flow of a business. It can enable needed products and services at needed time and place effectively.

Logistics and supply chain management subjects become more popular now in the world. STI will conduct these subjects in theory and practice. The course also includes Just-In-Time (JIT) method. The course will last six months. STI will conduct the new course in the first week of May. For more information,

20,075.74 acres of poppy plantation destroyed in States and Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—The government has destroyed a total of 19592.54 acres of poppy plantation in States and Divisions in 2009-2010 till 13 April 2010.

A total amount of destroyed poppy acres hit 20,075.74 including 483.2 more acres— 11.15 acres in Pinlaung Township of Shan State (South) and 472.05 acres in Waingmaw Township of Kachin State from 14 to 20 April.—MNA

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MNA

Runaway luxury train derails in S Africa, two dead

PRETORIA, 22 April— A luxury train filled with foreign tourists, many of them Americans, sped downhill out of control before derailing in South Africa Wednesday, killing a pregnant woman and another crew member and trapping passengers in the mangled coaches.

Rail officials advised passengers and crew to jump from the train as it sped into Pretoria, South Africa's capital, after their attempts to apply brakes did not work.

"I screamed at the others to tell them to jump off," said Rovos Rail Managing Director Rohan Vos. "I jumped off while it was moving."

The train was carrying nearly 60 passengers, and about 20



Emergency workers search the scene of a train derailment in Pretoria, South Africa, on Wednesday 21 April, 2010. The luxury Rovos Rail train was carrying foreign tourists on a luxury rail safari when it derailed just outside its final destination at Pretoria station.—INTERNET

of them were injured, including 10 Americans, the US Embassy and reports from emergency officials said.

The Rovos Rail voyage had begun in Cape Town and was close to its destination in Pretoria when it stopped for what is usually a

routine change from an electric to a steam locomotive, said Nothemba Dlaki of Metro Rail, which oversees rail service in South Africa's major population centers. The train trip is billed as a re-creation of the golden age of travel.

Internet

As food crisis looms, FAO steps up aid to Niger, Chad

ROME, 22 April— The UN food agency said Wednesday it was stepping up aid to herders and shepherds in Niger and Chad as the two African countries face a food crisis following poor rains last year.

Livestock pastures have dried out and agricultural production had plunged in both Saharan countries, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said in a statement.

"An estimated 9.8 million people are now vulnerable to severe hunger in the two countries, with thousands more under threat in the north of Burkina Faso and northeast Mali," the Rome-based agency said.

"The situation in the



A man selling grain in Tibiri village in southern Niger on 16 April.—INTERNET

region is very worrying indeed," said Fatouma Seid, the FAO's coordinator for west Africa.

"Poor livestock herders are being forced to sell their only assets and an important source of nutrition, their animals, at discount prices in order to buy enough food for

their families while farmers have no seeds to plant," she said.

The FAO said it would finance the purchase and distribution of livestock feed, fertilisers and crop seed worth 12.7 million dollars (9.5 million euros) in Niger and 4.5 million dollars in Chad.

Internet



In this image released by the US Coast Guard (USCG), emergency medical technicians rush a gurney to an awaiting an HH-60 rescue helicopter at Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans. The US coast guard launched a frantic air and sea search Wednesday for 11 oil workers missing after a massive explosion ripped through a rig.

INTERNET

Afghan peace conference delayed

KABUL, 22 April— The Afghan national peace jirga, or peace conference, will be postponed for two to three weeks, the organizer said here on Wednesday.

Farooq Wardak, head of the organizing committee of the jirga, told a press conference here that the conference which was slated on 2 May will be delayed.

Wardak, who is the country's Minister for Education as well, said Afghan President Hamid Karzai will start his visit to the United States on 2 May, which will be contradicted to the jirga schedule. The other reason for the delay was that many potential participants of the jirga have been busy with the registration for the parliamentary election which was scheduled for September, said the official.—*Internet*

16 wounded in mortar barrage on village in western Iraq

RAMADI, 22 April— Sixteen people were wounded when several mortar rounds struck a residential area in a village near the city of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, on Wednesday, a provincial police source said.

At least seven mortar rounds landed in the morning on six houses in the village of Albu Farraj, near Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, wounding 16 people, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The attack caused severe damages to the houses, three of which appeared to belong to police personnel, the source said.

Iraqi security forces tightened security measures and conducted a search operation in surrounding areas, looking for the attackers, the source added.—*Internet*

Iran ready to stage joint military exercise in Persian Gulf

TEHERAN, 22 April— An Iranian military commander said Wednesday that Iran is ready to carry out joint military drills in the Persian Gulf, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported.

Brigadier General Hossein Salami, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) deputy commander said that "the country is prepared to stage joint drills with its southern neighbours in the Persian Gulf," according to the report.

Talking to the reporters in a press conference in Teheran, Salami said that IRGC will start a military exercise in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday.

IRGC's air, naval and land forces will participate in a large-scale military exercise, said Salami. The three-day maneuver dubbed "Great Prophet 5," is aimed at providing "security of the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz," local satellite Press TV quoted him as saying on Wednesday.

He said that the drill carries the message of "peace and friendship" for Persian Gulf states, adding "the military exercise is not a threat for any neighboring country," the report said.

Meanwhile, Iranian Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi told reporters on Wednesday that Iran will test new weapons in the upcoming military drills.—*Internet*



Two men carry a mirror on which appears reflected a building destroyed by the 12 January earthquake in Port-au-Prince, on Wednesday, 21 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Ukraine, Russia ink deals on gas, Black Sea Fleet



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (L) and his Ukrainian counterpart Viktor Yanukovich shake hands after signing documents in the eastern Ukrainian city Kharkiv on 21 April, 2010. The two countries agreed Wednesday to extend Russia's Black Sea Fleet stay in Ukraine beyond 2017 expiry date.—XINHUA

KIEV, 22 April—Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Medvedev signed deals on gas prices Black Sea Fleet in the eastern Ukrainian city Kharkiv on

Wednesday. Russia agreed to give Ukraine a significant discount on the price of imported gas in exchange for an extension of the right to base its Black Sea Fleet on Ukrainian territory.

According to the agreement, Ukraine will receive a discount of 100 U.S. dollars per 1,000 cubic metres on natural gas, if the price is not below 330 dollars. But if the price goes below 330 dollars, the discount will stand at 30 percent.

In return, Ukraine will prolong the lease of Russia's Black Sea Fleet on its Crimean peninsula by 25 years, with the option to extend the lease for five more years after the new term expires.

Ukraine's previous president, Viktor Yushch-enko, had struggled to kick the fleet out when its lease expired in 2017, stressing that its presence on Ukrainian territory violates the country's constitution.

Xinhua



Greek fighter jets intercept Turkish jets in international air space

ANKARA, 22 April—Greek fighter jets intercepted Turkish jets training in international air space over the Aegean Sea three times on Tuesday, said the Turkish General Staff on its website on Wednesday.

The Turkish General Staff said that Greek F-16 and M-2000 jets from the Greek centres of Tanagra and Limnos twice intercepted Turkish F-16 jets in the northwest and southwest of the Lesbos island.

The Turkish General Staff also said that Greek M-2000 jets from the Greek centre of Tanagra

intercepted Turkish F-16 jets once in the northwest of Kios island.

Xinhua

People stand at the entrance of Belgrade's landmark TV tower, the Avala Tower, in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, on 21 April, 2010.—XINHUA



Impacts of bullets are seen on a piece of bullet-proof glass during a security exhibition in Mexico City, on 21 April, 2010. The exhibition presents the latest in police, civil defence security equipment.—XINHUA

Students attend a class at a school in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, on 20 April, 2010. Hundreds of thousands of people in Haiti still live in desperate condition three months after the 12 Jan earthquake.

XINHUA



One soldier killed in land mine blast in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 22 April—One Turkish soldier was killed and another was injured in a land mine blast in southeast Turkey's Hakkari Province on Wednesday, the Turkish newspaper *Hurriyet Daily News* reported.

The incident took place in the Semdinli District of the province, said the newspaper on its website, which didn't give further details.

There have been many reports of explosions of land mines placed by the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in the country's southeast.

Established in 1978, the PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts over the past two decades.

Xinhua

Arab League seeks international peacekeepers in Somalia

CAIRO, 22 April—The Arab League (AL) on Wednesday called on the UN Security Council to send international peacekeeping forces to Somalia.

The league and the African Union (AU) are asking the UN Security Council to send peacekeepers to the war-torn country, said head of the AL Afro-Arab Cooperation Department Samir Hosni on the sidelines of a meeting here for the International Somalia Contact Group.

AL is still holding talks with the UN Security Council to reach an agreement over the issue, the senior Arab official added.

Asked about the UN Security Council's delay in making a decision in this regard, Hosni said until now there is no unanimity over the issue. It would take some time for many of the council's permanent members to make the decision.

"This is what we disagree upon (with these countries) because we see that there was the Djibouti Peace Agreement and the UN has to keep peace or at least to support the AU peacekeepers in Somalia," he added. The AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) was authorized by the United Nations in January 2007 with the goal of bringing an end to civil war in the impoverished country.

Xinhua

EU naval forces capture six pirates off coast of Somalia

NAIROBI, 22 April—European Union naval forces have captured six pirates off the coast of Somalia after an attack on a French fishing vessel, official said on Wednesday.

Naval Force spokesman John Harbour said two skiffs attacked French replenishment ship Somme on Monday night, about 400 nautical miles from the coast of Somalia.

According to Harbour whilst chasing one of the skiffs, FS Somme

detected another boat which turned out to be the pirate mother ship, the vessel which controls and resupplies the pirate skiffs.

Harbour said the pirates, mistaking the Somme's silhouette for that of a merchant vessel, opened fire on the French ship but Somme responded with warning shots, causing the two pirate skiffs to flee. "During their fight, the two pirate skiffs were separated.

Xinhua

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In this 22 April, 2008 file photo, visitors look at a Volkswagen Lavida, right front, and a VW New Bora, at the Auto China 2008 auto show in Beijing, China.—INTERNET

Automakers showcase new models at Beijing show

BEIJING, 22 April—Automakers plan to unveil dozens of new models at the Beijing auto show this weekend as foreign producers look to surging China to drive slack global sales and local brands try to raise their profile following Geely's purchase of Volvo.

The show has quickly become a premier global event as explosive sales growth propelled China, a country with almost no private cars 15 years ago, past the United States in 2009 to become the

world's top auto market.

Major producers that used to reserve vehicle launches for US or European auto shows plan to debut 14 new models at Auto China 2010, according to organizers. Chinese manufacturers plan to show 75 new sedans, SUVs, experimental "green" cars and other vehicles. The event opens to auto writers Friday and to the public on Tuesday.

"Auto China has grown to be one of the biggest and most important

auto shows of the year, joining Detroit, Tokyo and Paris," said Trevor Hale, a spokesman for Daimler AG.

The reason: China's buoyant auto market shrugged off the global crisis and sales soared by an eye-popping 45 percent last year to 13.6 million vehicles, well ahead of the 10.5 million units sold in the United States. The expansion accelerated this year, when sales jumped by 63 percent in the first quarter.

Internet

Airlines lost over \$1.7 bln over volcanic ash cloud

BERLIN, 22 April—The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said Wednesday that airlines have suffered a loss of more than 1.7 billion US dollars since the initial volcanic eruption in Iceland.

"Lost revenues now total more than 1.7 billion US dollars for airlines alone," said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's director general and CEO, at a press conference in Berlin. "In the first three days, 400 million dollars were lost for each day."

"About 29 percent of global aviation was impacted by this crisis,

which affected 1.2 million passengers a day. The scale of the crisis eclipsed on 11 September when US airspace was closed for three days," he said.

He also urged governments to compensate airlines for the lost revenues, as the industry has been sunk into its worst financial situation. "It is hitting hardest where the carriers are in the most difficult financial situation. Europe's carriers were already expected to lose 2.2 billion US dollars this year the largest in the industry," said Mr Bisignani.—Xinhua

Hynix turns 1st-quarter profit as DRAM prices rise

SEOUL, 22 April—Hynix Semiconductor returned to profit in the first quarter after a loss last year as sales more than doubled and prices for its mainstay computer memory chips increased.

Hynix, the world's second-largest manufacturer of memory chips, earned 822 billion won (\$742 million) in the three months ended on 31 March, the company said Thursday in a release. It reported a net loss of 1.18 trillion won a year earlier.

Sales more than doubled to 2.82 trillion won from 1.31 trillion won the year before, Hynix said.

It was the company's third straight quarter in the black. Hynix recorded its first net profit in two years for the third quarter of last year as prices for memory chips rose amid a rapid recovery in the market.

Hynix Semiconductor Inc. manufactures DRAM chips, used mostly in personal computers. It also ranks No. 3 in the world in NAND flash memory chips, used in products such as digital cameras, music players and smartphones.

Hynix supplies NAND chips to Apple Inc. for its iPod and iPhone products and mobile DRAM chips for the iPad, according to Hynix.

The Icheon, South Korea-based company competes with world memory chip leader and South Korean rival Samsung Electronics Co. as well as Japan's Toshiba Corp.—Internet



South Korean men walk past the headquarters of Hynix Semiconductor Inc. in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday, 22 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Hyundai Motor's Q1 net profit hits record high



Hyundai Motor Co's vehicle Sonata is displayed at a showroom in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday, 22 April, 2010.

INTERNET

SEOUL, 22 April—Hyundai Motor says net profit hit a record high in the first quarter as sales

rose. Hyundai said Thursday in a regulatory filing that it earned 1.13

trillion won (\$1.02 billion) in the three months ended on 31 March.

That was five times higher than its net profit of 225 billion won in the same period last year.

Company spokesman Ki Jin-ho said the net profit figure was an all-time high on a quarterly basis.

He also said the company's earnings were boosted by strong performance in China and India.

Hyundai said quarterly sales rose 39.6 percent to 8.42 trillion won from 6.03 trillion won a year earlier.—Internet

Japan's exports rise for 4th straight month

TOKYO, 22 April—Japan's exports rose for a fourth straight month in March as a recovering global economy drove demand for the nation's cars and gadgets.

Exports jumped 43.5 percent from a year earlier to 6 trillion yen (\$63.5 billion), the government said Thursday.

The figures offer more evidence that robust growth, particularly in Asia, is

feeding a turnaround in the world's second-biggest economy, offsetting weak demand and falling prices at home.

Shipments rose worldwide, with those to Asia up almost 53 percent.

Led by a booming China, the region's robust growth has been key in lifting Japanese corporate profits, factory output and business confidence. The International Monetary Fund forecast Wednesday that China's economy — which has overtaken the US to become the biggest market for Japanese exports — would surge 10 percent this year.

Exports to the US grew 30 percent, and those to the European Union rose 27 percent, the finance ministry said.

Overseas shipments of vehicles more than doubled, while electrical machinery exports were up 43 percent.—Internet



In this 29 March, 2010 file photo, Japanese vehicles for export park at a Yokohama port, near Tokyo, Japan.—INTERNET

Egyptian court convicts 58 officials over sunken ferryboat case

CAIRO, 22 April—An Egyptian court on Wednesday convicted 58 officials of involvement in a sunken ferryboat case, in which around 1,400 people died after the boat sank into the Red Sea off Saudi coast, state-run MENA news agency reported.

Egypt's Supreme Disciplinary Court ordered dismissing 11 employees

of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Navigation Safety and the Ministry of Transport of their jobs, sending 15 others to early retirement and suspending 21 for six months.

The court also ordered reducing one-month salary from three employees, fining six others five-fold their monthly salary whereas the last two were

reprimanded.

The al-Salam 98 ferry sank in the Red Sea in February 2006, claiming the lives of around 1,400 people.

According to the verdict, the convicts have facilitated granting the owner company passenger safety certificates despite its lack of the "least maritime safety devices."

Xinhua

Greek cargo ship seized by Somali pirates

ATHENS, 22 April—A Greek cargo ship, with 21 Filipinos on board as crew members, was hijacked by Somali pirates on Wednesday, while sailing near the Gulf of Aden, Greek authorities announced.

Greek officials confirmed that Panama-flagged "Voc Daisy" was seized at a distance of about 190 nautical miles southeast off Oman, while was sailing to Morocco

from the United Arab Emirates.

The ship, which is owned by the Greek shipping company Samartzis Maritime Enterprises was heading towards the sea area where an international task force has stepped up patrols the past two years, when it came under attack by Somali pirates armed with AK-47s and a rocket launcher. Representatives of the company

have not released information on the cargo of the ship.

According to Greek authorities all the crew members of "Voc Daisy" are in fine health, while the ship is heading towards Somalia. Despite international efforts to address the piracy plague that has hit the area off Somalia the past few years, there are still incidents occurring.

Xinhua



Customer Spyros Skouras looks for an energy efficient washer and dryer at Best Buy store on Wednesday, 21 April, 2010, in Los Angeles.

XINHUA

Macedonia adopts energy development strategy

TIRANA, 22 April—Macedonia on Wednesday adopted its long-term energy development strategy through 2030 in an effort to ensure quality energy supply, news reaching here from Skopje said.

"With the strategy, Macedonia has a clear and precise goal and a plan to establish a

stable, sustainable and effective energy system, as well as an integrated energy market," Minister of Economy Fatmir Besimi said. He said the priority of the strategy is to encourage energy efficiency and production of clean energy, as well as to tackle all the challenges posed by globalization.

Xinhua

Leaders of Asia-Pacific news agencies gather for media summit

SEOUL, 22 April—A regional media summit hosted by South Korea's Yonhap News Agency and the Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies (OANA) kicked off in Seoul on Thursday.

The four-day meeting, held under the theme of "challenges and opportunities for news agencies" brought together about 90 leaders

from 44 news agencies of 35 countries, Yonhap said. The summit meeting, which is the largest official event in the history of OANA, also commemorates Yonhap's 30th anniversary, as the leaders will discuss the changing landscape of media's role and exchange views on future strategies of news agencies.—Xinhua

Japan's oldest man turns 113

The oldest man in Japan marked his 113th birthday with a celebration attended by about a dozen family members, including great-great-grandchildren.

Jiroemon Kimura, who celebrated with his family Monday at his Kyotango home, said breaking the record for Japan's oldest-ever man, 120 years, "might be a little difficult ... but

that makes it all the more worthwhile" to attempt, Kyodo News reported Wednesday. Kimura, born on 19 April, 1897, has 25 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. His family said the centenarian spends a lot of time lying down due to weakness in his lower body, but eats regular meals without difficulty.



This WWF Malaysia photo shows the "Phobaeticus chani", the world's longest stick insect measuring 56.7cm in length (with the body of 35.7cm).

Study: Fat seen as lazy, thin isn't

A Canadian scientist says a thin person lying down is seen by people as resting, but when an obese person is seen relaxing, people assume they're lazy.

University of Alberta Assistant Professor Tanya Berry says her study shows such stereotypes about overweight people need

to be addressed. Berry says just because a person is overweight, it doesn't mean they don't exercise, and just because a person is thin, it doesn't mean they are fit and healthy.

Berry had a group of study participants look at a number of pictures that would flash on a computer screen.

Driver suspended for reading at the wheel

Officials with a British bus company said they suspended a driver who was filmed reading a book behind the wheel in a video posted to YouTube.

National Express West Midlands, headquartered in Birmingham, England, said the No. 61 bus driver was suspended after bosses saw a YouTube video depicting the man reading a book while

driving the double decker on a busy road Monday evening in Birmingham, The Sun reported Wednesday.

"Immediate action was taken to suspend the driver who will now face disciplinary action," a National Express spokesman said. "It is not appropriate to predict the outcome but an incident of this type is likely to lead to a dismissal."



Visitors lie on a furniture design during the 49th Milan furniture & design week in Milan, Italy, 18 April, 2010. The six-day Milan furniture & design week was concluded on 19 Monday, April.

News Album

Photo shows a pod-shaped restaurant built on a tree near Auckland, New Zealand.



Fire at police station kills one in Pakistani capital

ISLAMABAD, 22 April— A 25-year-old young man was killed on Wednesday evening when fire broke out at a police station in the Pakistani capital city of Islamabad, police said.

The incident occurred in the Aabpara police station of the city. The fire soon engulfed the record room and a store inside the station.

Fire brigade and rescue teams rushed to the scene to control the situation. At least 12 persons were safely evacuated out of the police station.

The killed was reportedly a welder. The exact cause of the fire was yet to be determined as high police officers and investigating teams reached the spot.

Witnesses said some rooms of the police station were still on fire with fire-engines fighting to put off the flames.

The Aabpara police station, adjacent to a food market, also houses the Control Room from where the police activities throughout the Islamabad district are monitored.

Internet



An investigator looks for evidence where a Russian cargo plane crash landed on a rice field while trying to land at nearby Clark airport in the town of Mexico, north of Manila. Three foreigners were killed in the accident, but three others survived, authorities have said.

INTERNET



Fifteen-year-old Jiangyong (R, front) and classmates have a class in a tent in Yushu, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 20 April, 2010. Lots of students have been transferred to temporary tents in Yushu to continue their study. A total of 186.565 million yuan will be invested by the provincial education departments to build 22 transitional facilities for high schools, primary schools, vocational schools and so on. Qinghai Province also carried out a program to transfer 6,200 local students to continue their study outside the quake-hit areas. —XINHUA

Afghan, NATO forces kill 6 Taliban militants in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 22 April— Afghan security forces, backed by NATO-led forces during a cleanup operation, killed six Taliban militants in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province, spokesman for the provincial administration said on Wednesday. "A joint operation was launched by Afghan police, army and international forces in Tor Ghra area this

morning at around 10 am local time, as a result, six militants were killed in the gun fight during the operation," Mukhlis Afghan, the spokesman, told Xinhua. He said that the combined forces also recovered a handful of weapons including five Kalashnikovs, a heavy machinegun, a RPG 7 (rocket launcher) and two communication equipments on the ground. Taliban militants, whose

regime was toppled in a US-led military campaign in last 2001, have so far made no comments. However, a Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media from undisclosed location claimed that his men launched an explosion attack Wednesday in southern Afghanistan and left over a dozen security guards dead and injured.

Internet



People surf on the internet at the New York Public Library Battery Park City branch in New York on 20 April, 2010. It has ample computers and provides Wi-Fi access to the internet for people who bring their own. The New York Public Library Battery Park City branch is hailed as the newest and greenest in the system due to its environment-friendly fitment and design.—XINHUA

Peace still elusive in eastern DR Congo

KINSHASA, 22 April—After days of negotiations with the South Kivu provincial authorities in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), the local Mai Mai armed group on Friday released the eight hostages working for the International Committee

of the Red Cross (ICRC). The ICRC staff were kidnapped on 9 April in the Fizi territory, about 200 km south of Bukavu, the provincial capital, according to the Fizi administrator.

The official said Mai Mai fighters continued battling DR Congo's Armed Forces (FARDC)

in resistance against military integration before the release of the ICRC hostages.

The fighting killed three FARDC soldiers and 15 Mai Mai militia and injured many more, the local official said after the release of the hostages.

Internet

All sports-loving nations mourn Samaranch, says Hungarian PM

BUDAPEST, 22 April—Hungary's Prime Minister Gordon Bajnai lamented the death of Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee, who died earlier on Wednesday at 89, saying that all sports-loving nations had suffered a loss.

Noting that Samaranch took the helm of the Olympic movement in the middle of the cold war, during a time when east and west mutually boycotted the 1980 Moscow and 1984 Los Angeles Games, Bajnai credited him with restoring unity to the Olympic movement.

Internet

USOC pays tribute to Samaranch

LOS ANGELES, 22 April— The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) issued a statement on Wednesday to express sadness over the death of Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee.

"It is with great sadness that we learned the news today about Juan Antonio Samaranch," USOC Chairman Larry Probst said in the statement.

Samaranch died in a hospital in Barcelona on Wednesday at 89.

"President Samaranch was a great supporter of the Olympic Movement in the United States, and in particular was a great supporter of our athletes," Probst said.—Internet

Former IOC chief Samaranch's death "loss for all Russians"

MOSCOW, 22 April—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev expressed his deep grief over the death of former president of International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch, who passed away on Wednesday in Spain at the age of 89.

The president said during his visit to Ukraine that Samaranch had always been the true bearer of the Olympic movement spirit and "a big friend" of Russia. "His death is a loss not only for those connected with the Olympic Movement, but for all citizens of Russia," Medvedev said as quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency.

Internet

Senior General Than Shwe pays...

(from page 1)

At Maha Muni Buddha Image, the Senior General and party were welcomed by departmental officials and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The Senior General offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image.

The ministers and senior military officers who accompanied the



Senior General Than Shwe paying homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image.—MNA

Senior General offered gold foils to the image.

The Head of State signed in the visitors' book and made cash do-

nations. He then visited the Gandakuti Building.

This morning, the Senior General, accom-

panied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and party went to Sacred

Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay) and offered flowers, water and fruits to the pagoda.

After presenting cash

to the funds of the pagoda, the Senior General signed in the visitors' book.

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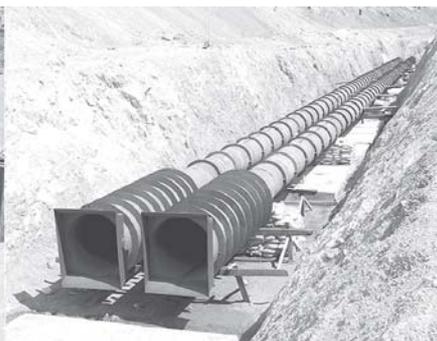
Senior General Than Shwe enjoying impressive view on development of Mandalay from Mandalay Hill.—MNA

Pwegauk Dam under construction in PyinOoLwin Township



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo visits worksite of Pwegauk Dam Project.

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Pwegauk Dam Project is being implemented by Construction 2 of Irrigation Department by damming Gelaung Creek near Yethayaukgon Village of PyinOoLwin Township.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo looked into construction

of the damming tasks and installation of penstock pipelines, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The dam will have 1450 feet long and 107 feet high earthen embankment, and it will have 1230 acre-feet of water storage capacity.

On completion, the dam will supply wa-

ter not only for the agricultural purpose but also for public consumption.

In addition, the dam will contribute to generating 2.20 million kwh yearly for boosting agricultural produce and enhancing socio-economic status of the local people.

MNA

Cash for Yangon Children's Hospital accepted

YANGON, 22 April—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for renovation of medical ward and equipment to Yangon Children's Hospital took place at its meeting hall here this evening.

On the occasion, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Bansarn Bunnag explained the purpose of donation before he presented \$ 56,900 contributed by Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win who spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing being welcomed by Israeli Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Yaron Mayer at the reception to mark the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day of Israel on 22 April.—MNA





Senior General Than Shwe inspects industrial products manufactured by factories in Mandalay Industrial Zone.—MNA

Only when nation becomes a modern...

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However, such progress will not be adequate for establishment of an industrialized nation. Nowadays, rapid progress can be seen in the world and competition in the trade of the world. Therefore, he pointed out that all the people should not be content with the progress of their tasks and it is necessary to make all-out efforts in operating their works for meeting the

target with a wide range of knowledge.

He continued to say that it is necessary to place emphasis on achieving progress of the industries both with form and content. Only when the industries gain development momentum with form and content, will the nation be established as an industrialized one, he added.

If the industrialists submit their requirements on investment and

technology in addition to genuine situations on other weak points, the Senior General said that the State will solve them. In conclusion, the Senior General noted that the State and the private entrepreneurs are to harmoniously strive for gaining more and more development in the industries, he said.

Later, the Head of State greeted the entrepreneurs.

MNA

Technological University (Lashio): alma mater of technocrats

Article & Photo: Yamanya Thway Mon

Nowadays, the government is giving priority to construction of infrastructures for ensuring development of human resources which is essential for emergence of a modern and developed nation.

With the aim of contributing to human resources development, the educational infrastructures such as Technological Universities and Universities of Computer Studies have been opened in 24 development regions of the nation.

On 1 July 2007, the Ministry of Science and Technology inaugurated Technological University (Lashio) on a grand scale in Lashio of Shan State (North). The university was built on 55.36 acres of

land near Hopeik Village, seven miles from the exit of Lashio to Hsenwi, near the Union Highway of Shan State (North).

The Technological University (Lashio) held the first convocation for the M.E degree and the sixth convocation for the B.E and B.Tech degrees on 14 March 2000. So far, the university has produced over one thousand engineering graduates. Thanks to the endeavours of the government, the local national youth have the opportunity to pursue higher engineering technology in their regions. As such, some of those national people are discharging State duties at the higher level.

At the convocation, a total of 58 male and female graduates were conferred the engineering degrees. Today's local youth will not face the difficulties of pursuing higher education in the major cities that was the case in the past, and they have easy access to learning education in their own regions. Indeed, Technological University (Lashio) in Shan State (North) is an educational infrastructure that is turning out the technological human resources on which the State can rely.

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Photo shows main building of Technological University (Lashio).

Some damages caused by strong winds in some States and Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—The strong winds caused loss and damage in some States and Divisions on 20 April evening.

Due to strong winds, roofs of some building were blown off and many trees, telephone posts and lamp-posts fell in Muse and Kyukok

(Pangsai) of Muse District, Shan State. In addition, three men and seven women totalling 10 were injured (not in critical condition), and they are undergoing medical treatment at Muse Hospital. There was no death of human being and animal in the incident.

The strong winds blew off roofs of some buildings and fell trees, telephone posts and lamp-posts in Tamoeyne of Kutkai Township. Neither human being nor animal was injured. In Laukkai, roofs of many buildings were blown off and buildings damaged in the heavy rains and strong

winds. The strong winds caused damage to some buildings in Kunlong Township and two persons, one man and one woman, were injured but not in critical condition. The injured persons are undergoing medical treatment at Kunlong Hospital.

In Panhong Village of Lashio Township, two children were killed after being hit by broken branches of fallen trees in

the strong winds. Two other injured children are being treated at Lashio Hospital.

In NyaungU of Mandalay Division, many trees and lamp-posts fell in the strong winds. Likewise, the strong winds blew off the roofs of buildings and fell trees and lamp-posts. There was no injury of human being and animal. Due to heavy rain and strong winds, roofs of some buildings were blown off

and damaged in Tonzang of Chin State, and no one was injured in the incident.

Officials concerned provided necessary assistance to the victims of strong winds and removed the debris quickly.

The department concerned has reminded the people to be aware of strong winds that can occur some times during this season.

MNA

Gunmen abduct 6 from hotels in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 22 April — Dozens of gunmen burst into a Holiday Inn and another hotel in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey on Wednesday, searching from room-to-room and abducting at least six people, prosecutors said. Nuevo Leon state attorney general Alejandro Garza y Garza said that between 20 and 30 gunmen abducted four guests and a receptionist from the 17-story

Holiday Inn in Mexico's industrial hub, which has seen a surge in violence recently.

The gunmen had with them a handcuffed man who led them to the fifth floor, Garza y Garza said. The assailants stormed room 517 where an Asian guest was staying, realized he wasn't who they were looking for and left, he said.

The group then searched at least seven more rooms on the fifth floor, apparently looking

for specific targets, before going across the street to the Hotel Mision where they abducted a receptionist, the attorney general said.

Those abducted included three male guests who registered at the Holiday Inn as businessmen from Mexico City and a woman registered as from the border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas.

Internet



Suspects stand behind seized marijuana packages guarded by police and soldiers during a presentation to the media in Tijuana, Mexico, Wednesday, on 21 April, 2010. According to the army more than 18 tons were seized April 20, during a conjoined operation with the police in Tijuana, arresting eight suspects.—INTERNET

Bomb alert at New Zealand's Dunedin Airport

WELLINGTON, 22 April — Dunedin Airport's terminal, in New Zealand's lower South Island, has been evacuated Thursday morning after the discovery of a bottle containing liquid and wires sparked a bomb

alert. The bottle was found in a rubbish bin in a downstairs toilet around 9 am local time on Wednesday, police said. Around 300 passengers and staff were told to leave the terminal amid fears the bottle was an

"improvised explosive device", the Otago Daily Times online website reported.—Xinhua



Attendees mingle at the Facebook f8 Developers Conference in San Francisco, California. Facebook on Wednesday set out to spread its influence across the Internet by weaving its social networking service into all websites and making the Web revolve around its users. INTERNET

Singapore firms scramble to clear cargo backlog



File photo shows Cranes and containers are seen in Singapore's Keppel port.—INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 22 April— Singapore companies Thursday scrambled to clear a backlog of cargo including orchids and ornamental fish as Europe opened its airspace after the threat of ash clouds from a

volcano eased.

One Singapore firm urgently needs a cargo of ship spare parts to arrive from Europe to avoid vessels sitting idle in the city-state, a major trans-shipment port.

Steven Lee, chairman of the Singapore Aircargo Agents' Association estimated it would take at least three to four weeks to clear the backlog.

"The crisis is not totally over because most of the flights have resumed but the damage has been done," Lee told AFP.

"Cargos are just as important as passengers...The cargo (standstill) impacted

trade overall."

As cargo services gradually resume, priority would be given to medical and health supplies and perishable items, Lee said.

Too Peng San, president of the Singapore Flower Exporters' Association, said shipments of orchids have been halted since last week, when Europe shut down large areas of its airspace due to ash clouds billowing from an erupting volcano in Iceland. European governments reopened their airspace on Wednesday, and Singapore Airlines immediately resumed full operations to the continent.—Internet

EU urges member states to pay for increased European airport security

STRASBOURG, 22 April— At the European Parliament plenary session this week in Strasbourg, European Parliament Members (MEPs) on the Transport Committee said that member states should pay for aviation security measures that go beyond the European Union's requirements.

Increased security methods such as body scanners will be expensive to implement, and currently member

states may apply their own rules on how airport security charges are shared, MEPs pointed out during the meeting.

Now, most airport authorities across the EU pass on the costs to airlines, which then pass them on to passengers. Luxembourg and a handful of others are the exception, with governments shouldering the costs. A majority of MEPs urged national governments to bear the cost of any security measures that are "more

stringent" than basic EU standards, a source close to the European Council told Xinhua.

Member states would remain free to decide how to share the costs of the basic measures already covered by existing EU rules (metal detectors, sniffer dogs, body searches) but would be required to pay if they chose to introduce body scanners, which are not yet listed as a common EU aviation security method.—Xinhua

Yemen arrests three al-Qaeda suspects

SANAA, 22 April— Yemeni police captured three al-Qaeda suspects in the province of Aden, the country's Defence Ministry's website 26sep.net reported Wednesday.

The three men were arrested in a security checkpoint while they were riding a motorcycle, according to the report. The men, identified as Mujeeb Hafsah, Mohammed al-Bakawi and Mohammed

Ismail, were accused of bombing the car of a provincial government official on 19 April, as well as killing two security soldiers in Abyan province, said the ministry. "During investigations, the suspects admitted that they were assigned by Khaled Abdul Nabi, a member of al-Qaeda in Abyan province," the ministry quoted the security official as saying.—Xinhua



Crew members of yacht Struntje Light from Germany take part in the first race on the first day of the Rolex Farr 40 World Championship 2010 at Casa de Campo in La Romana on 21 April, 2010. Ten yachts from Italy, USA, Germany and Australia are competing until 24 April. INTERNET

Latin American renewable energy gets a cash boost

WASHINGTON, 22 April— Renewable energy development in Latin America and other Western Hemisphere countries will receive a major cash boost over the coming years to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, the Inter-American Development Bank said.

The new incentive for renewable energy comes at the same time as governments in Latin America — Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela — have laid out plans for increased spending to develop

hydrocarbon resources. The latest plans for crude oil exploration and development were announced by Venezuela as IDB unveiled its programme for cash to boost renewable energy. IDB said it will increase its financing for renewable energy and climate-related projects to \$3 billion a year by 2012.

IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno made the announcement as he addressed energy ministers of several countries at the bank's headquarters in

Washington. Representatives from 32 Western Hemisphere countries attended the event, including US Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton.

The IDB support will supplement efforts under way and funded by the United Nations and other aid agencies.

Moreno cited demands faced by IDB for support to developing renewable energy resources and in combating the effects of climate change.

Internet

Roadside blast hits NW Pakistan, no casualties reported

ISLAMABAD, 22 April — A remote-controlled bomb exploded on a roadside on Wednesday in Bili Tang area of Kohat District in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province of northwest Pakistan, local sources said.

They said the blast partially damaged a passing vehicle but no

casualties have been reported so far.

A series of suicide attacks rocked a refugee camp and a police station in Kohat over the weekend, killing 47 people and suspending UN aid distribution in northwest Pakistan.

Some 200,000 people have been displaced as a result of

the military offensive against the Taliban militants in nearby Orakzai tribal agency, according to the United Nation refugee agency.

The internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Orakzai and Kurram tribal regions have been camped in Kohat and Hangu districts.—Xinhua

Three sound bombs explode in Istanbul tourist centre

ISTANBUL, 22 April — Three sound bombs were detonated in Istanbul's tourist Sultanahmet District late Monday night, reported CNN Turk here on Tuesday.

The blasts took place in Divanyolu

Avenue of Sultanahmet, said the report, adding that the three sound bombs went off 50 metres from each other.

The first sound bomb was inside a garbage can in the avenue, the second in

front of a restaurant and the third in front of a cafe.

No one was wounded or injured in the incident, according to the report.

The police is currently investigating the matter.—Xinhua



The Space Shuttle Discovery lands at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 20 April, 2010.—XINHUA

Space shuttle Discovery back on Earth

WASHINGTON, 22 April — US space shuttle Discovery landed safely at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on Tuesday morning, ending a 15-day resupply mission to the International Space Station.

According to NASA TV, Discovery and its seven astronauts landed

at 9:08 am EDT (1308 GMT). Earlier, rain and worries about fog forced NASA to skip Discovery's first landing attempt this morning. Rain also thwarted Monday's tries.

Discovery lifted off on 5 April, delivering 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 mission is the 33rd shuttle mission to the station. Three flights to the station remain before the shuttles retire in 2010.

Xinhua



Visitors view a car at an auto expo held in the Liaoning Industrial Exhibition Hall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 14 April, 2010. The 2010 Shenyang Spring Auto Expo was held here on Wednesday with over 40 national auto factories on show.—XINHUA

Russia holds second joint rehearsal for Victory Day parade

MOSCOW, 22 April— Russian troops on Tuesday held their second joint rehearsal for the 9 May Victory Day Parade at the Alabino shooting range outside Moscow.

Mimicking the actual parade slated for 9 May, Red Square, two officers, who played the roles of the defense minister and the Moscow military district commander respectively, inspected and saluted the troops with festival greetings.

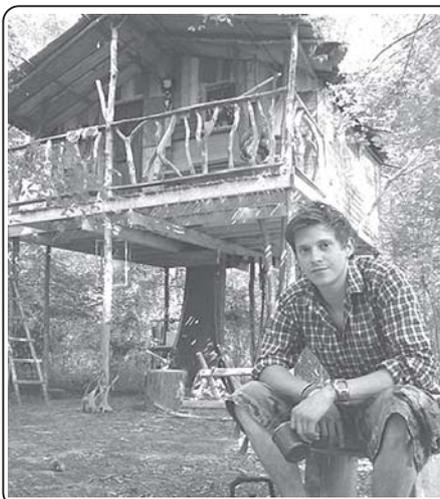
With music from military orchestra,

servicemen in high spirits passed by the inspection stand carrying various kinds of armaments. However, choppers and fixed-wing aircraft did not participate in the rehearsal due to unsatisfactory weather conditions.

Russian Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said earlier that more than 10,000 personnel, 159 military armaments, 127 fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters will participate in the Red Square parade.

Preparation for the Victory Day parade started in last October. Before the formal review, four rehearsals would be held at the Red Square, three of which during the day and one at night. The first joint rehearsal has already been staged at the Alabino shooting range on 13 April. Russia is set to host its first national parade celebrating the 65th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany with the involvement of nearly 100,000 people.

Xinhua



Nick Weston, 28, who lost his job due to the current financial crisis, built and lived in a treehouse in the woods of southern England, foraging for food, for six months. He was curious to see if it was possible to live as a 21st century hunter-gatherer. The latter-day Robinson Crusoe also kept a diary of the joys and hardships of tree-top living, which have now been published as a new book.

INTERNET

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

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

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Animals still suffer from Exxon Valdez oil

BURNABY, 22 April — Canadian scientists say lingering oil from the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill is still inflicting suffering on wildlife more than 20 years after the disaster. Simon Fraser University researchers in British Columbia said they used biomarkers to reveal long-term exposure to oil in wildlife. They said their findings demonstrate how the consequences of oil spills are measured in decades, rather than years.

The Exxon Valdez tanker ran aground on the Prince William Sound in Alaska on 24 March, 1989, spilling 10.8 million gallons of crude oil into the sea, covering 1,300 square miles. It is still regarded as one of the most devastating human-caused contamination events in history.

The international team of scientists, led by researcher Daniel Esler of the university's Centre for Wildlife Ecology, used the biomarker CYP1A, which is induced upon exposure to crude oil, to measure prolonged exposure to oil in local wildlife populations.—*Internet*

Vehicles are seen on a road in Beijing on 22 April, 2010.

China's auto market, which overtook the United States as the world's largest last year thanks to a raft of policy incentives, has been a major bright spot amid a global industry downturn.

INTERNET



NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory returns first images

HOUSTON, 22 April — NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory has provided an astonishing new vista on our turbulent star. The first public release of images from the satellite record huge explosions and great looping prominences of gas. The observatory's super-fine resolution is expected to help scientists get a better

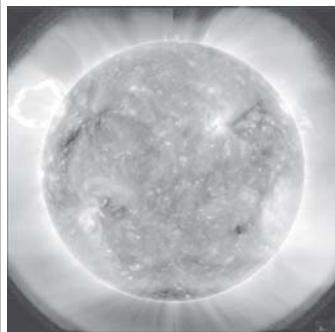
understanding of what drives solar activity.

Launched in February on an Atlas rocket from Cape Canaveral, SDO is expected to operate for at least five years. Researchers hope in this time to go a long way towards their eventual goal of being able to forecast the effects of the Sun's behaviour on Earth. Solar activity has a

profound influence on our planet. Huge eruptions of charged particles and the emission of intense radiation can disrupt satellite, communication and power systems, and pose a serious health risk to astronauts.

Scientists working on SDO say they are thrilled with the quality of the data received so far. "When we see these fantastic images, even hard-core solar physicists like myself are struck with awe, literally," said Lika Guhathakurta, the SDO programme scientist at NASA Headquarters. SDO is equipped with three instruments to investigate the physics at work inside, on the surface and in the atmosphere of the Sun.

Internet



SDO sees the Sun's whole disc but can then zoom in to view fine detail.

INTERNET

Infant forgotten in car seat dies

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 April—A 7-month-old child died after being left in a car overnight for more 14 hours in front of the family's central California home, authorities said. Sofia Wisher was left in a child seat when the family arrived at their Antioch, Calif, home late Saturday, each parent thinking the other would take her into the home, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on Tuesday. The parents went to bed around 3 a.m. Each saw the door to the child's room closed and assumed the other had put her to bed, the newspaper said.

Sofia was still strapped in her seat when Cameron Fisher, 25, woke at noon Sunday to go a nearby gym, the newspaper said.—*Internet*

Tailored arthritis treatment on the way with new test

LONDON, 22 April — A simple blood test could lead to a "new era" of tailored therapy for rheumatoid arthritis (RA), it was claimed on yesterday. Research has shown patients with certain immune system antibodies can respond to an advanced form of treatment. Eight out of 10 patients suffering from RA are believed to have one of the two antibodies.

Trial results presented yesterday show they have a good chance of being helped by the drug rituximab, also known as MabThera. However, it may not be worth giving the drug to the 20pc of patients who test negative.

Professor John Isaacs, from Newcastle University, who led the research, said: "This is an important breakthrough in the treatment of this chronic and debilitating condition, heralding the beginning of an exciting new era for patients, physicians and the entire RA community."—*Internet*



Smoke and ash billow from the Eyjafjallaj-kull volcano in Iceland. European governments reopened their airspace on Wednesday, and airlines - including and Singapore Airlines - immediately resumed full operations.—INTERNET

Varicose veins often misunderstood

ATHERTON, 22 April—A US interventional radiologist says those with varicose vein disease are often misdiagnosed. Dr Douglas Lewis, a board certified vascular and interventional radiologist in Atherton, Calif, says mistreating or ignoring of varicose veins can result in needless suffering and complications because patients aren't treated until the disease reaches a more debilitating — and more difficult to treat — stage.

Lewis advises the sooner the disease is diagnosed, the simpler the treatments and the better the outcomes. "It is crucial to better educate physicians and to inform the community about how to detect early stage vein disease and when to seek treatment," Lewis says in a statement.

Lewis says varicose vein misconceptions include: — Varicose and spider veins are only a cosmetic issue.—*Internet*

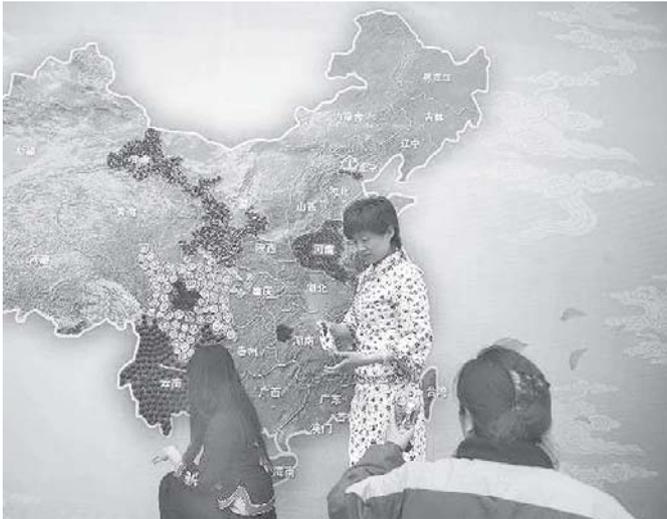


Photo taken on 19 April, 2010, shows workers pasting a tea map in the Badachu Park in Beijing. Various kinds of tea leaves are pasted to the particular regions where they grow on a 20-sq m China map. The tea map will make its debut at the 9th China Gardening and Tea Culture Festival on 27 April.—XINHUA

UAE investor confidence boosted by Dubai World proposal

ABU DHABI, 22 April—Investor sentiment towards Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in general has been boosted significantly as a result of state-owned conglomerate Dubai World's restructuring proposal, a local business journal reported on Tuesday, citing the latest data released by investment bank Shuaa Capital.

The Dubai-based

finance firm's Investor Sentiment Report of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) had its second-biggest gain on record, driven almost entirely by a positive change in attitudes towards the UAE, Arabian Business said on its website.

Shuaa's UAE Investor Confidence Index recorded a jump of 36 points, according to the report. It said all GCC countries — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman,

Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE — are now above the 100-point thresholds, which represents positive sentiment. "The increase in investor confidence towards the UAE clearly indicates that the cloud of uncertainty hanging over the investment community has now been removed," Shuaa CEO Sameer Al Ansari was quoted as saying.

"The outcome of Dubai World's restructuring proposal has had a very positive impact on the investment community, both regionally and internationally," he added. Last November, Dubai World sent shockwaves across financial markets when it said it would not be able to repay its debts on time and asked for a six-month freeze on debt payments.

Internet

Rebuilding flood-hit resort island in Portugal needs 1 bln euros

LISBON, 22 April — The reconstruction of Madeira, a Portuguese resort island battered by flooding and mudslides in February, will cost 1.08 billion euros, Prime Minister Jose Socrates said on Monday.

Socrates made the announcement during a trip to the island in the Atlantic Ocean.

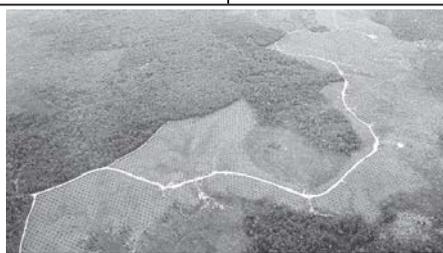
"The government will help Madeira and the regional government and, together, we will reconstruct whatever needs reconstruction," Socrates told the Press.

About 740 million euros will be provided by the central government and another

309 million euros by the regional government, insurance companies and private donors, he said.

The remaining gap of 31 million euros will be filled by the European Union Solidarity Fund.

Internet



A bird's eye view shows the palm trees encircled by forest in the Indonesian province of Jambi on Sumatra island, 20 April, 2010.—XINHUA

Britain reopens airspace recently closed due to volcanic ash

LONDON, 22 April— The British authority reopens its airspace from 10:00 pm on Tuesday, and a plane of British Airways has landed in the Heathrow Airport in London just around that time.

In a Press conference held earlier on Tuesday night, the British Transport Secretary Lord Adonis said all airports can reopen from 10:00 pm on Tuesday, accompanied by Dame Deirdre Hutton,

president of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The CAA said in a statement: "There will continue to be some 'no fly zones' where concentrations of ash are at levels unsafe for flights to take place, but very much smaller than the present restrictions. Furthermore, the Met Office advise that the 'no fly zones' do not currently cover the UK."

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The British authority reopens its airspace from 10:00 pm on Tuesday, and a plane of British Airways has landed in the Heathrow Airport in London just around that time.—XINHUA

Indian air companies flights to Europe remain canceled

NEW DELHI, 22 April—Indian air companies canceled flights to Europe on a sixth consecutive day on Tuesday, due to the clouds of volcanic ash from Iceland, reported the Press Trust of India.

Flights to Britain and other European destinations of Air India, Jet Airways and Kingfisher Airlines, the three major air companies of India, remained

canceled, while they operated their flights to North American destinations with stopovers at Cairo and Athens, said the report.

Five of Air India's planes are stuck in London, Frankfurt, Chicago and New York due to the disruption, said the report.

Internet

Somali pirates hijack three Thai fishing ships with 77 crew members

NAIROBI, 22 April—Somali pirates are holding three Thai fishing ships and 77 crew members on board off the Somali coast after hijacking the vessels on Sunday, a regional maritime official and EU Naval Force confirmed on Tuesday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said the pirates hijacked MV Prantalay 11, 12, and 14 with 77 crew members onboard in one of the farthest-off-shore attacks to date.

"The three fishing vessels were hijacked on Sunday and all have 77 Thai crew onboard," Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

EU Naval Force Commander John Harbour also confirmed the seizure, saying the three Thai vessels were attacked almost 600 miles (960 km) outside the normal operation area for the EU Naval Force. "These latest hijackings are the furthest east of any pirate attacks in the area since the start of EU NAVFOR's Operation Atalanta in

December 2008, almost 600 miles outside the normal EU NAVFOR operating area," Harbour said.

He said the attack so far out at sea was a clear indication that the EU, NATO and CMF were having a marked effect on pirate activity in the area.

Harbour said the MV Prantalay 11 has 26 Thai crew members, MV Prantalay 12 has 25 and MV Prantalay 14 has 26 on board. He also said the hijacked vessels belong to a Thai based company PT Interfishery Ltd. He confirmed that all 77 Thai crew members were safe and well and that the vessels were heading towards the Somali coast.

Harbour said pirates have expanded their range south and east in response to an increase in patrols by European and US warships off the Somali shore.

Piracy has become rampant off the coast of Africa, especially in the waters near Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991.

Internet

SPORTS

Don't expect England to win WC, says John Barnes



Former England football star John Barnes

LONDON, 22 April — Former England football star John Barnes insists it is unrealistic to expect England to win the 2010

World Cup. The ex-Liverpool left winger said Spain and Brazil are the undisputed favourites to lift the trophy in South Africa this July—and England have no divine right to be considered likely champions. Barnes, who played in England's run to the 1990 World Cup semi-finals—their best performance since their 1966 triumph—also urged fans not to heap pressure on the team's youngsters, and reckons David Beckham's absence could actually boost England's chances.—*Internet*

Pompey debt hits £120m mark

LONDON, 22 April — Debts at Premier League crisis club Portsmouth were revealed to be around 120 million pounds (185 million dollars) in total on Wednesday — some 40 million pounds more than previously estimated. Portsmouth, bottom of the table and already relegated after being deducted nine points last month for entering administration, sent a 70-page document to all their known creditors on Wednesday detailing their debts which include the 38.2 million owed to former owners in unsecured loans. The club have passed through four owners this season in a series of moves that have done precious little for Port-



smouth's off-the-field stability.

Hong Kong-based businessman Balram Chainrai, the club's most recent owner, is owed 14 million pounds, while Portsmouth's total unpaid bill to British tax authorities amounts to 17.1 million pounds. Portsmouth, whose Fratton Park ground now holds some 20,000 fans, have also been hard hit by transfer fees a club of their size could not afford without the support of an indulgent benefactor.

Internet

Home final dream fires up Hamburg for Fulham clash

HAMBURG, 22 April — The prospect of playing the Europa League final on May 12 on home soil will inspire Hamburg against English giant-killers Fulham in Thursday's first-leg semi-final, insists striker Mladen Petric. Both the Hamburg-Fulham semi-final and Liverpool's game at Atletico Madrid will go ahead despite fears the games may be cancelled due to the cloud of volcanic ash from Iceland that has grounded flights across Europe.

With their chances of winning the Bundesliga title effectively ended by a shock 1-0 defeat at home to Mainz last weekend, Bruno Labbadia-coached Hamburg are determined to win a place in the final in their home stadium next month.

Only Roy Hodgson's Fulham, the tournament's surprise package, stand between Hamburg and their dream final. Fulham pulled off one of the most stunning fight backs in European football history when they turned a 3-1 deficit from the first leg into a 4-1 win at home to go through 5-4 on aggregate in the last 16 against Juventus.—*Internet*

Roma to meet Inter in Cup final after Udinese draw

ROME, 22 April — AS Roma and Inter Milan will contest the Italian Cup final for the fifth time in six years after Roma reached the trophy match despite a 1-0 defeat at Udinese in Wednesday's semi-final, second leg. Roma triumphed 2-1 on aggregate due to their 2-0 win at home in the first leg back in February. Alexis Sanchez scored the only goal of the game nine minutes from time but that wasn't enough to take the relegation threatened club past the Serie A leaders.

Roma had to survive some nervous last few moments after Marco Cassetti was harshly sent-off for a second booking six minutes from



Roma's Luca Toni (L) and Udinese's Christian Zapata fight for the ball during their Coppa Italia semifinal match in Udine.—*INTERNET*

time. Roma coach Claudio Ranieri had claimed on Tuesday that there would be no turnover but he still made five changes to the team that beat Lazio 2-1 on Sunday.—*Internet*

Robben strike gives Bayern slim advantage over Lyon in Champions League

MUNICH, 22 April — Dutch winger Arjen Robben's strike sealed Bayern Munich's 1-0 victory over Lyon on Wednesday to give the German giants an advantage for the second-leg of the Champions League semi-final. The first-half dismissal of Bayern's Franck Ribery for a dangerous challenge was cancelled out by Lyon's France defender Jeremy Toulalan also getting sent off just after the break for a second yellow card before Robben's winning goal.

Since joining Bayern from Real Madrid in August 2009, Robben has



Bayern Munich's Arjen Robben

now scored 20 goals in all competitions, but none so important as his 69th-minute strike which bounced off the back of team-mate Thomas Mueller and into the net. "It was tremendously important that we kept our composure, even with ten men," said Bayern captain Philipp Lahm with Mark van Bommel suspended.

Internet

Green overcomes loss of leg to play golf

SAVANNAH, 22 April — The first big step in Ken Green's improbable return to golf came with a severe limp, just like every step since a horrific auto accident that took the lives of his girlfriend and brother and cost Green his right leg. This was only a program Wednesday on the Champions Tour, yet it carried so much uncer-

tainty.

"All right, guys," he said quietly to his amateurs as he stood over his opening tee shot. "I don't know. This might be interesting." Even more beautiful than the flight of his tee shot were the ropes lining both sides of the fairway at the Savannah Harbour Golf Resort, indisputable evidence that Green was back on the stage where some thought he might never return.

Internet

Golfer Ken Green walks with crutches on the apron of the 18th green during The Friends of Ken Green Benefit Tournament at the Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury, Conn.—INTERNET



Villa move up EPL table as Hull suffer

LONDON, 22 April — Aston Villa climbed into sixth place in the English Premier League and in sight of a spot amongst Europe's elite next season as they edged Hull nearer relegation with a 2-0 away win on Wednesday.

Gabriel Agbonlahor's first-half goal and James Milner's penalty 14 minutes from time saw Villa to a win that left the Midlands club just three points behind Tottenham Hotspur, who currently occupy fourth place and the last spot on offer to English clubs for next season's Champions League, with three games to play.

Victory saw Villa leapfrog Liverpool and continued their revival after losing 7-1 to Premier League leaders Chelsea, who also knocked them out of the FA Cup, last

month "We're in the mix," Villa manager Martin O'Neill told Sky Sports.

Internet



Aston Villa's Richard Dunne (L) and Hull City's Dutch forward Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink compete for the ball during their English Premier League football match at The KC Stadium in Hull.

INTERNET

No Venus for US against Russia in Fed Cup

BIRMINGHAM, 22 April — Venus Williams will not compete for the United States in this weekend's Fed Cup semi-final tie against Russia because of nagging leg injuries similar to those of sister Serena. "I waited until this moment in hopes that I would have an opportunity to play, but I am being advised by my medical support team that I will need more time to recover," Williams said in a statement on Wednesday. The elder Williams sister wore wrappings on both legs in a finals loss to Kim Clijsters earlier this month at a hardcourt event in Miami.

"She has been trying to get better," Fernandez said. "Obviously I knew it was going to be tough for her because she hurt herself at the end of the Miami tourna-

ment and couldn't hit balls until the last week or so. "I did everything I could do to give her as much time as possible to see if she got better. She's not quite.

Internet



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Young boxers take part in a boxing exhibition during the funeral of Venezuelan WBC lightweight champion boxer Edwin 'El Inca' Valero in El Vigia in the Andean state of Merida, on 21 April, 2010.

INTERNET

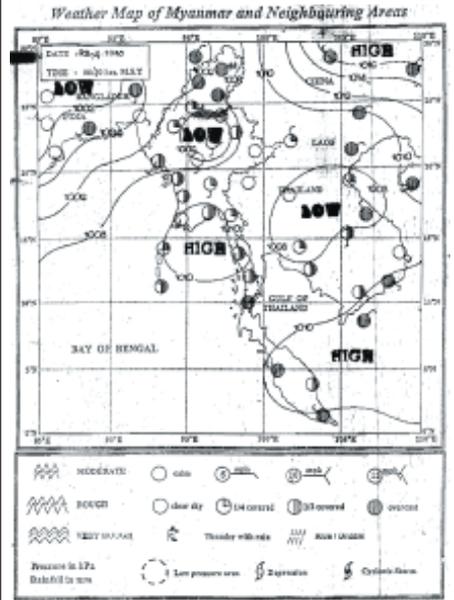
6.2 magnitude earthquake hits off Samoa

WELLINGTON, 22 April— An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale struck off the Samoa Islands on Thursday morning, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake, occurred at 05:20 a.m. Thursday New Zealand Time (1720 GMT Wednesday), was centered 198 km southwest of the Samoa capital of Apia at a depth of 32 km.

No immediate tsunami alert was issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center following the quake.

There were no reports of casualties or damages so far. A magnitude 8.0 earthquake on 29 September 2009 triggered a tsunami which killed at least 143 people in Samoa, 32 in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.—Internet



WEATHER

Thursday, 22nd April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (6°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (42.9°C), Chauk (42.3°C), Myingyan and Nyaung U (42.2°C) each, Magway, Monywa and Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (41.5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (1.73) inches, Machanbaw (1.30) inches and Shwebo (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-4-2010 was 66%. Total sun shine hours on 21-4-2010 was (9.7) hours.

Rainfall on 22-4-2010 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 (7) mph from West at (12:30) hours MST on 21-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Generally fair.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-4-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission-	(23-4-10 09:30 am ~ 24-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" Thanakha
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Padaung Village and Elephant Camp
- * News
- * Milestones of Contemporary Music (Selection-II)
- * Investment
- * News
- * The Incredible Edifice(The Ananda Temple)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" Thanakha
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Topic on Journal "Social Affairs"
- * News
- * Mandalay Classical Night(U Min Naung)
- * News
- * The World of Mro Nationals
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" Thanakha
- * News
- * Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
- * Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- * News
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar (Rupa Mandalay)
- * News
- * A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi
- * Myanmar Movies "Create a Flower"



Friday, 23 April View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ

(စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- စိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice and Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:25 am

8. လွှဲပြောင်းပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "နေပြည်တော် ရေပန်းဥယျာဉ်"

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Songs Of Yester Years

4:30 pm

4. "မပြောမပြီးမတီးမပြည်"

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓါတ်ဗေဒ၊ရူပဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:40 pm

9. ရိုးသားဖြူစင် ကလေးတို့အသံ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ရသနုလင် အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ပွဲမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00 pm

18. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ချင်းချမ်း)

- ★ 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



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance in meeting with entrepreneurs at Kanaung Hall of Mandalay Industrial Zone.—MNA

Only when nation becomes a modern...

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The Senior General held discussions cordially with the entrepreneurs of the zone.

At the meeting, Chairman of Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee U Aung Win Khaing reported to the Senior General on establishment of the zone, number of private-owned industries in the zone and types of industries, products manufactured at the zone, works of foundry shop and moulding factory of Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Company, U Khin Maung Win, Secretary of Mandalay Industrial Zone Automobile Assembling Sub-Committee, on various kinds of vehicles manufactured in the zone, numbers and kinds of vehicles, efforts being made for production of Myanmar 2000 CC engine, U Aung Moe, member of Mandalay

Industrial Zone Electric Supply Committee, on matters related to supply of more electricity to the zone, U Kyaw Win, Chairman of Sein Pan Industrial Cooperative Society Limited, on establishment of the society and setting up of factories and manufacturing machinery, U Maung Aye, Managing Director of Mandalay Power-Tiller Factory, on location and area of the factory, manufacturing power-tiller, various kinds of farm equipment, tractors and three-wheel motorbike and trial production of combined thrasher and paddy transplant machine, and Agriculturist U Aye Paw of Toepwar Mann Co Ltd, on production of compound fertilizer with the use of sewage.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein said that the Head of State was encouraging

trial products. He said it is necessary to have skilled workers and to manufacture more industrial products in cooperation between entrepreneurs and the State.

In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the need to significantly contribute to progress of the State's industrial sector and development of private industrial zones including Mandalay Industrial Zone. The government has encouraged industrial zones enabling entrepreneurs to have opportunities for setting up private industries through cooperation between the government and the people in building the industrialized nation. Only when the nation becomes a modern industrialized one, will it be transformed into a developed one from the status of a



and giving guidance on making efforts for enhancement of industries with wide range of knowledge to meet the target. The minister stressed the need for entrepreneurs to manufacture industrial products with the use of domestic materials without placing too much reliance on imported materials. He called for production of quality consumer-friendly indus-

developing nation. Thus, the industrial entrepreneurs are to strive for achieving success in their industries, he said.

The Senior General noted that it can be said that progress was made in reviewing the functioning of industrial zones during the period of 20 years.

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