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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, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend religious titles and rice offering ceremonies in precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attended the religious title offering ceremony and rice offering ceremony to the title recipient Sayadaws, nuns and laypersons at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws and nuns, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donate provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, the ministers and their wives, the Auditor-General, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads, Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires and foreign mis-

sions in Yangon, responsible persons of religious associations and social organizations, staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, title recipient laypersons and wellwishers.

Officials ushered the Sayadaws and laypersons led by members of the State Sangha Maha

Nayaka Committee into the designated places.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko supplicated on opening of the ceremony. Vice-Chairman of the SSMNC Yankin Dhammikayama Kyaikpi Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana administered the Five Precepts.

State Ovadaçariya Shwebo Pakhan Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidha Maha Rattha Guru title recipient Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa read the

Ovadakatha.

Next, religious titles offering ceremony followed. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented certificates of Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru title and religious insignia to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Neminda of Maha Wizayayama (Ashaetaik) in
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PERSPECTIVES

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Unitedly strive to achieve national goal

Nowadays, the government is placing emphasis on improvement of infrastructures in all sectors, aiming at all-round development of political, economic and social sectors of the nation not only for the present but also for the future.

On 16 April, a ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Yadanatheinga Bridge took place at the pandal near the bridge construction project on Kyaukmyaung Bank in Sagaing Division.

Yadanatheinga Bridge is an Ayeyawady River crossing facility to enable locals in Sagaing Division to have easy access to Kachin and Shan States.

Thanks to construction of the bridge, they can travel to the Mandalay-Madaya-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road via Singu on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and then to Mogoke, Momeik and Mabein through the road. Moreover, the people can go to the Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road and the Shwebo-KhinU-YeU-Kalewa Road via Nwneyein-Kyaukmyaung-Shwebo on the west bank of the river and to Chin State along Shwebo-Ayadaw-Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa-Kalay Road.

In the past, Inwa Bridge was the only facility across Ayeyawady River. From 1988 to date, eight large bridges were constructed across Ayeyawady River. At present, five more Ayeyawady River crossing bridges namely Sinkhan, Pakokku, Malun, Nyaungdon and Yadanatheinga are simultaneously under construction. On completion, a total of 13 Ayeyawady Bridges can be put into service.

Yadanatheinga Bridge will have a 28-foot-wide two-way motor road flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways. The facility will be 2,480 feet long.

As the government is building railroads, motor roads and bridges as networks across the Union up to now, the people are enjoying fruits of better transport to travel to all the States and Divisions in a short period. That is why all the national people are to harmoniously join hands with the government in undertaking the development of the Union.

STI to conduct foundation studies courses

YANGON, 27 April—STI is now conducting Grade 12-level certificate courses, which are recognized by schools from England, Australia and Singapore. These courses are CECS, CBME and CBIS.

CECS course is the same syllabus as famous universities in England. After ending the course, students can have good command of English. CBME and CBIS courses include international economic, management and information and technology subjects. Those who have passed the matriculation exam may attend the courses.

After completion of the courses, they can attend first year courses in universities of Australia and England as well as diploma courses in STI that are

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

Bo Tree at Uppatasanti Pagoda watered on Fullmoon Day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — A ceremony to pour water on the Bo tree in the compound of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the pagoda today.

Commander of Nay

Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the deputy commander, the deputy minister for Religious Affairs, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and members

of religious organizations sprinkled scented water and poured water on the tree. Before the ceremony, Buddhist devotees from the religious organizations in Nay Pyi Taw District

recited religious verses to pay homage to the pagoda.

On the Fullmoon Day of Kason today, Uppatasanti Pagoda is crowded with pilgrims, meditating and praying.

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin pours water on Bo Tree in the compound of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Press meet on findings of breastfeeding knowledge and behaviours held

YANGON, 27 April—Organized by Health Department under Ministry of Health and UNICEF, a Press meet on findings of

breastfeeding knowledge and behaviours took place at Traders Hotel here yesterday evening with an opening speech

of Chief of Programme Communication & Information Section of UNICEF (Myanmar) Ms Zafrin Chowdhury.

Chief of Health and Nutrition Section of UNICEF (Myanmar) Mr Osamu Kunii reported on practising only breastfeeding from

newly-born children to children of six months and Dr Saw Eaindani Aung, an officer of Information Department from UNICEF (Myanmar) presented reports on breastfeeding measures for infants in Otwin and Pyu Townships of Bago

Division.

Deputy director of Health Department Dr Daw Aye Aye Thaw, Expert of HD Dr Kyaw Win Sein and responsible persons from UNICEF (Myanmar) answered the queries raised by those present.

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equivalent to first year. Those wishing to attend press meet on the courses may register at Shwebontha STI at 4pm on 2 May free of charge.

In addition, may register at No. 377, Shwebontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township here and ward.(4), Room (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township (ph-250056, 700273, 507048, 507151 and 507152).—MNA

Press meet on findings of breastfeeding knowledge and behaviours in progress.

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Militant assassinations sow new fear in Afghan city

KANDAHAR, 27 April—On Sunday evening in Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar two masked men on a motorbike stopped in the middle of a bazaar, pulled out guns, killed a man and then sped off.

The dead man was Haji Abdul-Hai, a tribal chieftain with strong connections to the

Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai, which is the target of a bitter Taleban insurgency.

The assassination of government officials, their associates or anyone notably linked to the government has become routine in the volatile city. A series of shockingly audacious murders in

recent months has spread fear throughout the city and as far as the highest levels of leadership in Kabul.

The UN on Monday ordered its 200 Afghan staff in the city to remain indoors for their own safety, and relocated foreign staff to Kabul, a spokesman said.

Internet

Venezuela's Chavez rebuffs Pentagon report

CARACAS, 27 April—President Hugo Chavez rebuffed a Pentagon report that found that an elite unit from Iran's Revolutionary Guard has a presence in Venezuela, warning that the United States could be looking for an excuse to attack his country.

Chavez on Monday called the 12-page report that was delivered to the US Congress last week "a disgrace," saying "these are the things they raise and repeat in reports to later justify anything."

In the report, the Pentagon concluded that Iran's Qods Force, an elite unit within its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, is well established and increasing its presence in Latin America, particularly Venezuela.

"It's totally false," Chavez said of the report's findings.

Internet

British ambassador to Yemen Tim Torlot survived a suicide attack suspected to be launched by al-Qaeda that targeted his convoy in Sanaa on Monday.

XINHUA



A medic helps a man wounded in a blast in Kandahar city, south of Kabul. Three explosions struck Kandahar, killing two civilians in the key southern Afghan city where the US is planning an offensive to clear out the Taleban. The American-led effort to wrest control of southern Afghanistan is off to a slow start and the political clock is ticking as US troops head into what could be the bloodiest fight yet in the eight-year war.

INTERNET

British ambassador to Yemen survives suicide attack

SANAA, 27 April—British ambassador to Yemen Tim Torlot survived a suicide attack suspected to be launched by al-Qaeda that targeted his convoy in Sanaa on Monday, a security official of Interior Ministry told Xinhua.

The official who required anonymity said the bomber ignited the

explosive carried with him when the convey of British ambassador was passing by, but Torlot was unharmed as the explosion was small. Yemeni Interior Ministry said al-Qaeda was behind the attack.

The source said an investigation is underway and the police has collected the body of the suicide bomber

and tried to identify him by making a DNA identification test.

Al-Qaeda has not issued any statement to claim responsibility of the attack till now, but the security official said the attack was "their old tactics."

The British embassy is shut down after the attack.

Xinhua

A volcano in Guatemala is seen spewing smoke and ash south of the capital. The Santiaguito volcano has showered sand and ash over a large area of the west of the country in an "unusual" and "violent" display, the national seismological institute has said.—INTERNET



Airstrike kills Taleban commander, two advisors in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 April—Airstrike carried out by NATO-led forces against militants left a senior Taleban commander along with his two advisors dead in northern Afghanistan's Kunduz Province on Monday, the alliance said in a Press release. "The senior militants were driving through a rural desert area approximately 18 miles northeast of Kunduz City the capital of same name Kunduz Province when

they were struck by precision air fire, killing all three," the Press release emphasized.

It said that the senior Taleban commander was involved in all aspects of military operations in Kunduz Province. "He was responsible for setting target Priorities, weapons distribution and directing attacks against coalition and Afghan forces. However, the Press release did not identify the names of those killed in the air

raid.

Earlier, media reported that a Taleban commander Mullah Yar Mohammad alias Mullah Noor Mohammad was killed in Kunduz.

"Mullah Yar Mohammad, the shadowy governor of Kunduz Province, was killed in the wee hours of Monday in Dasht-e-Archi District," Mohammad Omar the governor of Kunduz was quoted by media as saying.

Internet



Firefighters battle a blaze at a street market in Rio de Janeiro, on 26 April, 2010. According to local media the market, nearby Rio de Janeiro's train and bus central station, caught fire Monday afternoon allegedly when a gas container exploded at a bakery. No injuries or dead people were reported.—INTERNET



An employee provides services in the Press center of 2010 Shanghai Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 27 April, 2010. The opening ceremony of the 2010 Shanghai Expo Press Centre was held on Tuesday.
XINHUA

Indonesia reduces Malaria cases by two-thirds

JAKARTA, 27 April—The number of malaria cases in Indonesia dropped to over 1.1 million in 2009 from about 3 million per year in the past due to appropriate technology in combating the deadly disease, a statement from Health Ministry said on Monday.

Health Minister Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih said that among the technology were new anti-malaria drug Artemisinin-based Combination Therapy, Rapid Diagnostic Test tool and mosquito-net equipped with insecticide.

However, the minister said that the current number of malaria cases still resulted in huge financial lost.—Xinhua

Fidel Castro warns of aftermath of climate change

HAVANA, 27 April—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro warned of the aftermath of uncontrollable climate change and the side effect of scientific progress in an article published on Monday.

"Science created the ability to destroy ourselves and the planet several times in a matter of hours," said Castro in an editorial published by local media. "The greatest contradiction in our age is the ability of our species to destroy itself and its inability to govern itself at the same time."

In the editorial entitled "The madness of our time," Castro listed the catastrophic effects of global warming and pointed to threats posed by new weapons and military technologies of the United States.

He criticized the United States for developing new high-tech military devices such as the recent launch of an unmanned "space plane" by US air force from Cape Canaveral.

These moves "reveal the true philosophy of the United States," said Castro. He also described the role of US President Barack Obama at the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen as "disappointing" and a "painful deception" to the public.

Castro said global warming will lead to the rise of sea levels, the decrease of drinkable water and arable land.

Xinhua

Shanghai World Expo to open new chapter in expo history, says Chinese diplomat

GENEVA, 27 April—As the first World Expo ever hosted by a developing country, the Shanghai World Expo will open a new chapter in the history of such events, China's ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva said on Monday.

"The Shanghai Expo is an unprecedented grand gathering of human civilizations with many new records in the Expo history," He Yafei said at the opening of a photo exhibition on the Shanghai event.

He said some 192 countries and 50 international organizations would take part in the Shanghai Expo, which features some 189 National Pavilion

Days and 39 International Organization Days as well as 20,000 cultural performances.

The six-month event is expected to attract over 70 million visitors, of which 3.5 million are from abroad. It will also be participated by leaders from more than 100 countries.

"It is fair to say that the Shanghai Expo is just like a global village enriched with diverse civilizations from all over the world ... Shanghai will become a grand stage for dialogue and interaction among nations and cultures," He told Geneva-based diplomats and UN officials.

Xinhua



Sales signs invite people in a shopping district of Seoul, in January. S Korea's economy grew a faster than expected 1.8 percent in the first quarter thanks to a firm export performance and improved domestic demand, the central bank said on Tuesday.

XINHUA

Toyota road-test hybrid electric cars in Strasbourg

STRASBOURG, 27 April—A hundred plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) jointly developed by French power giant Electricite de France (EDF) and Japanese car maker Toyota rolled out Monday onto the streets of Strasbourg.

The Prius hybrid cars will be leased to selected individuals and

companies, who will be among the first in Europe to road-test the vehicles over a duration of three years, reports said.

To kick off the real-world trial, French energy company Schneider Electric, partner of the PHEV project, unveiled 135 chargers installed in the parking lots of partner companies and at the

homes of participating Strasbourg residents.

"Schneider Electric today presented the electric vehicle chargers it has supplied for the plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHV) trial in Strasbourg, being conducted jointly by EDF and Toyota," the company confirmed in a news release.

Xinhua

S Korea, Turkey discuss joint research on nuclear energy

SEOUL, 27 April—South Korean Knowledge Economy Minister Choi Kyung-hwan on Monday met with Turkey's energy vice minister Metin Kilci to discuss joint research on whether to construct nuclear reactors in the Eurasian country. According to the economy ministry, the two officials met in Seoul to look into the feasibility of a South Korean-designed reactor in the proposed Sinop nuclear plant on Turkey's Black Sea coast. "The minister sought for joint research and evaluation efforts leading to the actual building of a nuclear power generation plant," a ministry official was quoted as saying.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 26 April, 2010 shows employees work in the Japanese Industry Pavilion at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. The Japanese Industry Pavilion was unveiled to the Press on Monday.

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Pedestrians use their mobile phones as they walk past a NTT docomo shop in Tokyo in 2008. Four leading Japanese electronics makers said on Monday they will team up with top network operator NTT DoCoMo to develop the operating system for its next-generation cellphones, due for launch next year.

XINHUA



A picture taken with a fisheye lens shows a view of the Shanghai World Expo on 25 April, 2010. Along with daily parades, fireworks and other festivities, the Shanghai World Expo's 192 participating countries are contributing to a six-month calendar of music, dance and stage shows.

INTERNET

France announces 260 mln euros loss in volcanic ash trouble

PARIS, 27 April—The disruption of civil aviation due to volcanic ash clouds from Iceland has cost France 260 million euros (346.6 million US dollars) in sectors of air traffic and tourism, French State Secretary for Tourism Herve Novelli announced on Monday.

The volcanic ash trouble caused a 188-million-euro loss for civil aviation companies, 31 million euros for tour operators and 40 million euros for travel agencies, Novelli told a news conference here.

His announcement came after the second meeting about the loss

evaluation of the aviation crisis in the two sectors impacted by the late trouble of the volcanic ash clouds.

During a meeting on Tuesday, Novelli released an estimation of 200 million euros' loss resulted from the eruption of Iceland volcano.

Xinhua

Russian government mulls volcano-induced compensation for airlines

Moscow, 27 April—The Russian government is considering proper compensation for Russian airlines suffering losses of terminated flights due to the Icelandic volcanic ash, said a Deputy Prime Minister on Monday.

Sergei Ivanov said at the Volga city of Rybinsk that Russian airlines could calculate their respective losses within two weeks before submitting the sums to the government.

"As soon as they are presented, we will think about compensation in the near future," the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Ivanov as saying.

Xinhua



Passengers take a taxi adorned with the logo of e-commerce firm Alibaba in Hong Kong. The company has said its new transaction platform would accept payments from users of US online payment service PayPal.—INTERNET

Foreign investment banks to leave Argentina amid tightened regulation

BUENOS AIRES, 27 April—More than 10 investment banks, including Wells Fargo, HSBC, Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse, will leave Argentina in the coming weeks, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

The decision came after the Central Bank of Argentina tightened the requirements for foreign investment banks to operate in the country, local daily Clarin reported, citing operators who spoke on condition

of anonymity.

Wells Fargo is about to close its office in Argentina due to a "regional strategic decision," Tony Matera, the bank's spokesman, was quoted as saying.

The new requirements, which have been in force since early April, aimed to prevent the banks from making certain transactions, but they did not stop the banks from advising clients with offshore accounts or managing

their portfolios.

The Central Bank of Argentina said 39 foreign banks are affected by the new requirements, of which some 16 will leave the country.

Wells Fargo and HSBC will move their operations to the US city of Miami, while Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse will continue their wealth management operations from Montevideo, capital of Uruguay.

Xinhua



Maruti 800 cars are parked at the factory in Gurgaon, Haryana, India, in December 2008. Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest car firm, reported a 170 percent jump in quarterly net profit Monday, as the vehicle market roared ahead, helped by cheap loans and government stimulus steps.

INTERNET

Iran to issue bonds worth 750 million euros

TEHERAN, 27 April—Iran will soon issue bonds worth 750 million euros to develop its oil industry, which will be followed by a further five billion euros after March next year, a top oil official said on Monday.

"We were authorised to issue one billion euros of bonds," the ILNA news agency quoted the deputy head of the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company, Hojatollah Ghanimi-Fard, as saying.

He added: "250 billion euros were issued and the rest will be issued next Monday."

Ghanimi-Fard said that "euro bonds worth five billion will be issued" next Iranian year which begins on 21 March, 2011.

Internet

Mazda, MMC forecast jump in profit as sales recover

TOKYO, 27 April—Mazda Motor Corp (7261.T) and Mitsubishi Motors Corp (7211.T), Japan's No5 and No 6 automakers, forecast a more than trebling in annual operating profit on Tuesday, counting on new models to ride a sales recovery in the United States and Japan.

With Mazda bouncing back from the

worst of the financial crisis, analysts are now looking at how quickly the Hiroshima-based company can turn its recent capital boost into sustainable profits.

Late last year, Mazda raised about \$1 billion in a share sale to invest in hybrid and other technologies. It agreed with Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) last month to

license hybrid technology with the aim of launching a hybrid model in Japan by 2013 — still later than most domestic rivals.

Mazda's operating profit forecast for the new business year is still just a fraction of the pre-crisis 162 billion yen posted in 2007/08.

Internet

Brazil, Caribbean countries to strengthen co-op in economy

BRASILIA, 27 April—Brazil and Caribbean countries on Monday pledged to further promote the integration of their economies as well as cooperation in international politics. Heads of state and government of Brazil and 14 Caribbean countries signed here the Brasilia Declaration at the end of the first Brazil-CARICOM Summit, expressing their mutual desire for further integration and

cooperation. The two sides will work "to strengthen the historical and cultural

ties that unite these countries and draw a blueprint for a common

future," said the declaration.

They acknowledged that "the current international financial structures do not correspond to the unique needs of highly indebted small countries with middle income, like CARICOM members," and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva pledged to bring these concerns to the deliberations of the next G-20 meeting, which will take place in Canada in June.

Xinhua



Brazilian President Lula (C) and leaders from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) have a group photo taken in Brasilia, capital of Brazil, on 26 April, 2010.—XINHUA



A kid pastes the bones model of a dinosaur on the wall of the science and discovery museum that was recently completed in Tampere, southern Finland on 24 April, 2010.—XINHUA

USGS to fund 47 earthquake projects

RESTON, 27 April—The US Geological Survey says it will award about \$4 million for 2010 earthquake research at 47 universities, state geological surveys and private firms. "These external research grants are an important component of our overall strategy for earthquake risk reduction," said Marcia McNutt, USGS director. "They help us engage the creativity and imagination of the best researchers nationwide who develop new tools and insights that will ultimately make us safer from seismic hazards."

Internet

Cambodia's death toll by lightning increases to 13

PHNOM PENH, 27 April—At least 13 Cambodians have so far died by lightning since the first early rain that dropped last month, a government official said on Monday.

Keo Vy, communication officer of National Committee of Disaster Management said, to date, including the latest victims by lightning that occurred last Friday in Kompong Cham Province, the death toll is 13. Early last week, six people have died by lightning in Pursat Province alone.

Internet

Study links drug enforcement to more violence

MEXICO CITY, 27 April—The surge of gunbattles, beheadings and kidnappings that has accompanied Mexico's war on drug cartels is an entirely predictable escalation in violence based on decades of scientific literature, a new study contends.

A systematic review published Tuesday of more than 300 international studies dating back 20 years found that when police crack down on drug users and dealers, the result is almost always an increase

in violence, say researchers at the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy, a nonprofit group based in Britain and Canada.

When communities get tough on drug crime, that drives up the black market profits, prompting

fierce battles to control the lucrative trade, their study says. And when powerful and successful drug bosses are taken out, it's all too common for more brutal and less sophisticated criminals to step in.

Internet

Bangladesh to strengthen measures after first A/H1N1 flu death of this year

DHAKA, 27 April—Bangladesh on Monday said it will further strengthen measures to prevent and better combat outbreaks of A/H1N1 flu after a 34-year-old woman became the first case in the country to die from complications of the infectious disease this year.

Mahmudur Rahman, Head of the country's Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the Health Ministry, told *Xinhua* on Monday, "Rumana Jahangir died on Friday after suffering from A/H1N1 flu."

According to health officials, Rumana, an assistant professor of a private university in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, had underlying health conditions that made it more difficult to fend off the flu.

Rumana Jahangir's sister, who preferred to be unnamed, said, "my sister died in an aeroplane on way to Singapore on Friday evening."

Internet

105-year-old woman spends day at college

A 105-year-old Virginia woman said the day she spent at Virginia Wesleyan College fulfilled her lifelong dream of being a college student.

Florence Walner, who will turn 106 in August, attended classes at the Portsmouth school as part of a program at Virginia Beach's Beth Shalom Village that works to fulfill wishes for its residents, WAVY-TV,

Portsmouth, Va, reported on Monday.

"It's beautiful," Walner said. "It's beautiful to look at."

College President Billy Greer greeted Walner and welcomed her to the campus.

News Album



Model Flip Driver has a makeover using an Egyptian makeup palette from the 18th Dynasty at the Science Museum in London, on 26 April, 2010. The museum will stage an Egyptian style makeup workshop at it's Lates evening on 28 April.

Woman gets 9 months for rat extortion

A Wisconsin woman who planted a rat in her food at a restaurant and demanded \$500,000 to keep quiet was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Debbie Miller, 43, of Appleton, was sentenced to nine months in jail followed by four years of

probation on Friday, after she pleaded no contest in Outagamie County Court to a felony charge of extortion and a misdemeanor count of obstructing police, the *Appleton Post-Crescent* reported on Monday. Miller planted a dead rat in her food at The Seasons

restaurant on 17 April, 2008, and demanded the owners pay her off to keep quiet about the incident. Defence attorney Edmund Jelinski said the amount of money his client demanded displays her mental problems, which he said originated from years of abuse.

Man sets 380-foot free-diving record

A New Zealand man set a world record by diving 380 feet beneath the surface of the Atlantic Ocean without the use of fins, the World Records Academy confirmed.

William Trubridge, 29, held his breath underwater for 4 minutes and 9 seconds on Sunday at the Vertical

Blue Suunto Dive-Off at Dean's Blue Hole in the Bahamas. The Times of London reported on Monday. A report on the academy's Web site said Trubridge's record is for "the deepest free immersion dive." Trubridge, who used the breaststroke to push himself



William Trubridge

downward, said he struggled with nitrogen narcosis during his feat.



David Horan wields a propane torch to brown the meringue of a gargantuan Key lime pie in Key West, Florida on 23 April, 2010. The 7-foot-in-diameter pastry was concocted from the juice of 1,080 Key limes, 360 eggs, 90 cans of sweetened condensed milk, 20 pounds of sugar and 20 pounds of pie dough.

Hippos rest on the bank of the Mara River on the Kenya section on 11 April, 2010. The East African Community (EAC) described the Mara River Basin as a regional and global resource that should be conserved at all costs, according to its newly released reports developed following the reduction in vegetation cover and species diversity, and the over-exploitation and competition from invasive species, mainly as a consequence of human population growth.



Devotees pour water on Bo trees on Fullmoon Day of Kason

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Today is Fullmoon Day of Kason. On this significant day, this Buddhists pour water on Bo Tree dedicated to the Lord Buddha.

At Uppatasanti Pagoda, the most famous in Nay Pyi Taw, religious associations of ministries, regiments and units recited religious verses and the Desana of Buddha. The local people offered flowers, water and lights to the Buddha images. The devotees practised meditation and performed meritorious

with pilgrims and visitors.

The people poured water on Bo trees at the pagodas, stupas and religious edifices in Nay Pyi Taw District.

The 27th water pouring ceremony was held at Bo tree of Shwedagon Pagoda this morning, with the participation of members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, religious associations and pilgrims.

Similar ceremonies took place at Sule Pagoda, Botahtaung Pagoda, Maha Wizaya Pagoda,



Ceremony of pouring water on Bo tree in precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda in progress on Fullmoon Day of Kason.—MNA



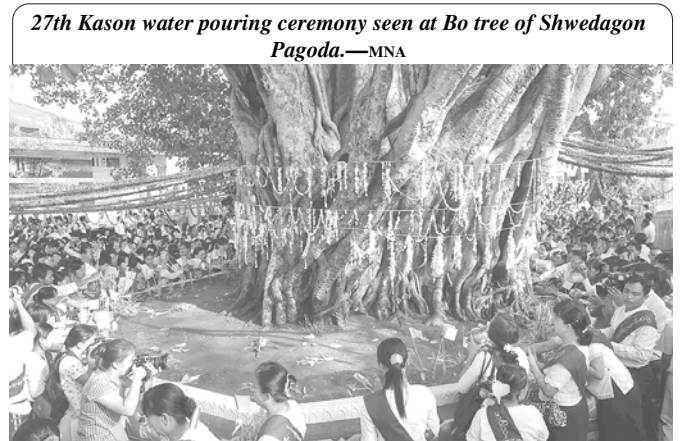
24th water pouring ceremony at Bo tree in progress at Maha Wizaya Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Kason.—MNA



People pour water at Bo tree of Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA



People pouring water on Bo tree at Lawkamareinzein Pagoda in Yanaung Ward 2 of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana.—MNA



27th Kason water pouring ceremony seen at Bo tree of Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

deeds.

Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, Phayakoehsu and Koekhangyi and Lawkamareinzein pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana were packed

Shwephonepwin Pagoda, Kaba Aye Pagoda, Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda and Kyaikkasan Pagoda.

Likewise, ceremonies to pour water on Bo trees were held at Koedatgyi, Mogaung, Ngadatgyi, Chaukhtetgyi,

Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Meilamu, Okkalapa, Kyaikkaloh-Khaikkale, Kyaikkhauk and Kyaukhmawwun pagodas in Yangon Division.

MNA

Myanmar Printers and Publishers to observe Hong Kong Printing and Packaging Fair 2010

YANGON, 27 April—Conducted by Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association, a party led by Secretary of the association U Tin Ko Ko yesterday

morning left here for Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, to visit "Hong Kong Printing and Packaging Fair 2010" to be held from 27 through 29

April. The printers and publishers were seen off by Chairman of MPPA Dr Tin Tun Oo and family members at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend religious ...

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Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja, Saddhamma Jotikadhaja, Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya, Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita, Maha Kammathanaçariya, Maha

of Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and religious insignia to Mae Chee San Sancee Stirasuta of Sathira Dhammasathan Foundation of Bangkok of Thailand and Nun Daw Khemaçari of Sasana

wife of Prime Minister U Thein Sein, offered certificate of Ganthavaçaka Pandita title and insignia to Nun Daw Kulaçari of Zeyamedani Myoma Pariyatti Nunnery of Yesagyo of Magway Division, certificates of Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and insignia to Nun Daw Nandi of Chanmyae Myinzayi Nunnery of



Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer provisions to a Sayadaw.

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Ganthavaçaka Pandita, Kammathanaçariya, Ganthavaçaka Pandita and Dhammakahatika Bahujanahitadhara titles and religious insignia to the title recipient Sayadaws.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presented certificates of Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka

Gonyi Nunnery and Nunnery Education School of Thingangyun Township.

Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, presented certificates of Ganthavaçaka Pandita title and religious insignia to Nun Daw Nanavati of Pyay Dhammikayon Nun-

Bhamo Township of Kachin State and Nun Daw Vannasingi of Kanbawza Theingi No. 1 Nunnery Primary School of Mongyu 105-Mile Village of Muse Township, Shan State (North).

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conferred certificates of Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife offer alms to a Sayadaw.

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Pandita title and religious insignia to Nun Daw Nanobhasi of Aletawya Thameikdawaya Mawlamyine Nunnery of Bahan Township of Yangon Division and Nun Daw Paññasiri of Myo Yin Yin Nunnery, certificates

nery, Nun Daw Kulavati of Saddhammayanthi Nunnery of Monywa of Sagaing Division and Nun Daw Tinnavati of Yadana Manaung Nunnery of Dawei of Taninthayi Division.

Daw Khin Khin Win,

title and religious insignia on U Bo Gale (a) U Bo Thauang of Kalay of Sagaing Division and Mr. Ricardo Vieira Sasaki Rio de Janeiro; RJ of Brazil.

Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on the



Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet offer alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

religious affairs.

Then, Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma

merits gained. The ceremony came to a close with a three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthathu.

This was followed by

Peace and Development Council Office and central offices, the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the office of the Commander-in-Chief



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn donate provisions to a Sayadaw.

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Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa of Bhamo Monastery in Aungmye-thazan Township, Mandalay Division delivered a sermon to the congregation, sharing

a ceremony to offer rice and alms to the title-recipient Sayadaws and nuns. The rice and alms were donated by the families of the Ministry of Defence, the Prime Minister's Office, the State

(Air), the Adjutant-General's Office, the Quartermaster General's Office, Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministries, the offices of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General, (See page 9)

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife present provisions to a Sayadaw.

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend religious ...

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the Auditor-General, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Nay Pyi Taw District and Township PDCs, religious and social organizations, companies and public wellwishers.

Taking positions at designated places of the

Southern Archway and the circular road of the Uppatasanti, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin

Khin Win, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers, the auditor-general, the chairman of CSSTB, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, staff families and public wellwishers offered rice and alms to the Sayadaws.

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SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann offers religious title to a Sayadaw.—MNA

SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye offers religious title to a Sayadaw.

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein offers religious title to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers religious title to a Sayadaw.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein offers religious title to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun offers religious title to a Sayadaw.

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Myanmar WWW Institute to conduct digital media courses

YANGON, 27 April—Myanmar WWW Institute established in 2003 has been opening advanced IT digital media courses.

The training courses will provide technology of animation, application of actionScript, Symbol and Flash component to the trainees.

The enthusiasts in Web Design and Flash technology may join the

two and a half months courses that will be opened on every Tuesday and Thursday. The professional multi-designer course will last four months. The advanced photoshop will be opened in the first week of June 2010.

For detail information, contact Room 4 of Building 5 at Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, Yangon, Tel: 521125, 652288 and 652320.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents certificate of religious title to a lay person.
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Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents religious title to a nun.
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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Prime Minister U Thein Sein, presents religious title to a nun. (News on page 1)—MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, offers religious title to a nun. (News on page 1)—MNA

Junior Karatedo Competitions-2010 on 12-13 May

YANGON, 27 April — Under the directive of the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Karatedo Federation will conduct

Junior Karatedo Competitions-2010 at Aung San Stadium here from 12 to 13 May on a grand scale.

Women event will comprise Kata (single), Kata (interclub), Kumite (single) 48 kilos and under, 53 kilos and under, 59 kilos and under and above 59 kilos. Men event will comprise Kata (single), Kata (interclub), Kumite (single) 55 kilos and under, 61 kilos and under, 68 kilos and under, above 76 kilos.

Karatedo clubs which are registered at MKF may take part in the

competitions. Selected Karatedo players aged between 16 and 21, who were born between 12 May, 1989 and 12 May, 1994, are eligible to participate in it. It is required to apply the forms enclosed with copy of birth certificate (or) NRC card.

Drawing fixtures for the competitions in conjunction with the meeting of coach/manager at the hall of MKF in Aung San Stadium is to be attended by the coaches and the managers.

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21st Annual General Meeting of MFCC held

YANGON, 27 April — The 21st Annual Meeting of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club was held at Chatrium Hotel here this evening.

U Khin Maung Thwin (Mainichi), who chaired the meeting, spoke on the occasion, Secretary of MFCC U Thitsar Hla Htway reported on financial statement for approval.

New executive committee members for 2010-2011 were elected. Those elected were U Hla Htway (Nikkei Shimbun) as Patron, U Min Zaw (Tokyo Shimbun) as president, Mr Zhang Yunfei (Xinhua) as Vice-President, U Han Htwe Aung (TV Asahi) as Secretary, U Myat Thura (Kyodo News) as Joint-



21st Annual Meeting of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club takes place at Chatrium Hotel.—MNA

Secretary, U Thurein Hla Htway (Nikkei Shimbun) as Treasurer and Daw Sint Sint Aung (NTV) as Auditor.

The meeting ended with the concluding

remarks by Patron U Hla Htway.

MFCC hosted a dinner in honour of the guests. Officials of the Ministry of Information, honorary members of MFCC H E

Yasuaki Nogawa, Ambassador of Japan and U Thein Tun, Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank and MFCC members attended the dinner.

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Talk on strategies for managing change on 1 May

YANGON, 27 April — Subject-wise talks (May/2010), conducted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, will be held at 2 pm on 1 May on the first floor of the UMFCCI Officer Tower of No.29, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township here.

U Aye Kyaw (MHR) will give a talk on strategies for managing change. The talk can be attended by chairmen, executives and members of the UMFCCI and its congenial associations and interested persons.

MNA

Two nabbed after beating toddler in S African robbery

JOHANNESBURG, 27 April—South African police have arrested two people for beating a one-year-old baby and a helper in a house robbery in Johannesburg, in a case which as caused widespread reaction in South Africa. On Friday Nomvula Mokonyane, the premier of South African Gauteng province, said she was shocked by the attack on the one-year-old child and her helper.

News of the incident

featured on the front pages of most newspapers in Johannesburg on Friday, and there were regular updates broadcast on radio and television throughout the weekend.

The toddler was severely beaten, along with helper Francina Sekhu, in a house robbery on Thursday.

On Sunday, Liezel Furlong, spokeswoman for the Sandton Medi-Clinic in northern Johannesburg, said the girl remained in a

serious but stable condition. Sekhu was being treated for serious head injuries in a hospital in Southern Johannesburg.

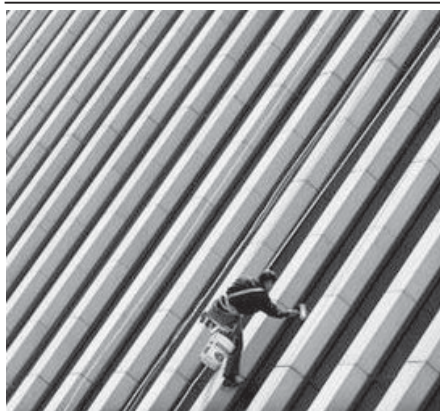
On Sunday Gauteng police Eugene Opperman told the South African Press Association (SAPA) about the arrests.

"I can't tell you if we are expecting to make any more arrests. We are letting the investigations continue and then we will see what comes out of it," he said.

Internet



Held by college students sumo wrestlers, a couple of babies cry in their competition during Naki Sumo, or Crying Baby Contest, at Sensoji temple in Tokyo on 25 April, 2010.—XINHUA



A worker cleans the glass of an office building in Beijing on 27 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Three detained in Switzerland on suspicion of planning bomb attack

GENEVA, 27 April—Three men have been detained in Switzerland on suspicion of planning a bomb attack against the Swiss subsidiary of a major international company, the official *Swissinfo.ch* news website reported on Sunday.

The three men, two Italians and a Swiss living in Italy, were held on 15 April during a police traffic control in the canton of Zurich, the website quoted the federal prosecutor's office as saying.

Police found explosives and other items in their car that could have been used in an attack. But the office said that no other details could be given for the time being as inquiries were continuing.

The office also declined to comment on a newspaper report which said the target of the planned attack was the IBM research center in Ruschlikon, near Zurich, according to the website.—Internet



A south Sudanese girl grinds simsim seeds at a village in 2009 near Wau, an area where the population is exposed to malaria — a leading cause of death of infants and children in Africa. The Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in poor countries is facing a crucial challenge to find cash after the financial crisis, its head said Monday.—INTERNET

Mexico says cartels turning attacks on authorities

MEXICO CITY, 27 April—Mexico's drug cartels have changed tactics and are turning more attacks on authorities, rather than focusing their fire on rivals gangs, the country's top security official said on Sunday.

Interior Secretary Fernandez Gomez-Mont said at a news conference that two back-to-back, bloody ambushes of government convoys — both blamed on cartels — represent a new tactic.

"In the last few weeks the dynamics of the violence have changed. The criminals have decided to directly confront and attack the authorities," Gomez-Mont said.

"They are trying to direct their fire power at what they fear most at this moment, which is the authorities," he said.

Officials here have long said that more than 90 percent of the death toll in Mexico's wave of drug violence —

which has claimed more than 22,700 lives since a government crackdown began in December 2006 — are victims of disputes between rival gangs.

Mexican drug gangs have been known to target security officials. The nation's acting federal police chief was shot dead in May 2008 in an attack attributed to drug traffickers lashing back at President Felipe Calderon's offensive against organized crime.

Internet

80 Afghan schoolgirls sickened in a week

KABUL, 27 April—Authorities say more than 80 schoolgirls in northern Afghanistan have fallen ill in three cases of mass sickness over the past week. That's raising fears that militants who oppose education for girls are trying to poison them to scare them away from school.

Kunduz provincial spokesman Mahbobullah Sayedi said the latest case occurred on Sunday when 12 girls fell ill at school. Officials said 47 complained of dizziness and nausea on Saturday, and another 23 got sick last Wednesday. None of the illnesses have been serious. Sayedi blames the sickness on "enemies" who oppose education for girls. Girls were not allowed to attend school when the Taliban controlled most of Afghanistan until they were ousted in the 2001 US led invasion.

Internet

World's 1st Children's Climate Conference kicks off in Zambia

LUSAKA, 27 April—The Zambian government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Monday launched the Zambia Children's Climate Conference (ZCCC), the first of its kind in the world since the International Children's Climate Forum (ICCF) was held in

Copenhagen last year.

The conference is held in the Zambian capital Lusaka, where nearly 200 children from all over Zambia gathered to receive knowledge on adaptation and mitigation and to become main force to combat Climate Change in their home districts, according to UNICEF.

The three-day conference aims to produce climate ambassadors who also can serve as HIV/AIDS peer educators, and to develop a group of young people who can band together to tackle some of the country's most critical problems.

Sitting in the main

hall of Mulungushi Convention Centre, where Zambia has hosted most of its international conferences, the selected young delegates, aged 12 to 18, dressed in hunter green shirts, are gradually revealing their inner leadership quality through their frowns and smiles as they are undertaking the responsibilities of sustainable development of their country.

According to UNICEF Zambia Country Representative Lotta Sylwander, Zambia has never held these type of activities before, especially when children themselves are designing them.

Internet



A man drinks water from a water fountain in Kuwait, capital city of Kuwait, on 25 April, 2010. Under the assistance of the Kuwait government, some rich households in the city designed and built water fountains piping fresh water from their houses to offer free drinks to passers-by. XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (060)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (060) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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US woman sentenced to death for killing fortune teller and her daughter

LOS ANGELES, 27 April — A woman convicted of murdering a fortune teller and her daughter was today sentenced to death by a judge in Orange County, California. Mother-of-four Tanya Nelson, 45, did not react when Orange County Superior Court Judge Frank F Fasel imposed the sentence, the Orange County Registrar said. She still denies committing the crimes, but in March a jury recommended the death penalty for Nelson, who resided in North Carolina, for the 23 April, 2005, stabbing of Ha Smith, 52, and her 23-year-old daughter Anita Vo.—*Internet*

Two people killed as balloon crashes in Emirates desert

ABU DHABI, 27 April — Two people were killed when a hot air balloon with 14 people on board crashed in the United Arab Emirates. Several other passengers were injured, one seriously, in the crash in a desert area east of the capital, Abu Dhabi.

A French and an Indian national died as the pilot made an emergency landing in rising winds, the tourist company which operated the flight said. An investigation into the cause of Sunday's crash was under way, the General Civil Aviation Authority said.

Internet



Balloon expeditions have become common in the UAE in recent years.—*INTERNET*



A doctor prepares an Influenza A(H1N1) vaccination shot for a health worker inside a Department of Health (DOH) office in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila on 26 April, 2010. At least 1.9 million doses of Influenza A (H1N1) vaccines donated by the World Health Organization (WHO) will be used to vaccinate more than 36,000 health workers, as part of the country's response to the pandemic which WHO said has killed more 17,000 people in 213 countries, according to the health department.—INTERNET

Star bullfighter Jose Tomas gored in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 April — One of Spain's top bullfighters, Jose Tomas, has been badly gored during a fight in Mexico, his manager says. The matador was in a serious condition in hospital after losing several litres of blood, manager Salvador Boix said. He received a 4-inch (10cm) tear to the groin



The matador bled so profusely officials appealed for donors at the ring.—INTERNET

when he was pierced by a 1,100 pound (500kg) bull, Navegante, in Saturday's fight in Aguascalientes.

The injury punctured one of Mr Tomas's veins and an artery and he was operated on immediately at the scene. The 34-year-old bled so profusely that officials appealed over loudspeakers for compatible donors to come forward from the crowd, Mr Boix told the Spanish radio station Cadena Ser. Mr Tomas — who has the relatively rare blood type A+ — was then taken to hospital where he underwent surgery for a number of hours, his manager added.

Despite the dangers of their profession, top-level bullfighters are rarely seriously injured in the ring. One of Spain's top bullfighters, Jose Tomas, has been badly gored during a fight in Mexico, his manager says.—*Internet*

Stephen Hawking warns over making contact with aliens

WASHINGTON, 27 April—Aliens almost certainly exist but humans should avoid making contact, Professor Stephen Hawking has warned. In a series for the Discovery Channel the renowned astrophysicist said it was "perfectly rational" to assume intelligent life exists elsewhere. But he warned that aliens might simply raid Earth for resources, then move on. "If aliens visit us, the outcome would be much as when Columbus landed in America, which didn't turn out well for the Native Americans," he said. Prof Hawking thinks that, rather than actively trying to communicate with extra-terrestrials, humans should do everything possible to avoid contact. He explained: "We only have to look at ourselves to see how intelligent life might develop into something we wouldn't want to meet." —*Internet*

Cheated spouses take it out on car

LONDON, 27 April — Three in five people would take revenge on cheating spouses, with cars the main target of their fury, according to a survey. Women were more likely than men to get even, with 10% of angered females targeting their man's motor, the poll of 3,000 people by the Autoglass company found.

Amitabh Bachchan has cirrhosis

MUMBAI, 27 April — Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan has revealed he has cirrhosis of the liver and needs regular medical check-ups.

Bachchan, 67, is teetotal but writing on his blog he said 25% of his liver had been destroyed by the condition.

The liver damage is the result of a blood transfusion after an accident when filming nearly three decades ago.

Bachchan said he knew any disclosure about his health could cause alarm in fans but said he wanted to be open.—*Internet*

Of those wanting to take revenge, 22-25-year-olds are most likely to smash a car windscreen, while 19-21-year-olds would damage the paintwork. Those aged 31-35 were most likely to sell the vehicle for a few pence to get their own back. Those aged over 50 were more inclined to give their cheating partner the silent treatment, while spending as much money as possible.

The most vengeful partners are to be found in Wales, where 67% would not be able to resist getting even. Of these, around a third would target the car.

Internet



Cheated spouses take revenge on the cars.—INTERNET

Autistic artist Stephen Wiltshire ready to dazzle Sydney with his memory

SYDNEY, 27 April — An artist who can draw a city skyline after looking at it for a few minutes is set to take on Sydney. Stephen Wiltshire will arrive in Australia this week to show off his extraordinary talent for drawing cities in intricate detail. The 36-year-old artist, who was diagnosed with autism when he was three, hopes to produce a poster-size pen and ink drawing of the harbour city after examining its skyline for just 20 minutes.

He's already impressed many around the world with his large-scale intricate

panoramas of New York and London. Before drawing those two world-famous cities, he memorised the position and size of hundreds of buildings and landmarks while on 20-minute helicopter rides. His four-metre long panorama of London on a curved canvas took five days to complete in 2007, with not one sneak peak at a photograph of the city for help.—*Internet*

Brazilian housewife lynched after drunk hit and run

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 April — A Brazilian housewife celebrating her 24th birthday was shot and lynched after running over a pregnant woman and her daughter while driving drunk.

Pamela de Souza Costa was shot five times after being caught by a group of residents in the town of Macae, 160km northeast of Rio de Janeiro, immediately after the accident on Friday. The woman she ran into, Silmara Rodrigues, was badly hurt and lost her unborn baby.—*Internet*

Employees work on the assembly line of Anhui Jianghuai Automobile Co. Ltd in Hefei, Anhui Province on 26 April, 2010. INTERNET



Ancient asphalt domes discovered off California coast



Chris Reddy (left) of WHOI and Chief Scientist Dave Valentine of UCSB hold a large chunk of undersea asphalt collected with one of the robotic arms of the DSV Alvin. The sample was surprising light in weight compared to rock.

INTERNET

SANTA BARBARA, 27 April—They paved paradise and, it turns out, actually did put up a parking lot, a big one. Some 700 feet deep in the waters off

California's jewel of a coastal resort, Santa Barbara, sits a group of football-field-sized asphalt domes unlike any other underwater features known

to exist.

About 35,000 years ago, a series of apparent undersea volcanoes deposited massive flows of petroleum 10 miles offshore. The deposits hardened into domes that were discovered recently by scientists from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) and UC Santa Barbara (UCSB). Their report — co-authored with researchers from UC Davis, the University of Sydney and the University of Rhode Island — appears online on 25 April in the *Journal Nature Geoscience*. The work was funded by the National Science Foundation, US Department of Energy and the Seaver Institute.

Internet



(L-R) David Cvet, Dale Gienow, and Matt Brundle sit before participating in an authentic reproduction of a 14th century martial arts tournament held by The Academy of European Medieval Martial Arts (AEMMA) in Toronto, on 25 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Physicists capture first images of atomic spin

HAMBURG, 27 April—Though scientists argue that the emerging technology of spintronics may trump conventional electronics for building the next generation of faster, smaller, more efficient computers and high-tech devices, no one has actually seen the spin — a quantum mechanical property of electrons — in

Females shut down male-male sperm competition in leafcutter ants

PANAMA, 27 April—Leafcutter ant queens can live for twenty years, fertilizing millions of eggs with sperm stored after a single day of sexual activity.

Danish researchers who have studied ants at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama since 1992 discovered that in both ant and bee species in which queens have multiple mates, a male's

seminal fluid favours the survival of its own sperm over the other males' sperm. However, once sperm has been stored, leafcutter ant queens neutralize male-male sperm competition with glandular secretions in their sperm-storage organ.

"Females belonging to many species — from vertebrates to insects — have multiple male partners. Seminal products evolve rapidly, probably in response to the intense male-male competition that continues even after courtship and mating have taken place," said William Eberhard, Smithsonian staff scientist.

"This study continues the STRI tradition of looking at post-copulatory selection in a very biodiverse range of organisms, following in the footsteps of people like Bob Silberglied, who asked why butterflies and moths have two kinds of sperm in the 1970's."

Internet



Leafcutter ant workers carry leaf pieces down into underground nests where they use them as fertilizer for their fungus garden. Ants eat the fungus, not the leaves.

INTERNET

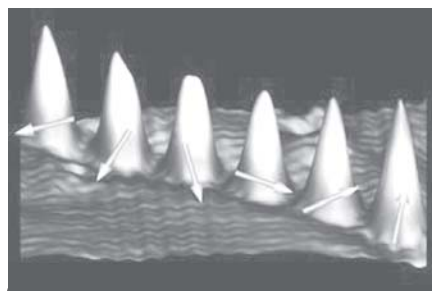
Do the blind have a more acute sense of smell?

SCIENCE DAILY, 27 April—An ongoing study by Mathilde Beaulieu-Lefebvre, a graduate student from the Université de Montréal Department of Psychology, has debunked the myth that the blind have a more acute sense of smell than the sighted. Vision loss simply makes blind people pay more attention to how they perceive smells.

"If you enter a room in which coffee is brewing, you will quickly look for the coffee machine. The blind person entering the same room will only have the smell of coffee as information," says Beaulieu-Lefebvre. "That smell will therefore become very important for their spatial representation."

The three-step study tested 25 subjects, 11 of whom were blind from birth. Participants answered a questionnaire and were subjected to two experiments: one where they had to differentiate 16 different perfumes using an olfactometer, another where they lay in a tomodesitometer to identify three smells: a rose, vanilla and butanol (a sweet alcohol).

Internet



The different shape and appearance of these individual cobalt atoms is caused by the different spin directions.—INTERNET

individual atoms until now.

In a study published as an *Advance Online Publication* in the journal *Nature Nanotechnology*, physicists at Ohio University and the University of Hamburg in Germany present the first images of spin in action.

The researchers used a custom-built microscope with an iron-coated tip to manipulate cobalt atoms on a plate of manganese. Through scanning tunneling microscopy, the team repositioned individual cobalt atoms on a surface that changed the direction of the electrons' spin. Images captured by the scientists showed that the atoms appeared as a single protrusion if the spin direction was upward, and as double protrusions with equal heights when the spin direction was downward.

The study suggests that scientists can observe and manipulate spin, a finding that may impact future development of nanoscale magnetic storage, quantum computers and spintronic devices.

Internet

UGA research scientist Vladimir Samarkin and his colleagues measured the production of nitrous oxide, an important greenhouse gas, at Don Juan Pond in Antarctica and discovered at the site a previously unreported chemical mechanism for the production of this important greenhouse gas. The discovery could help space scientists understand the meaning of similar brine pools on Mars.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Barca can pass way to victory, says Ibrahimovic

BARCELONA, 27 April —Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic is confident that if his side are faithful to their style of football then they do not need to be worried about the physical threat from Inter Milan and can turn around their Champions League semi-final tie.

Coach Pep Guardiola has constructed an all-conquering side that swept all before them last season but now they face their toughest European test against Inter after losing the first-leg 3-1.

The showdown at the San Siro was about two different styles of football. The free-flowing open game of Guardiola was pitted against the controlled approach of Jose Mourinho and it was the Inter coach who came out on top.—Internet



Barcelona's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates having scored during a match against Jerez on 24 April in Barcelona.—INTERNET

Del Piero still believes in fourth spot

ROME, 27 April — Juventus legend Alessandro Del Piero insisted his team can still finish fourth despite trailing Sampdoria by six points with just three games to play. Juve dominated Bari 3-0 at home on Sunday to move to within four points of Palermo but their hopes of Champions League football next season were then badly hit as Samp won



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2-1 away to AS Roma.

Even if Juve win their last three games, including an away trip to AC

Milan, they will need both Samp and Palermo to collapse in order to snatch fourth place, but Del Piero thinks it's possible.

"It will be very tough for us to finish fourth but that's what we want and we have to believe," he said.

"We can't look too much at the other games and just think first and foremost about ourselves.

"We won and we're happy but now we have to win our last three games as well and then cross our fingers."—Internet

Sorensen World Cup dream alive as surgery avoided

LONDON, 27 April— Stoke goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen learned on Monday that the dislocated elbow he suffered in Sunday's 7-0 thrashing at Chelsea will not require surgery, suggesting he should be able to go to the World Cup with Denmark.

Sorensen, who suffered the injury while trying to prevent Salomon Kalou from putting Chelsea 2-0 ahead, initially looked certain to miss the trip to South Africa.—Internet



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Steven Gerrard, believes Liverpool's season could yet end on a high with the club back in contention for a top four finish in the Premier League as well as gunning for the Europa League trophy.

INTERNET



Gulbis sets up Federer clash as Ferrero crashes in Rome tennis



Latvia's Ernests Gulbis

ROME, 27 April—Latvia's Ernests Gulbis took little more than an hour to dispose of Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis 6-2, 6-2 at the Rome Masters here on Monday to set up a second round clash with world number one Roger Federer.

The Swiss master had a first round bye and the big serving Gulbis took only 69 minutes to secure

his bid for what he hopes will be an early tournament upset. Gulbis is ranked only 40th in the world but the 21-year-old has no qualms about his next challenge having taken a set off Federer in Doha earlier this year.

"It's really good that I played him in Doha because the first match against a player like that is the toughest mentally," he said. "In Doha in the warm-up I was pretty scared but now I know I can play with him, I won a set, it's his first match on clay (this year) so I'm not going to think about it."—Internet

Gerrard sees Reds confidence flooding back

LIVERPOOL, 27 April—Steven Gerrard believes Liverpool's season could yet end on a high with the club back in contention for a top four finish in the Premier League as well as gunning for the Europa League trophy.

A deeply disappointing campaign had seemed destined for a dispiriting finale after Fernando Torres was forced to undergo his second knee operation in three months.

But a 3-0 win over West Ham last on Monday followed by Sunday's 4-0 defeat of Burnley — Liverpool's first away victory in eight attempts — has proved they can score goals without their leading striker.—Internet

Bilbao's European hopes suffer in Osasuna stalemate

MADRID, 27 April — Athletic Bilbao dropped key points in their bid for a place in the Europa League after being held to a 0-0 draw on Monday by Osasuna. It was a hard-fought battle from beginning to end between the two rivals from the north of Spain.

What the game gained in determination and work-rate it lost in finesse with chances few and far between. While Osasuna, looking to secure their top-flight status, tried to take the game to Athletic



Bilbao's Fernando Llorente. Athletic Bilbao dropped key points in their bid for a place in the Europa League after being held to a 0-0 draw on Monday by Osasuna.—INTERNET

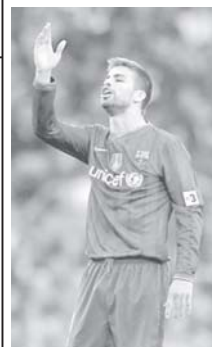
they rarely caused any danger and it was the visitors who had the better chances in the first half with Fernando Llorente going closest with a header which was palmed away by the Osasuna keeper Ricardo Lopez.

Osasuna's main threat came from Juanfran Torres down the right wing and he almost caught out keeper Gorka

Iraola with a cross which turned into more of a shot, but Iraola managed to scramble the ball away. There were even fewer chances after the break and so Athletic will consider it as two points dropped which would have kept them level with Villarreal in sixth place who beat Racing Santander 2-1 on Sunday.

Internet

Pique wants packed stadium for Inter Milan clash



Barcelona defender Gerard Pique, has urged the public to fill the Camp Nou stadium and cheer on the Spanish side during their Champions League.—INTERNET

MADRID, 27 April— Barcelona defender Gerard Pique has urged the public to fill the Camp Nou stadium and cheer on the Spanish side during their Champions League semi-finals second leg against Inter Milan.

"I hope the Camp Nou makes history.

I hope it will be a Camp Nou as it has never been seen before, that there is not one empty seat and when the players enter the pitch they hate their profession for 90 minutes," he told a news conference on Monday.

Internet

Injured van der Vaart to miss season run-in

MADRID, 27 April — Real Madrid's Dutch international midfielder Rafael van der Vaart will be sidelined for at least three weeks after he tore a muscle in his left thigh during a weekend match, the Spanish club said on Monday.

The injury means the 27-year-old will miss Real's four remaining league matches but may be fit in time to play for Holland at the World Cup in South Africa in June

The club made the announcement after van der Vaart, who was replaced by Raul after 15 minutes in Real's 2-1 away win over Real Zaragoza on Saturday, underwent a scan at a Madrid hospital. Van der Vaart, product of the Ajax youth system, has scored 15 times for the Dutch national team



Real Madrid's Dutch international midfielder Rafael van der Vaart (front), will be sidelined for at least three weeks after he tore a muscle in his left thigh during a weekend match.

INTERNET

during 75 appearances.

He joined Real in 2008 from German side Hamburg on a five-year contract.

Internet

- ★ 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, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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Pakokku of Magway Division, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññāsiri of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa of Pakhan Monastery in Shwebo of Sagaing Division.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann presented certificates of Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika title and religious insignia to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida of Htonkyitaung Monastery at Htonekyi Village in Kanma Township of Magway Division, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indaka of Dhammikayon Pali Tekkatho in Dewathagara Theinkon Monastery in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Division and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tiloka of Thantawhsint Kyaung in Maha Withokdayon Monastery in Mahaaungmye Town-

ship of Mandalay Division.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented certificates of Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika title and religious insignia to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sundara of Sunlungu Vipassana Monastery of Thingangyun Township of Yangon Division and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indapala of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery of Sagaing of Sagaing Division.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye offered certificates of Agga Maha Pandita title and insignia to Ven. Mahopadyaya Aluthgama Dhammananda Thero of Malwatta Monastery of Kandy of Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana-bhivamsa of U Zagaragyi Monastery of Dekkhinayama Phayagyi Taik in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Division and Sayadaw



Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donate alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Bhaddanta Nanosuriya of Dhammamedani Monastery of Aukkyin Ward of Thaton.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun presented certificates of Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and religious insignia to three Sayadaws and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, certificates of Agga Maha

Pandita title and religious insignia to three Sayadaws.

The senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the Auditor-General, the ministers and the deputy ministers offered certificates of Agga Maha Pandita, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja, (See page 8)

The significant day temperatures

(27-4-2010)

Minbu	43.5° C
Chauk	43.3° C
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	43.0° C
Magway	43.0° C
Myingyan	42.8° C
Aunglan	42.6° C