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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese guests led by National Assembly Vice Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a Vietnamese delegation led by National Assembly Vice Chairman Mr. Huynh Ngoc Son at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace here at 11:00 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads.

The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung.

They had a cordial discussion on further cementing relationships between Myanmar and Vietnam and bilateral cooperation between the two Hluttaws.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese National Assembly Vice Chairman Mr. Huynh Ngoc Son and party.—MNA

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Deputy Ministers reshuffled

In accord with the Section 234, Sub-section (a), (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), Para (9) of the Union Government Law, Deputy Ministers for Myanma Industrial Development U Han Sein and U Chan Maung were reshuffled as Deputy Ministers at the President Office.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Generator launched for supply of electricity to rural area

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—A ceremony to launch a generator for supply of electricity to Aungchantha Village of Lewe Township was held at the village on 31 March morning.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Hmat Gyi and the chairman of the village electricity supply committee formally launched the sup-

ply of electricity.

A local spoke words of thanks.

A total of 155 houses in the village are now being supplied electricity till 10 pm daily.—MNA

Vocational courses conclude in Thawuthti

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—The advanced tailoring course No. 1 and the basic

domestic science course No. 2 concluded at Sama Hill Maha Parahita Youth Development Home of Thawuthti in Lewe Township this morning.

machine each to two outstanding trainees.

Deputy Director-General U Thein Htay Oo presented completion certificates to the trainees.

After delivering an address, Director-General U Myo Hlaing of Education and Training Department presented one set of sewing

The director-general and party viewed the works of the trainees. The training courses lasted 12 weeks.—MNA

Irrigation facilities built to help boost agricultural production in Bago Region



Wegyi Dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands in Paungde Township, Bago Region (West).



Khabaung Dam in Ottwin Township, Bago Region, stored with water.

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MLF organizes donation ceremony

YANGON, 6 April— Myanmar Libraries Foundation organized cash and publication donation ceremony for development of libraries at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Kyimyindine Township here yesterday morning.

Administrator of Yangon West District U Kyaw Thu Zaw and MLF Chairman U Maung Maung addressed the ceremony where 50 donors presented over K 12 million and publications.

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PERSPECTIVES

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At the expense of natural and human resources

Koreans see Myanmar as a country rich in natural resources such as minerals, natural gas, and forest and sea products and also human resources such as labour that is much cheaper than theirs. As Myanmar is located between two Asian giants China and India and forming part as a divide between South Asia and Southeast Asia Koreans also perceive our country as a hub where they can participate in highway, bullet train, deep-sea port or economic zone projects for their own profits. So, Koreans come to Myanmar to do business for their own interest and that is fair because it's today's global trend!

As for Myanmar, it sees Korea as a technologically advanced country enjoying rapid industrial development and GDP growth standing as the 13th (in some statistics 14th) largest economy of the world. We hope that by cooperating with Korea, we can acquire its advanced technology and science, expertise and experience through joint-ventures or other business initiatives. And in the course of bilateral economic cooperation, we can expect a large amount of Korean direct investment flowing into our country, and helping further stabilize our currency in one way or another. What's more, like some of our neighbors, we will have a chance to receive and accommodate more Korean tourists, enticing them into spending more. Accordingly, we need enhanced cooperation with the East Asian country for our own interest and that's fair too. So, we invite or welcome Korean entrepreneurs!

Subsequently there should not be any unequal practices in Myanmar-Korea economic cooperation. As both countries making business overtures for they are eager to expand their economies, they must find common ground that serves mutual interest.

Fair enough, Koreans or any other developed countries will exploit our natural resources including labour as they bring capital into our country. But the important thing for our citizens is that they must acquire knowledge, expertise, technology and experience from them without fail because every bit of benefit an investor country brings into Myanmar is at the expense of our natural and human resources.

Union Mines Minister receives Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Cho Seok and party of the Republic of Korea at his office, here, at 3 pm today.

At the bilateral call, both sides discussed matters

related to rules and regulations of bilateral cooperation in exploring of mineral in Myanmar, plans, training of modern exploring technologies, research works in cooperation with both countries and environmental conservation.

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Third regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continues



Third regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continues for 10th day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Third regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continued for 10th day yesterday, attended by Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Hsint, 65 representatives and guests.

At the meeting, four questions were raised and answered, Ayeyawady Region Development Affairs Committee Bill, Region systematic use of fertilizers and

production and use of natural fertilizers bill, proposal on access to direct purchase of fertilizers by farmers from state-owned fertilizer plants, proposal on urging to put diverse and scattered social welfare under organized administration in line with laws and proposal on relaxations on possibilities regarding 24 points to be followed in carrying out village electrification were discussed and approved. The meeting came to an end at 2.45 pm.—MNA

RLDP granted formation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Those wishing to form political parties have been submitting their applications to the Union Election Commission for setting up political parties. A 21-member group including U Thar Ban applied to the Union Election Commission for setting up Rakhine League for Democracy Party. As its application for establishment of Rakhine League for Democracy Party is in conformity with the law and rules and so the Commission allowed establishment of the party on 6 April, 2012.—MNA

The press conference on Myanmar-Korea Economic Delegation in progress at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Myanmar-ROK Economic Delegation holds press conference

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Myanmar-Korea Economic Delegation held a press conference at Hotel Amara here today.

Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea Mr Cho Seok delivered an address and Korean entrepreneurs clarified plans for cooperation in investment and economic sectors in Myanmar.

Ambassador of the ROK to Myanmar Mr Khim Hae-Yong and journalists attended the conference.—MNA

Resolution, future tasks of MAAF AGM clarified

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—A clarification on resolution and future tasks adopted at the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Council, here, this morning.

It was attended by Patron of MAAF Daw Kyin Khaing, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Women's Affairs Organization and members, chairpersons and members of eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Patron Daw Kyin Khaing explained the resolutions and future of the federation and tasks for township WAOs.

Chairperson Daw Win Win Khaing of Nay Pyi Taw WAO and chairpersons of township WAOs submitted the reports to undertake the tasks in 2012.

Nay Pyi Taw Council donated K6 million to Nay Pyi Taw WAO and Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees.

MNA

Press conference on Double Strong Cup, Sepak Takraw held

YANGON, 6 April—Under the supervision of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Double Strong jointly organized the press conference on the Double Strong Cup, Sepak Takraw Championship 2012 at the training camp of the federation in Thingangyun Township

on 4 April.

According to the press conference, the first round robin semifinals will be held at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna from 25 to 29 April, the second at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay from 23 to 27 May, and the third at Mawlamyine Sports Ground in Mawlamyine from 9 to 15 July.

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

Buenos Aires hit by deadly storm

BUENOS AIRES, 6 April — At least 14 people have been killed in severe storms in Argentina. Most of the victims died in the province of Buenos Aires, where winds reached speeds of more than 100km (60 miles) an hour, toppling trees and causing roofs to cave in. A teenager was electrocuted in the city of Santa Fe, in the north-east, when he stepped on a downed power cable.

Many neighbourhoods in the capital, Buenos Aires, were left without power as cables snapped in the strong winds. Residents said unseasonably hot and humid weather gave way to the violent storm. Some local media reported squalls of up to

120km (75 miles) an hour. City streets were blocked by fallen trees and masonry blown off roofs. Ten people were injured when the roof of a church was lifted by the strong winds and fell onto passengers waiting for a bus some 40m (40 yards) along the road.

Most of the casualties were crushed by fallen trees and masonry, while others were electrocuted by downed power cables. Buenos Aires city official Diego Santilli said the storm felt like a tornado and described it as “an inferno”. He said clean-up crews were clearing the streets of the debris and restoring power to cut-off areas. — *Internet*



Roofs were blown off buildings in Buenos Aires.—INTERNET



Many of the victims at the Casino Royale were women. INTERNET

China calls for lifting of sanctions against Myanmar

BEIJING, 6 April — China on Thursday called on all relevant parties to comprehensively lift sanctions against Myanmar as soon as possible.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei made the remarks at a regular Press briefing when asked to comment on the successful holding of parliamentary by-elections in Myanmar on 1 April. The elections were the first to be held since the current civilian government took office in March 2011, and were generally affirmed by the nation and the international community, said Hong.

China hopes that the by-elections will advance the process of domestic political reconciliation as well as national stability and development in Myanmar, he noted. “China’s position on relevant issues is consistent,” said Hong when responding to whether the international community should ease sanctions against Myanmar.

“We have taken note of that the United States and the European Union are considering to partly ease their sanctions on Myanmar, and we welcome that,” he said. Myanmar held its historic parliamentary by-elections on Sunday, in which 157 candidates from 17 political parties competed for 45 open parliamentary seats.—*MNA/Xinhua*



This file photo shows a fireman standing beside a burning truck loaded with supplies for NATO forces, in 2009. Seven people were burnt to death in southern Afghanistan on Friday when a fuel tanker supplying a NATO base crashed and set their vehicle on fire, according to officials.—INTERNET

Mexican troops shoot dead ‘casino arson plotter’

MEXICO CITY, 6 April — One of the alleged plotters of last year’s deadly arson attack on a Mexican casino has been killed in a gunbattle with troops, the defence ministry says. Francisco Medina Mejia and three other gunmen were shot dead near the northern city of Nuevo Laredo, officials said. The fire at the casino in Monterrey, which killed 52 people, was reportedly the work of the Zetas drug cartel.

Other suspects arrested over the fire say the casino was targeted because the owners had not paid protection money. The torching of the Casino Royale in broad daylight shocked Mexico.

Some 20 people, including at least three other alleged masterminds, have been arrested in connection with the attack.

Mr Medina Mejia, known as El Quemado or The Burned One, was said to be an aide to Miguel Angel Trevino, one of the top leaders of the Zetas. The Zetas are one of Mexico’s most powerful and violent drugs gangs, and have been expanding their influence in recent years. Monterrey — a major industrial city close to the border with Texas in the US - saw rising violence last year as the Zetas battled the rival Gulf cartel for control of territory and smuggling routes.—*Internet*

NATO fuel tanker blaze kills seven in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 April — Seven people were burnt to death in southern Afghanistan when a fuel tanker supplying a NATO base crashed and set their vehicle on fire, officials said. The security chief of Panjwayi district and the Kandahar police chief said there was no insurgent activity at the time, and residents later pulled back from claims that the Taliban had attacked with rocket-propelled grenades.

A US soldier serving in NATO’s US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was charged this month with 17 counts of murder following a killing spree in the same district of Kandahar Province on 11 March.

Sardar Mohammad, Panjwayi’s security chief, told AFP on Friday: “A fuel tanker supplying fuel for ISAF overturned and caught fire, and simultaneously a civilian minivan was passing nearby also set ablaze.” Seven people were killed and three others who were injured were taken to hospital, he said.

Abdul Hakim, who lives opposite the crash site, told AFP he heard a loud bang when the tanker overturned, and a passing vehicle was set on fire by the blaze. Kandahar police chief Abdul Raziq confirmed the death toll, telling AFP: “This fuel tanker was coming from the city of Kandahar to Panjwayi District at high speed.

“On its way this tanker overturned and caught fire,” he said. “A civilian minivan was passing on the way and the vehicle was also set ablaze.”

Internet

Coast Guard cannon fire sinks Japanese ghost ship

OVER THE GULF OF ALASKA, 6 April—The long, lonely voyage of the Japanese ghost ship is over. A US Coast Guard cutter unleashed cannon fire on the abandoned 164-foot *Ryou-Un Maru* on Thursday, ending a journey that began when last year’s tsunami dislodged it and set it adrift across the Pacific Ocean. It sank into waters more than 6,000 feet deep in the Gulf of Alaska, about 180 miles west of the southeast Alaska coast, the Coast Guard said.

The crew pummeled the ghost ship with high explosive ammunition, and the *Ryou-Un Maru* soon burst into flames, took on water and began listing, officials said.

A huge column of smoke could be seen over the gulf as a Coast Guard C-130 cargo plane, sent to observe the sinking, dropped a buoy to monitor for any possible pollution from the sunken ship.

The Coast Guard warned mariners to stay away, and aviation authorities did the same for pilots.

In about four hours, the ship vanished into the water, said Chief Petty Officer Kip Wadlow in Juneau.



In this photo provided by the US Coast Guard, a plume of smoke rises from a derelict Japanese ship after it was hit by canon fire by a US Coast Guard cutter on 5 April, 2012, in the Gulf of Alaska. The Coast Guard decided to sink the ship dislodged by last year’s tsunami because it was a threat to maritime traffic and could have an environmental impact if it grounded.—INTERNET

Officials decided to sink the ship rather than risk the chance of it running aground or endangering other vessels in the busy shipping lanes between North America and Asia. He ship had no lights or communications system, and its tank was able to carry more than 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

Officials, however, didn’t know how much fuel, if any, was aboard. It’s less risky than it would be running into shore or running into (maritime) traffic,” Coast Guard spokesman Paul Webb said.

Internet

Family turmoil of slain Iraqi-American woman revealed

LOS ANGELES, 6 April— Court papers filed by police in the beating death of an Iraqi-American woman near San Diego cite her divorce plans and daughter’s apparent suicide attempt last year, but do not point to further evidence that the murder was a hate crime. Shaima Alawadi, a 32-year-old mother of five, was found

bludgeoned in her rented home in a refugee community of the San Diego suburb of El Cajon on March 21 and died of her injuries several days later, after doctors removed her from life support.

A threatening note found at the scene has given rise to suggestions that Alawadi may have been targeted because of her ethnicity, though police

have cautioned against drawing that conclusion during the investigation. According to a search warrant affidavit filed last week and obtained by *Reuters* on Thursday, a relative of Alawadi told detectives the victim had “been planning on divorcing her husband and moving to the state of Texas.”—*Internet*

France to urge EU sanctions easing for Myanmar

PARIS, 6 April—France will urge its European Union partners to consider easing sanctions on Myanmar after Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Khyi won a parliamentary seat in an 1 April election, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé said on Thursday.

The United States said a day earlier it was ready to relax some sanctions on Myanmar to recognize its fledgling democratic transition, including a ban on US companies investing

in, or offering financial services to, the country. Juppé said Europe had to make a “gesture”, given the outcome of the election in the resource-rich Southeast Asian country.

“I will propose to Brussels’ (EU) partners to make a gesture on easing some sanctions,” he said. The EU’s executive Commission hinted on Monday that the bloc’s foreign ministers would lift some sanctions on Myanmar when they meet on 23 April.

MNA/Reuters

LHC is back with big energy boost

GENEVA, 6 April—The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is operating again after its winter break. Early on Thursday, opposing stable beams of protons were smashed into each other at four observation positions. The total collision energy in these bunches of sub-atomic particles was eight trillion electron volts — a world record. Scientists expect the big boost in capability to significantly increase the collider's chances of discovering "new physics".

The great expectation is that they will definitively confirm or deny the existence of the Higgs boson, the elusive particle that would help explain why matter has mass.

"The experience of two good years of running at 3.5

TeV per beam gave us the confidence to increase the energy for this year without any significant risk to the machine," explained Steve Myers, the director for accelerators and technology at Cern (European Organization for Nuclear Research). "Now it's over to the experiments to make the best of the increased discovery potential we're delivering them!" Since first switching on in 2008, operators at the LHC have cautiously increased the energy contained in each of the bunches of protons sent around the 27km collider, which lies beneath the Franco-Swiss border.

It is planned that the collider will collect data until November, after which it will be upgraded during a

shutdown period that will last



20 months. That should result in an operating proton beam energy of 14 trillion electronvolts, or teraelectronvolts — another great leap in capability. The LHC collaboration hopes to reach that milestone in 2014, re-starting the hunt for novel physics in early 2015.

In the 2012 run of

Two teams at the LHC have seen hints of what may well prove to be the Higgs.—INTERNET

experiments, the Higgs will be a key focus.

Teams working on the two major detectors at the facility announced at the end of last year that they had seen hints of the particle, but stopped short of claiming they had seen it with certainty.

Internet



Terrafugia envisions flying cars on autopilot

NEW YORK, 6 April — Aviation company Terrafugia's first step toward creating a flying car does not allow drivers to hover over downtown traffic gridlock and land on city roads or highways. But the company's vision for making flying safer and more accessible could pave the way for flying cars of the future to sensibly fly themselves. Today's big commercial jets can already fly and land themselves without much help from human pilots. Such automated flying technologies could soon take off in even smaller aircraft such as Terrafugia's "Transition" — a vehicle that is less the stuff of science fiction and more of a "street-legal airplane" that folds its wings to drive between small airports.

"The evolution in the Transition is going to come in the capability of the electronics and autopilot," said Cliff Allen, vice president of sales at Terrafugia and a trained flight instructor. "Everybody has heard of the Google [driverless] car. The technology is there to make an airplane that can virtually fly itself." Terrafugia

envisions the Transition as a transformative vehicle for sports pilots who can get certified with as little as 20 hours of flight training. Rather than abort a flight because of bad weather or press on at the risk of crashing, Transition pilots could land at one of the 5,200 public airports in the US and continue their journey on the roads. But more automated versions of the Transition could make flying even safer for inexperienced pilots or would-be flying car drivers, Allen said during a press preview here at the New York International Auto Show on 4 April. Such autopilot technology could also prove necessary for any futuristic vision of flying cars that won't give air traffic controllers nightmares. "Your co-pilot would be the systems of the airplane itself to the point where it won't let you fly into bad weather — it will take over," Allen told *InnovationNewsDaily*.

"It will be HAL saying 'You're jeopardizing the mission at this point,' and will land at the nearest airport."

Internet

Antarctic ice sheet dwindles under 'eyes' of satellite

PARIS, 6 April — As a European satellite enters its second decade in orbit, it continues to observe the retreat of an Antarctic ice sheet, which has been dwindling due to warming. The satellite, *Envisat*, was launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) on 1 March, 2002. One of its first observations was the

disintegration of 1,235 square miles (3,200 square kilometres) of ice from part of the Larsen Ice Shelf. (Ice shelves are "permanent" floating sheets of ice connected to a land mass, with most of the world's ice shelves hugging the coast of Antarctica.)

The Larsen Ice Shelf encompasses shelves: A (the

smallest), B and C (the largest), which line the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula.

The peninsula is one of the fastest-warming places on Earth, jutting north of the rest of the frozen continent. Over its decade in orbit, *Envisat* has watched the B shelf dwindle by an additional 691 square miles (1,790 square

km), due to calving events whereby large chunks of ice break off from the main shelf. For instance, a chunk twice the size of the city of Dallas broke off of Larsen B in January 2005.

This shelf is now less than 15 percent of its size in 1995. While Larsen A disintegrated in January 1995, Larsen C has been stable, though observations show it is thinning and that its summer melts are becoming longer.—*Internet*

Google creates a spectacle with project

NEW YORK, 6 April — If you think texting while walking is dangerous, just wait until everyone starts wearing Google's futuristic, Internet-connected glasses. While wearing a pair, you can see directions to your destination appear literally before your eyes. You can talk to friends over video chat, take a photo or even buy a few things online as you walk around. These glasses can do anything you now need a smartphone or tablet computer to do — and then some.

Google gave a glimpse of "Project Glass" in a video and blog post this week. Still in an early prototype stage, the glasses open up endless possibilities — as well as challenges to safety, privacy and fashion sensibility. The prototypes

Google displayed have a sleek wrap-around look and appear nothing like clunky 3-D glasses. But if Google isn't careful, they could be dismissed as a kind of Bluetooth earpiece of the future, a fashion faux-pas where bulky looks outweigh marginal utility.

In development for a couple of years, the project is the brainchild of Google X, the online search-leader's secret facility that spawned the self-driving car and could one day send elevators into space.—*Internet*

This image released by Google shows eyewear that meshes the online world with the real world.—INTERNET



Chocolate printer to go on sale after Easter



The researchers say the printer is very easy to use.—INTERNET

LONDON, 6 April — The UK scientists who developed a prototype chocolate printer last year say they have now perfected it. They hope to have the machine on sale at the end of April — just missing the Easter egg rush. It would allow chocolate lovers to print their own custom-made sweets,

layer by layer. Lead scientist Dr Liang Hao, from the University of Exeter, founded the Choc Edge company to commercialise the device after interest from retailers. 3D printing using plastic, wood and metal is already widely used by industry to create objects ranging from jewellery

and footwear to human bones.

Dr Hao told the BBC that chocolate printing, just like any other 3D printing technique, starts with a flat cross-section image — similar to that produced by ordinary printers turning out images, and then prints out chocolate layer by layer to create a 3D shape, without any moulding tools. "We've improved and simplified the machine, so now it is really easy to use," said Dr Hao. "You just need to melt some chocolate, fill a syringe that is stored in the printer, and get creative printing your chocolate." A number of retailers and e-commerce websites around the world have expressed interest in buying the printer once it becomes available, added the researcher.—*Internet*

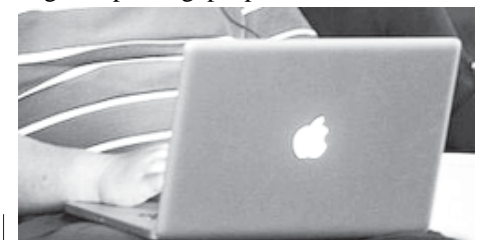
Half a million Mac computers 'infected with malware'

LONDON, 6 April — More than half a million Apple computers have been infected with the Flashback Trojan, according to a Russian anti-virus firm. Its report claims that about 600,000 Macs have installed the malware — potentially allowing them to be hijacked and used as a "botnet". The firm, Dr Web, says that more than half that number are based in the US. Apple has released a security update, but users who have not installed the patch remain exposed. Flashback was first detected last September when anti-virus researchers flagged up software masquerading itself as a Flash Player update.

Once downloaded it deactivated some of the computer's security software. Later versions of the malware exploited weaknesses in the Java programming language to allow the code to be installed from bogus sites without the user's permission. Dr Web said that once the Trojan was installed it sent a message to the intruder's control server with a unique ID to identify the infected machine.

"By introducing the code criminals are potentially able to control the machine," the firm's chief executive Boris Sharov told the BBC.

"We stress the word potential as we have never seen any malicious activity since we hijacked the botnet to take it out of criminals' hands. However, we know people create viruses to get money. "The largest amounts of bots — based on the IP addresses we identified — are in the US, Canada, UK and Australia, so it appears to have targeted English-speaking people."—*Internet*



Dr Web says most infected computers are in the US.—INTERNET





Wegyi Dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands in Paungde Township, Bago Region (West).

Irrigation facilities built to help boost agricultural production in Bago Region

Facts about Wegyi Dam

- * Located at Wegyi Creek about one mile up from Phaungaing Village to the northeast of Paungde.
- * It is 4170 feet long and 115 feet high embankment.
- * Its watershed area is 202 square miles and water storage area 252,000 acres feet.
- * It can benefit 45000 acres of farmlands.

Facts about Khabaung Dam

- * Located at Khabaung Creek about 15 miles to the west of Ottwin Township, Bago Region.
- * Its height is 200 feet and length 920 feet.
- * It is of earthen type.
- * It can irrigate 100,000 acres of farmlands in Bago Region.

Bawbin Dam

- * It is located between Gyobingauk Township and Zigon Township in Bago Region.
- * It is built at Bawbin Creek and of earthen type.
- * The main embankment is 910 feet long and the supporting dam 1590 feet long.
- * It can benefit 30000 acres of farmlands.



Bawbin Dam and Control Tower seen in supplying irrigation water to 30000 acres of farmlands in Bago Region.

Archives: Maung Nyein Aye

Translation: ST



Khabaung Dam in Ottwin Township, Bago Region, stored with water.

Hope for Romania baby born with stunted intestines

BUCHAREST, 6 April — Baby Andrei has confounded doctors just by being alive: The tiny boy with twig-thin limbs was given just days to live when he was born with almost no intestines — eight months ago. Now there's a glimmer of hope for another miracle. People in Europe and the United States have started offering funds to help Andrei get a complicated intestine transplant in the United States, the Romanian pediatrician in charge of the baby's care said on Thursday.

The offers came after an *Associated Press*

story last week chronicled how Dr Catalin Cirstoveanu, head of the neonatal unit at Bucharest's Marie Curie children's hospital, flies babies abroad for lifesaving surgery to get around a culture of corruption in which many doctors won't operate unless they're bribed. AP photographs of Andrei in his incubator generated sympathy around the world.

"Offers of help have come in, particularly from abroad, from a non-governmental organization," Cirstoveanu said. —*Internet*

Antibody clues to AIDS vaccine success

LONDON, 6 April—The success of an AIDS vaccine trial that in 2009 was shown to protect 31 percent of people studied may have been due to varying levels of antibody responses in the patients, researchers said on Thursday. Different types of antibody responses were associated with who became infected and who did not, according to an analysis of the results published in the April 5 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

For instance, a type of antibody produced by the body to ward off infection, known as IgG,

could attach itself to the surface of the HIV protein and appeared to help prevent infection in some people. People received the vaccine and whose IgG antibodies were able to bind to this region, called V1V2, showed lower infection rates than the placebo group. On the other hand, patients whose blood tests showed the highest levels of a different antibody, IgA, appeared to have less protection against HIV than people with lower levels, leading scientists to think it may have actually interfered with the vaccine and made it less effective. —*Internet*

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—KNU which has accepted the peace offer of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar came to Yangon to hold peace talks with Union level peace-making group at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

KNU peace negotiators were welcomed by Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, departmental personnel, personalities of social organizations, and Kayin national organizations.

In the evening, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe hosted a dinner to KNU Secretary-General Naw Si Poe Yarsein and party at the Sedona Hotel. Union Minister U Aung Min and Naw Si Poe Yarsein from KNU spoke words of thanks.

Union level peace negotiation took place at the Sedona Hotel today, attended by Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Soe Thein, U Win Tun, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi, U Khin Maung Soe, U Than Htay, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, General Staff Officer (Grade I) Lt-Col Zaw Naing Oo from Commander-in-Chief Office, Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Race Affairs U Saw Tun Aung Myint and personnel from Union level peacemaking group and Secretary-General Naw Si Poe Yarsein, General Saw Mutu Sae Poe and party from the KNU.

KNU holds peace talks with Union level peace-making group



The peace negotiators from the Union level peace-making group and the KNU discussed long-term ceasefire, opening of liaison offices, and 6 out of 11 points proposed by the KNU at 12-1-2012 Union level peace talk for further negotiations, followed by documentary photo session.

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Union level peace-making group led by Union Minister U Aung Min and KNU Secretary-General Naw Si Poe Yarsein, General Saw Mutu Sae Poe and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA



Kayin State level peace-making group and KNU hold discussion on peace making process.—MNA

KNU holds peace negotiation with Kayin State government

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—KNU, responding the peace offer of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held state level peace talk with peacemaking group of Kayin State government at the Zweekabin Hotel in Kayin State on 4 April.

Peace negotiators were welcomed by Union Minister U Aung Min, Union Minister U Khin Yi, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, and Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win, personalities from social organizations, departmental personnel and locals.

The peace talk was attended by Union Minister U Aung Min, Union Minister U Khin Yi, State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, the South-East Command Commander, Kayin State

Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Lwin, the South-East Command General Staff Officer (Grade I) (Militia), State Advocate-General, personnel from the Union level peacemaking group, Secretary-General Naw Si Poe Yarsein and General Saw Mutu Sae Poe from the KNU and party.

They discussed long-term ceasefire, opening of liaison offices, Kayin State government hosted dinner to the KNU peace negotiators at the Zweekabin Hotel and Kayin State cultural troupe entertained with dances and they were presented with flower baskets by the peacemaking groups.

Union level peace negotiation took place at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon today.

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Shan State Chief Minister meets Palaung Self-Administered Zone Leading Body

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat on 30 March met Chairman U Maung Kyaw and officials of Palaung Self-Administered Zone Leading Body at the leading body office.

Officials donated K 1 million for urban development, K 1 million to medical fund of the people's hospital and K 0.5 million for Ta-aung literature and culture.

The Chief Minister donated offertories to the abbot of Myoma Gaigyoke Kyaunggyi Monastery in Namhsan.

The State Chief Minister visited Namhsan Township People's Hospital and Lwekhan green tea factory and paid homage to Buddha Image in Zetungsan monastery in Mankhaik ward on 1 April.

He also paid homage to ancient pagodas in Taungma Village in Namhsan.—MNA

Tobacco Kills



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol at reception to mark 100th birthday of Leader of the Korean People Mr Kim Il Sung, at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 6 April.

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Graduation Parade of 115th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School held



*Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win addresses
Graduation Parade of 115th (Thura Company) Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.*
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NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Graduation Parade of 115th (Thura Company) Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held at Parade Ground of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School in Bahtoo this morning, with an address by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

It was also attended by Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army), senior military officers from

the Office of Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the Commander of Eastern Command, the Kalaw Station Commander, the Bahtoo Station Commander, senior military officers, guests and trainees and their parents and relatives.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win took the salute of Cadet Companies and inspected the companies. Cadet Companies marched past the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army).

After that, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) awarded silver sword

to Cadet No.140 Cadet Ye Myint Cho who won the best Cadet Award.

He delivered an address on the occasion. After that, he took the salute of Cadet Companies and left the parade ground. After the graduation parade, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, together with senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Soe Htut, met the Best Cadet Award Winner Cadet Ye Myint Cho and his parents.

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Sagaing Region's Myanmar Traditional Thingyan Festival coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye on 4 April morning attended the coordination meeting for organizing the Sagaing Region's Myanmar Traditional Thingyan

Festival 1373 ME at the hall of Sagaing Region Government office in Monywa.

In the afternoon, he attended the meeting on clarification on changes of law, rules and announcements on taxation at the office of

Internal Revenue Department in the region.

On 5 April, he attended the opening ceremony of Shwe Nan Htaik school building at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Ngapayin Village of Budalin

Township and unveiled the signboard of the building.

The Region Chief Minister and officials presented computer, exercise books, sports gear and books to the school and village library. The Region Chief Minister visited the Bandoola Park, Bandoola Library, Cooperative Shop and rural health centre in Ngapayin Village.—MNA

Regional development tasks in Kachin State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai met officials at the lounge of Putao Airport on 1 April. At the meeting, he stressed the need for timely completion of runway extension projects. He then met with departmental personnel and local people at Phonkanrazi Hall and inspected preventive measures against erosion of Hokho Ward, progress in construction of Mansay suspension bridge and Dakushiza suspension bridge.

On 2 April, the chief minister met local people of Htawadam village in Putao Township and made cash donations for regional development tasks, paid homage to Kaunghmulon Pagoda, ancient Buddha statues and the Sayadaw of hilly region missionary.

He also inspected Putao-Htawadam-Kaunghmulon-Naungmon road section, environmental conservation booth in Myoma Ward and Malikha suspension bridge construction. After viewing the site chosen for Machanbaw new town, the chief minister presented cash assistance to patients at the township hospital. He then visited Putao People's Hospital. On 3 April, the chief minister met local people of Mulashidi village of Putao Township and inspected Mulashidi suspension bridge. Later, he visited the technical high school in Dokhtan ward, government technical institution construction project and Htoo Foundation hostel.—MNA

Rakhine State Peace Group, Rakhine State Liberation Party Peace-Making Group hold state-level peace talks

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Rakhine State Peace Group and Rakhine State Liberation Party Peace-Making Group continued their peace talks at Sittway Hotel on 5 April morning. The two groups reached an agreement and signed the following points before the Rakhine State Chief Minister and exchanged notes. This is the result of an agreement reached at Sittway Hotel on 4 April between three members led by Leader of Rakhine State Peace Discussion Group Minister of State Security and Border Affairs Col Htein Lin and a delegation led by Leader of Rakhine State Liberation Party Peace-Making Group Joint General Secretary-2 Khine Thukha.

- (a) The Tatmadaw and Rakhine State Liberation Party are to halt attacks on each other starting from 6 April 2012.
- (b) To open liaison offices of Rakhine State Liberation Party at the following mutually-agreed regions in order to ensure mutual contact and hold discussions.
 - (1) Paletwa
 - (2) Kyauktaw



Rakhine State Peace Group and Rakhine State Liberation Party Peace-Making Group exchange their notes.—MNA

- (c) During the cease fires, carrying weapons beyond the mutually-agreed regions is to be coordinated in advance by both sides.
- (d) During the cease fire, members of Rakhine State Liberation Party are to be allowed to

- move freely without arms.
- (e) Peace Making Group formed by the Union Government and Rakhine State Liberation Party are to continue their talks on peace and stability and development in

Rakhine State at the mutually-agreed venues and times. Afterwards, the Rakhine State Chief Minister presented gifts to members of Rakhine State Liberation Party and had a documentary photo taken together with them.—MNA

MCWA, WAO members give health care to the aged

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Chairperson of Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Chairperson of Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thin Thin Htwe and party on 3 April provided health care to 38 older persons at their home in Chauk Township.

They donated K 30,000 for roofing the house of a needy grandma in Ward 1 to the ward administrator, donated books to YaungchiU Library in Ward 1 and met with members of Township MCWA and WAO.—MNA

Fire hazard lectured, fire drill exercised

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The Base Workshop (Pyay) of Engineering Department of Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry held a talk on fire prevention and demonstrated fire drill at the workshop in Pyay on 5 April.

Officials of Myanmar Timber Enterprise gave talks on fire and fire hazard preventive measures.

Later, servicemen of Pyay District Fire Services Department demonstrated fire drills.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Vietnamese delegation led by National Assembly Vice Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann held a meeting with a Vietnamese delegation led by National Assembly Vice Chairman Mr. Huynh Ngoc Son at Zabuthiri Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

It was also attended by Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, secretaries and members. The Vietnamese

delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung.

The meeting concentrated on matters related to cementing friendly ties between Myanmar and Vietnam, bilateral cooperation between the two Hluttaws and mutual cooperation in trading.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Vice Chairman of National Assembly Mr Huynh Ngoc Son of Socialist Republic of Vietnam and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Vice Chairman of National Assembly Mr Huynh Ngoc Son of Socialist Republic of Vietnam. (News on page 1)—MNA

Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Forum-2012 held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Myanmar Investment Commission and Ministry of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea organized Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Forum-2012 at Banquet Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 9:55 am today.

It was attended by Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, deputy ministers, departmental heads, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and members and



Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Forum 2012 in progress at Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA

invited persons. Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong accompanied the Korean delegation led by

Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr. Cho Seok.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein made an opening speech, and the greetings of Deputy Minister Mr. Cho Seok of Knowledge Economy followed.

Afterwards, the forum was respectively participated and concluded at noon.

Then, President of UMFCCI U Win Aung and Mr. Sohn Kyung Shik of KCCI signed MoU on bilateral cooperation in trade and investment between the two countries, and exchanged the

related documents and gifts.

The donation of solar power generator made by the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place. An official concerned presented Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung its related documents.

In the evening, Korea-Myanmar Construction Infrastructure Project Meetings were held at MICC. KOTRA Chairman hosted a dinner to those present at Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation Forum.

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Union A&I Minister meets state/region ministers of agriculture and livestock breeding, farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, accompanied by region and state ministers for agriculture and livestock breeding, heads of region and state settlement and land record departments, executives of Myanmar Rice Industry Association and Rice Millers' Association, 80 farmers from Pakokku, Gangaw and Magway districts of Magway Region, 290 farmers from the townships of Ayeyawady Region and 110 farmers from Thandaung, Kyainseikkyi, Phapon and Hlaingbwe of Kayin State, inspected 369 acres of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation in Alyinlo Village in Pinyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning. He then stressed the need to initiate public-private partnership (PPP) as Myanmar has received overseas offer to export about 20000 tons of Palethwe rice a month. So, merchants need to provide capital to farmers, who are to try to produce quality Palethwe rice.

The Union Minister said the ministry itself is ready to render help from the time of growing to harvest and to market, and research results are being sent to famers under lab to farm system. Then, the Union Minister also stressed the need to use GAP system in growing paddy on a manageable scale and mechanization in growing paddy on commercial scale.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee Chairman receives Swedish International Development Corporation Agency

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee U Maung Maung Swe received Country Representative Mr Bengt Ekman of Swedish International Development Corporation Agency at the Meeting Hall No 1 of the Hluttaw Building, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw. They discussed arrangements for observatory tour of Myanmar Hluttaw representatives to Swedish Parliament.

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Prizes awarded in Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair

YANGON 6 April—Under the supervision of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, the Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 30 March to 3 April.

Myanma Timber Enterprise secured the Honour of Fair Award; Lin Win Co bagged Award of Design; Shwe Nanda Wun Myanmar Handicraft Industry won the Traditional Furniture Award.

Chairman of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association U Sein Lwin and officials presented prizes to the winners.

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President U Thein Sein views documentary photos on Korea-Myanmar relations and Korean culture at Korea-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Forum 2012. (News on page 16)
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Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Vietnamese delegation led by National Assembly Vice Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a Vietnamese delegation led by National Assembly Vice Chairman Mr. Huynh Ngoc Son at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 9 am this morning.

Also present at the call together with Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint were Chairmen

of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees. The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung.

Both sides discussed matters relating to further cementing relationship between the two countries, bilateral cooperation, as well as matters on mutual cooperation between the two Hluttaws.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint holding talks with Vice Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Huynh Ngoc Son at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.

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Union Health Minister receives General Electric Corporation Vice-Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin received Vice-Chairman Mr John G Rice and party of US-based General Electric Corporation at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed health care services, pathology and treatment, plan for uplift of proficiency, rural health care services, prioritized maternal and child care plans for further decline in and mortality rate of mothers and children training programme for health staff, and assistance of General Electric Corporation for health care services.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, Direct-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department, deputy directors-general and officials.—MNA



Experts meet to discuss nominating three Pyu city states to world heritage list

YANGON, 6 April — Myanmar and UNESCO experts held a meeting on 4 April here to discuss nominating three Pyu city states Beikthano, Hanlin and Sri Kestra to the world heritage list.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin said that evidences including Pondaung and Ponnya primates have been found in Myanmar showing the country's rich cultural heritage and the country's evolution through the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Besides, Pyu culture has been discovered through evidences from Pyu city states Beikthano, Hanlin, Sri Kestra, Tagaung and Wati, she said.

Ministry of Culture has been working to sign the Intangible Cultural Heritage Con-

vention to win a place in the world's heritage list for the country's tangible cultural heritage.

UNESCO's experts from Bangkok and Asia-Pacific region visited Bagan ancient cultural zone and Sri Kestra ancient city state in May,

2011, and representatives from UNESCO and officials of the Ministry of Culture held a meeting in February to discuss projects to be implemented with the assistance of international donors and Italy, she said. She believed that the participants of the meeting would help to include the three ancient city states in the world heritage list after discussing the significant

values of Pyu city states, she said. She also expressed thanks for those who contributed cash and technical assistance to the capacity building for safeguarding cultural heritage funded by Italian government and supervised by UNESCO. It was attended by Italian Ambassador, UNESCO Office in Bangkok and Ministry of Culture. The meeting continued on 6 April.—MNA



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister receives MD of TPS WOODEN Industry

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung met Managing Director Mr Nattawin Phongspetrara of TPS WOODEN INDUSTRIES SDN BHD at the region government office, on 4 April and discussed matters

related to investment.

Also present at the meeting were Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Maung Maung Win, Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Ko Ko and officials.

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Microfinance works knowledge shared

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Secretary of Microfinance Works Supervisory Committee Managing Director of Myanmar Microfinance Supervisory Enterprise U Htein Lin explained proce-

dures, instructions and knowledge about microfinance works at Kayah State Government Office in Loikaw on 4 April.

It was attended by Kayah State Minister for Finance and Revenue Chairman of Kayah State Microfinance Works Development Committee U Than Kyaw Soe, and State Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Naing Oo.

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Delegates to the seminar on Towards World Heritage Nomination of Pyu Ancient Cities pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Oxygen concentrators donated to station hospital in Yaksawk Township



YANGON, 6 April—As part of efforts to ensure rural development and poverty alleviation, a ceremony to donate oxygen concentrators to Kengkham Village Station Hospital by Yaksawk Township Forest Department was held at the 18-mile forest camp in Yaksawk Township on 27 March.

It was attended by Yaksawk Township

Administrator U Khun Soe Lwin of Township General Administration Department, Staff Officer U Khaing Nyunt of Township Forest Department, forest personnel, health staff of the station hospital and local people.

At first, Township Administrator U Khun Soe Lwin made a speech, and Staff Officer of the Township

Forest Department U Khaing Nyunt explained the purpose of donations.

Next, the Staff Officer handed over oxygen concentrators to nurses of the station hospital and village elders.

The oxygen concentrators were bought with contributions of staff of the Township Forest Department and Township Saw Mill entrepreneurs, and the concentrators cost K 390,000.—*Myanma Alin*

CASH DONATED: In memory of U Tun Yin, father of Sein and Mya, Thiri Thudamma Theingi Daw Tin Yi and daughter Daw Ni Ni Yin (Sein and Mya Cotton Trading) family donated K 4 million to the fund for second renovation of Pagoda No. 1955 in Bagan ancient cultural region on 13 March. An official of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture accepts cash donation. MDY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE



Wundwin Township opens village library

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—The opening ceremony of Bawa Mee-ein Library was held in Yathincha Village of Wundwin Township in Meiktila District on 19 March morning.

Wundwin Township Administrator U Ko Ko Htwe, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Aye, Head of Township IPRD U Win

Maung and village elder U Chit Tin donated 50 books to the library.

U Tin Nwe of Chaing Village of Yathincha Village-tract donated K 100,000 to the fund for the library.

The village administrator donated cash for one year cost of Yadanabon Daily and library committee member U Htay Kyaw Lwin, one year cost of Doh Kyay Ywa journal.—*MNA*

Myingyan Degree College holds extempore talks

MYINGYAN, 6 April—The Extempore Talks in English, organized by English Department, was held at the multipurpose hall of Myingyan Degree College in Mandalay Region on 29 March morning, with an address by Principal U Maung Maung.

After the contest, Principal U Maung Maung presented the first prize to Maung Wai Lin Aung (second year Maths) in the extempore talks and the first prize to Ma Ei Ei Phyo in the essay contest.—*Myanma Alin*

VETERINARY CLINIC OPENED: The veterinary clinic of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department was opened on Bogyoke Street in Ward 2 of Dedaye Township on 19 February. Head of Pyapon District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Kyi Kyi Thein and Township Administrator U Tin Shwe formally open the clinic.—*TOWNSHIP LBVD*



MEB in Rakhine State holds anniversary celebration

SITTWAY, 6 April—Myanma Economic Bank of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the anniversary celebration at the office of Rakhine State MEB in Sittway on 1 April morning.

It was attended by Rakhine State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Soe Aye, State Minister for Planning and Economic U Mya Aung, State Auditor-

General U Mya Aung, Rakhine State Manager of MEB U Maung Aye Tha, District Manager U Ba Kyaw Tin and staff.

At first, they took the Five Precepts from Dhamma Thukha Sayadaw. Next, State Minister U Soe Aye, State Manager U Maung Aye Tha and District Manager U Ba Kyaw Tin offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Rakhine State MEB

Rules for taxation explained in Monywa



MONywa, 6 April—The educative talks on procedures for month levying income tax, organized by Monywa Township Internal Revenue Department of Sagaing Region, was held at the township IRD on 29 March.

Head of Region Internal Revenue Department U Nyi Nyi Htin Paw made a speech.

Staff Officers Daw Khin Aye Myint and Daw Thida Moe reported on regulations of taxation, calculation of tax, and ways to pay tax.

Next, Head of District Internal Revenue Department U John Seingi and the head of Region Internal Revenue Department replied to queries raised by those present.—*IRD*

MLF invites donations of cash, books from wellwishers

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Insein Township WJA donates books

YANGON, 6 April—The book donations of Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association to Kyaikto Township Information and Public Relations Department was held at the Dhammayon of Kinpunchaung in Kyaikto Township on 25 March.

Vice-Chairman of Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taungdingyi), Secretary U Soe Win Maung (Shwe Taik Soe) and Auditor U Win Myint (Maung Maung Win

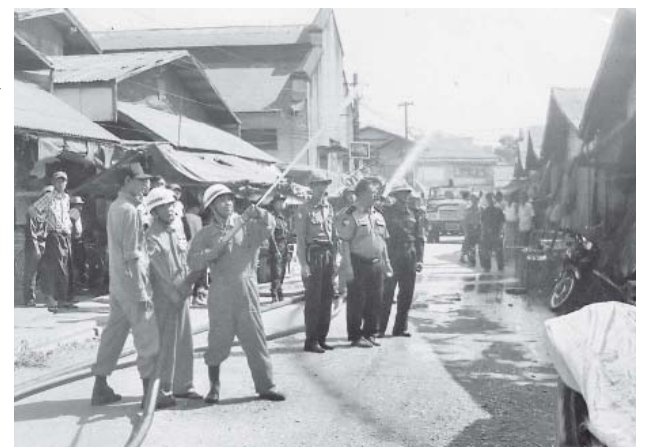
Myint-Hmukhin) donated books.

Staff Officer Daw Khin Saw Lin of District Information and Public Relations Department and Head of Township IPRD Daw Aye Myo Myo San accepted the book donation.

Township WJA

Bio-security of poultry farms inspected in Mansi

MANSI, 6 April—A team of Township Level Avian Influenza Prevention Committee led by Township Administrator U Thein Zaw



Age-wise measles vaccination 2012 explained

MANSI, 6 April—The talks on age-wise measles vaccination 2012 was held at Mansi Township People's Hospital on 26 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo made a speech. Township Medical Officer Dr May Thet Nwe explained matters related to measles disease in Myanmar, Nurse-1 Daw Bauk Ra information, education and communication programme and Township Health Assistant-I Daw Mary facts about measles.

Myanma Alin

Veterinary Department Dr Win Myint Aung explained matters related to avian influenza disease. Assistant Veterinarian U Dah Shi Aung Dun sprayed the poultry farms.

Township LBVD

Drought forces hosepipe ban

LONDON, 6 April — A hosepipe ban was imposed on Thursday on millions of British households after one of the driest two-year periods on record.

Householders ignoring the ban face a £1,000 fine as water companies across the country grapple with the worsening drought. Seven suppliers in the south east of England; Southern Water, South East Water, Thames Water, Anglian Water, Sutton and East Surrey, Veolia Central and Veolia South East will enforce the restrictions from Thursday.

The ban applies to the use hoses on gardens, plants,

cars or boats for “recreational use”; to fill or maintain ponds, pools or fountains; and to clean paths, walls and windows. Britain suffered a dry March, and, despite recent rain, the south east of England and Yorkshire in the north are officially in a state of drought. The Environment Agency said river flows were decreasing and reservoir levels were lower than normal.

Peter Simpson, managing director of Anglian Water, explained: “Two dry winters have prevented rivers, reservoirs and aquifers from refilling with the water we treat and supply the rest of the year, especially during the

hotter months when demand rises.” Mike Hegarty, operations director at Sutton and East Surrey Water said



the company “very much regretted” having to impose the ban but that it had “no

A hosepipe ban was imposed Thursday on millions of British households after one of the driest two-year periods on record.—INTERNET

choice” due to the increasing seriousness of the drought. *Internet*

Wanted man hijacked car with toddlers in back seat

LONDON, 6 April — A man described by police as among Britain’s most wanted criminals has been arrested in a vehicle carjacked from a young mother — and found with her two toddlers still strapped in the back seats. West Midlands police rushed to the Birmingham suburb of Erdington on Tuesday following reports of a burglary in progress. Minutes later, three men were spotted running from a suspected getaway car.

“One dragged a female driver out of a Ford Focus and sped away with her one-year-old son and daughter, aged two, secured in their child seats,” a spokesman for the West Midlands force said in a statement. The man was

cornered by police about a mile away and arrested after a violent struggle. *The Press Association* named him as Cedric Brown, citing police sources.

The 44-year-old is being interviewed by detectives on suspicion of burglary and robbery over Tuesday’s incident, and will also be questioned about a brutal stabbing and burglary two years ago — which appeared on the BBC’s *Crimewatch* — in which a Bristol husband and wife were tied up and slashed with a knife.

Internet



Police cars are pictured in Birmingham.—INTERNET

Japan rushes to restart reactors to avoid total shutdown

TOKYO, 6 April — Japan’s government is racing to get two nuclear reactors, idled after the Fukushima crisis, running again by next month out of what experts say is fear that a total shutdown would make it hard to convince a wary public that atomic power is vital. Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and three cabinet ministers are to meet on Thursday to discuss the possible restarts of the No 3 and No 4 reactors at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Ohi plant in Fukui, western Japan — a region dubbed the “nuclear arcade” for the string of atomic plants that dot its coast.

Trade minister Yukio Edano, who holds the energy portfolio, could travel to Fukui as early as Sunday to seek local approval for the restarts, Japanese media said. If approved, the restarts would be the first since a huge earthquake and tsunami triggered the radiation crisis at Tokyo Electric Power’s

Fukushima plant a year ago, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate. Concern about a power crunch when electricity demand peaks in the summer has been set against public fears about safety since Fukushima, the world’s worst nuclear accident in 25 years.

Nuclear power, long advertised as safe and cheap, provided almost 30 percent of Japan’s electricity before the crisis but now all but one of Japan’s 54 reactors are off-line, mainly for maintenance.

The last reactor will shut down on 5 May. “They want to avoid setting a precedent of the country operating without nuclear power because it will create a huge barrier in terms of restarts,” said Jeffrey Kingston, director of Asian Studies at Temple University’s Tokyo campus. “People will question why we need it,” he said.—*Reuters*

NY judge gives ex-Soviet arms dealer 25 years

NEW YORK, 6 April — A defiant Russian arms dealer dubbed the Merchant of Death was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison, far short of the life term prosecutors sought for his conviction on terrorism charges that grew from a US sting operation. Viktor Bout’s sentence was the mandatory minimum he faced and well below the life prison term called for by federal sentencing guidelines.



This 16 Nov., 2010 file photo provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration shows Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout in US custody after being flown from Bangkok to New York in a chartered US plane.

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US District Judge Shira Scheindlin in Manhattan said it was sufficient and appropriate because Bout’s crimes originated only because of an elaborate sting operation created by the Drug Enforcement Administration to catch one of the world’s most notorious arms dealers. She said there was no evidence the 45-year-old Bout had ever planned to harm Americans or commit a crime punishable in US court until the sting was created.

“But for the approach made through this determined sting operation, there is no reason to believe Bout would ever have committed the charged crimes,” she said.

Internet

Evicted 101-year-old Detroit resident gets her home back

DETROIT, 6 April — Baking cookies never seemed as sweet for 101-year-old Texana Hollis as it did on Wednesday, when she tearfully was allowed back into the home her husband bought after World War II following her eviction seven months ago. Foreclosure initially forced Hollis from the home where she’d spent six decades of her life, then federal officials wouldn’t let her move back in because of its dilapidated condition. That’s when Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom and his charity stepped in, and convinced volunteers and businesses to do the same.

“God bless everyone who had a hand in this,” Hollis said, tears swelling in her eyes, after she re-entered the home. One of her first tasks: Trying out the new stove to bake sugar and chocolate chip cookies, which she lifted off a tinfoil-covered baking sheet using a new spatula and carefully placed into a tin.

Albom and his charities helped renovate Hollis’ house after buying it from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom, right, helps Texana Hollis pull cookies from the oven in her home in Detroit, on 4 April, 2012.—INTERNET

Albom spent \$30,000 — much of it out of his own pocket — on the project, and more than 100 volunteers spent months putting in new flooring, drywall, appliances and even a portion of the roof.

“I promised Texana that all she has to do is just stay alive and give us another 101 years,” he said after pushing Hollis up a newly constructed wheelchair ramp and into the gleaming home. “She will never lose this house again.” When asked about the changes inside the house, where rooms were painted in soft shades of blue, green and yellow and decorated with welcoming bouquets of flowers, he jokingly answered: “It would probably be easier to tell you what’s old.”

Internet

Hundreds of homes still without power

LONDON, 6 April — Hundreds of homes are still without power more than 38 hours after gales and ice brought down power lines. Northern Powergrid said there were now fewer than 2,500 customers without power in Northumberland, west County Durham and parts of Yorkshire. In Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire 9,000 properties had been reconnected, Western Power said. A spokesman also confirmed that only five homes in the Peaks remain with electricity.

At one stage on Wednesday morning, some 50,000 homes and businesses in the North East and Derbyshire were without electricity. Northern Powergrid said it would make contact with customers who qualify for compensation over the loss of power.



The collapse of a wall at a house which damaged cars in Stoke-on-Trent happened during high winds.

INTERNET

The company blamed strong winds and blizzards on Tuesday for bringing down overhead power lines in the North East.—*Internet*



So far BlackBerry has been given exclusive access to the earthquake warning signal.—INTERNET

BlackBerry earthquake app rolled out in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 6 April — Civil authorities in Mexico City have rolled out a free app that will warn people when an earthquake is imminent. Mayor of Mexico City Marcelo Ebrard unveiled the app on Tuesday, on behalf of Mexico City’s Civil Protection service.

The app triggers an alarm on the phone once an earthquake of magnitude 6.5 or higher has been detected. On receiving the signal, the phone makes a sound and vibrates, even if the device is set to silent.

The app has been developed for BlackBerry, according to Mr Ebrard, because only its handsets could send out mass alerts quickly enough: up to five seconds from when the signal is given.

BlackBerry has been given access to the signal which is operated by Mexico’s Seismological Service, which continuously monitors for earthquake activity through regional stations.

“If tomorrow someone else does it, we’ll also give them the signal,” Mr Ebrard said. Although the alarm may only give people a matter of seconds to prepare for an earthquake, authorities believe this may allow them to adopt safer positions, and save lives.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.4.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W (1) 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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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.

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Barry apologizes for comment on Asian businesses

WASHINGTON, 6 April — Just after yet another decisive electoral victory, DC Councilman Marion Barry is once again embroiled in controversy, this time for remarks disparaging Asian-owned businesses in his poor, majority-black ward.

At his primary election victory party on Tuesday, Barry said: "We got to do something about these Asians coming in and opening up businesses and dirty shops. ... They ought to go. I'm going to say that right now. But we need African-American businesspeople to be able to take their places, too." His comments were first reported by WRC-TV. Barry apologized Thursday for the comments.

"I want to express my deep apology for offending some members of the Asian community and the DC community," Barry said in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

"I have a solid record of relationships with the Asian community." The former mayor won the Democratic primary for his Ward 8 council seat with 73 percent of the vote, all but assuring him of another four-year term.

Internet

Experts survey stricken Total North Sea gas platform

ABERDEEN, 6 April — A team of experts spent four hours inspecting a wellhead that is spewing a cloud of potentially explosive gas on a North Sea platform operated by French energy giant Total, the company said on Thursday. It was the first time the wellhead has been inspected since the Elgin platform was evacuated of its 238 crew on 25 March when the leak was detected. Total said a helicopter carrying the eight-strong team of experts left Aberdeen on the east coast of Scotland at 10:30 am (0930 GMT) to fly the 150 miles (240 kilometres) to the rig and returned at 4:50 pm.

In a "key milestone" towards bringing the situation under control, the team spent nearly four hours establishing which zones of the platform were safe to access and what equipment will be required in any well control operation.

The platform is surrounded by a cloud of low-lying gas and Andrew Hogg, Total's UK communications manager, said Wednesday there was a continuing risk of explosion.

Total is due to begin a two-pronged operation to block the well by pumping it full of "heavy mud" at high pressure and drilling two relief

wells. Jacques-Emmanuel Saulnier, Total's head of communications, said the survey would ensure that the teams who will later work on blocking the wells "can do so in the best possible conditions". Strong winds had thwarted plans to fly the experts to the platform on Wednesday.

An estimated 200,000 cubic metres of highly flammable gas are escaping from the platform each day in a leak which Total says is costing the company \$2.5 million (1.91 million euros) daily.

Internet



French energy giant Total's Elgin rig, 150 miles (240 kms) from Aberdeen. A team of experts spent four hours inspecting a wellhead that is spewing a cloud of potentially explosive gas on a North Sea platform operated by French energy giant Total, the company said on Thursday.— INTERNET



Missing HK cargo ship: 11 rescued by Japan coastguard

TOKYO, 6 April — Japan's coastguard has rescued 11 of 17 crew members from a Hong Kong-registered cargo ship that went missing in a storm on Tuesday. The 4,143-tonne ship, called *New Lucky VII*, went missing about 100km (60 miles) west of the southern Japanese island of Amami Oshima on Tuesday. One Taiwanese, two Chinese and 14 Indonesian sailors were on board, said Japanese media reports. The search for the remaining six crew members is continuing. The vessel, which was carrying timber from Papua New Guinea to China, lost contact with its owners during the storm.

The Japanese coastguard launched a search

operation on Thursday, following a request from the Hong Kong authorities. Patrol vessels reported large amounts of oil afloat in the sea where the ship had lost contact with its owner, raising fears it had sunk. The coastguard found nine crew members on a life raft drifting about 60km from the ship's last known position. Another two sailors were found on a life raft nearby. An official said that the rescued crew members — eight Indonesian, two Chinese, and one Taiwanese — appeared unhurt. "But we have not had further details including their identification, the fate of the remaining six crew as well as the cargo ship," the official said. — Internet

Three plead guilty in botched "Fast and Furious" gun-running sting

PHOENIX, 6 April — Three men pleaded guilty on Thursday to charges of trafficking high-powered rifles and other guns to Mexico from Arizona under the botched "Fast and Furious" federal sting operation tied to the murder of a US federal agent. Jaime Avila Jr, Joshua David Moore and Kenneth James Thompson were among a ring of 20 defendants charged with buying and running high-powered firearms including Kalashnikov-type assault rifles, 5.7mm pistols and Barrett sniper rifles to the Mexican cartels.

The purchases were made in the Phoenix area from

2009 to 2010 when a bungled Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives operation allowed more than 2,000 US-bought weapons to slip across the border to Mexico.

Two of those weapons were found at the spot near the Arizona-Mexico border where Border Patrol agent Brian Terry was killed during a shootout with illegal immigrants in December 2010.

It was not clear, however, if those weapons fired the fatal shots.

Fast and Furious was run by the Phoenix field office of the ATF and the US Attorney. Its goal was to try to track guns being smuggled from

the initial purchaser to senior drug cartel members. Avila was named as the primary defendant in the suit. According to court documents, he was recruited in November 2009 by a co-conspirator, Juan Jose Martinez-Gonzalez, to make third-party straw purchases from licensed dealers.

He bought 52 firearms, including powerful .308-caliber rifles and two .50-caliber Barrett sniper rifles.

During his involvement with the ring, he became aware that the guns were intended for export to Mexico, where drug cartel violence has killed more than 50,000 people since late 2006.— Reuters

Gunmen kill nine at Nigeria market

MAIDUGURI, 6 April — Nine people were killed when gunmen opened fire at a market in northeast Nigeria, authorities said.

The shootings, which also injured several people, occurred about 2 pm Wednesday at the market in Maiduguri, witnesses told the *Nigerian Tribune*.

Elsewhere in the capital, a mechanic was fatally shot Wednesday afternoon, the *Tribune* said.

The Joint Military Task Force said three terrorists were killed by authorities Tuesday in the northern state of Kano after they had stolen a car at gunpoint.

Nigerian Army Maj Gen Garba Ayodeji Wahab said the gunmen had planned an attack this week in the northern state of Kano.— Internet



"Titanic: 100 Year Obsession" exhibited in Washington DC. One hundred years ago, on 14 April, Titanic, the world's largest ship, sank after colliding with an iceberg, claiming 1,514 lives.— XINHUA

Store sells wine to 7-year-old girl

British supermarket chain Tesco apologized after a mother complained her 7-year-old daughter was allowed to buy a bottle of wine.

Maggie Waugh, 43, said she waited outside of the Tesco Express store in Exeter, England, while her daughter, Dani, went inside the store to buy her some "surprise" early Mother's Day gifts and she was shocked when the girl

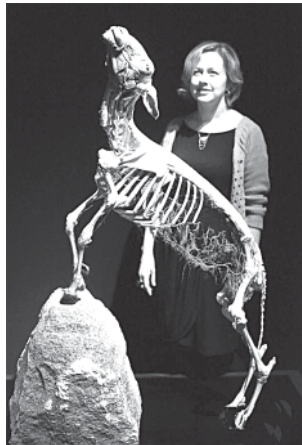
emerged with a box of chocolates and a bottle of sparkling wine, *The Sun* reported on Wednesday.

"The duty manager said it was a mistake and shouldn't have been authorized," Waugh said. "I can't think what the worker was doing. She obviously didn't look at what Dani was buying and just let it go through."

Waugh said she refused an offer of a voucher from the

store, saying she just wants to make sure the incident is not repeated. Tesco said the employee who sold the wine to the girl was not fired but is no longer with the company.

"This was a genuine mistake for which we apologize. We have reminded staff of their responsibilities when selling alcohol," the store said in a statement.



Plastinated specimens of animal displayed in UK.

Police find stolen truck being buried

MACDON, 6 April — A father and son in upstate New York face possible charges after the son was allegedly spotted burying a stolen box truck in a sand pit, investigators said.

Macedon, NY, police and the Orleans County Sheriff's Office said the 26-foot-long box truck was taken last week from a Macedon business and their only leads

were the name of a company, Country Construction, and the first name of a suspect, Jeff, The (Batavia, NY) *Daily News* reported Wednesday.

The sheriff's office said deputies using a helicopter spotted Jeffery Paul, the son of Country Construction owner David Paul, 72, using a bulldozer to bury the truck in a sand pit on a 77-acre parcel of land owned by the family.

The Pauls were taken into custody and investigators searched the property Friday and discovered the stolen truck, two stolen backhoes, a stolen backhoe that had been dismantled and a stolen car.

Sheriff's investigator Corey Black said no charges have yet been filed against the father and son pending further investigation, but possession of stolen property charges are likely.—Internet

News Album

Pawn shop worker accidentally shot in butt

Police in Florida said a pawn shop worker was accidentally shot in the buttocks by another employee who was putting a gun into a display case.

The Margate Police Department said a worker at David Bari's Pawn Shop on State Road 7 left his semiautomatic Glock .40 caliber handgun on a counter when he stepped out around 6:30 pm Tuesday and another employee mistook it for a store item and attempted to place it into a display case, *The Miami Herald* reported on Wednesday.

The gun went off while it was being handled and the bullet struck a third employee in the buttocks and entered through the front pelvic area, police said.

The employee was taken to North Broward Medical Centre with non-life-threatening injuries and is expected to fully recover.

Police said the incident is being investigated but the preliminary investigation indicates the shooting was accidental.



Circle irrigated areas in Saudi Arabia.



James McCartney arrives at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on 12 February. A fresh wave of Beatlemania could sweep the world after Paul McCartney's son said four of the legendary British rock group's children were considering setting up a band together.—INTERNET

Beatles' kids could form a band, says McCartney son

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — A fresh wave of Beatlemania could sweep the world after Paul McCartney's son said four of the legendary British rock group's children were considering setting up a band together.

James McCartney told the BBC website that he and John Lennon's son Sean, George Harrison's son Dhani, and Ringo Starr's son Zak Starkey had mooted the idea of forming "The Beatles — The Next Generation".

"I'd be up for it," said the 34-year-old, who is launching a solo career as a singer and guitarist. "Sean seemed to be into it, Dhani seemed to be into it."

He added that Starkey was less keen, but that the band could "hopefully" happen with "nature's support".

All four have followed in their fathers' footsteps and pursued musical careers. Sean Lennon is a New York-based singer-songwriter, while Dhani Harrison fronts London rock band thenewno2. Zak Starkey became a drummer like his father Ringo Starr and has played with bands including The Who and Oasis. James McCartney, who strongly resembles his father, said he had "dreamt of being better than The Beatles".—Internet

Dr John's "Locked Down" has vintage sound



US singer and pianist Dr John performs onstage during the 45th Montreux Jazz Festival on 6 July, 2011. Over 350 artists and groups will perform on the two main stages and at the ten free venues during the sixteen-day long festival.

REUTERS

Tipitina vibe.

And by "right time," we don't necessarily mean 2012. Because "Locked Down" could almost be mistaken for a newly discovered set of outtakes recorded between the good doc's first two LPs in the late '60s. There's a distant, low-fi aspect to certain parts of the mix that almost sounds as if it were recorded off an AM radio with a primitive cassette player, but then Auerbach is always using the stereo separation to play with the electric guitars and make them dance around Dr John's electric piano and farfisa.

That's right, '60s nuts: farfisa (albeit only for one solo)! But suffice it to say that if you love mid-'60s rock, even if Dr John isn't usually your thing, you'll get a huge kick out of the way this album evokes that era and style of recording. Almost any of the arrangements would have been right at home on the Woodstock stage.

Internet

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Dr John was definitely in the right place at the right time when he agreed to let the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach produce his new album, "Locked Down," one of the giddiest experiences a serious rock fan could have this spring.

By "right place," we don't necessarily mean

Bourbon Street. If you're thinking this will be "a New Orleans album" in any of the usual senses - even in any of the usual Dr John senses - you might be disappointed. The artist lesser known as Mac Rebennack doesn't play acoustic piano on the album (or if he does, it's virtually subliminal). So don't expect a second of that distinct

Houston drowned in very hot water, cocaine in system

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Whitney Houston drowned in a hot bathtub in a Beverly Hills hotel room with cocaine in her system and white powder nearby, a final coroner's report revealed on Wednesday.

Detectives found white powdery substances, a rolled-up piece of paper, a small spoon and a mirror in the bathroom shortly after Houston's naked body was found face down in the bathtub on 11 February, the 40-page Los Angeles County coroner's report said.

Houston, 48, had a history of drug addiction. An autopsy in March determined she died of accidental drowning due to the effects of cocaine and heart disease.

Wednesday's report revealed that Houston had a perforated nose, indicating substance abuse, filled with a bloody discharge.

Detectives said she was found in about 12 inches of extremely hot water, which was determined to be 93 Fahrenheit (34 Celsius) some six hours after her death.

The singer also had traces of marijuana in her system and an open bottle of champagne was found in her room at the Beverly Hilton, hours before she was due to attend a pre-Grammy party.

On a counter in the bathroom, detectives found "a small spoon with a crystal-like substance in it and a rolled up piece of white paper."—Reuters



Whitney Houston performs during the World Music Awards at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada as a tribute to music mogul Clive Davis, who received the Outstanding Contribution to the Music Industry Award, in this 15 September, 2004 file photo. Houston died of accidental drowning due to the effects of cocaine use and heart disease, a Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman said on 22 March, 2012.

REUTERS

Gary Sinise cancels appearances after car accident

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Gary Sinise is cancelling appearances with his Lt Dan Band after suffering injuries in a car accident.

A spokeswoman for the actor says Sinise was a passenger in a car involved in an accident Friday. Staci Wolfe did not offer details about the extent of his injuries.

The 57-year-old Sinise was to perform with his band at a fundraising event last

weekend in Martinsville, Va, and next week in Palm Desert, Calif.



The Martinsville concert will be rescheduled. The Palm Desert performance has been canceled.

Sinise stars on TV's "CSI: NY." The show has completed production for the season and won't be affected by the actor's injuries.—Internet

In this 28 July, 2010 file photo, actor Gary Sinise arrives at the CBS CW Showtime Press tour party in Beverly Hills, Calif. Sinise is canceling appearances with his Lt Dan Band after suffering injuries in a car accident.—INTERNET



Rio Ferdinand has been a regular for Manchester United this season.
INTERNET

Vidic impressed by Ferdinand's 'hunger'

Serbian says defender's performances this season are proving the doubters wrong

LONDON, 6 April — Manchester United defender Nemanja Vidic says Rio Ferdinand is as much of a defensive force as ever. Ferdinand, 33, has struggled with a back injury which has limited his first-team action during recent seasons - but has been a reliable presence during this campaign. And Vidic, who is currently recuperating from a ruptured cruciate knee ligament, said his central defensive partner had firmly proved his critics wrong.

"At the beginning of the season there were a lot of people questioning Rio, asking whether he could do what he did in the past, can he play, is he finished?" Vidic said. "This was nonsense. Rio has hunger and now he has proved people they are wrong. "He is a very important player, not just this year but over the past years and he has done very well over the last few months." Ferdinand has made 23 Barclays Premier League

appearances this season as United have headed to the top of the table bolstered by a defence which has conceded only 27 times — a tally only bettered by second-placed Manchester City.

United trailed their neighbours by five points in the League at the time of Vidic's injury against Basle in the Champions League in December. But the Serbian said that even though he has to watch from the sidelines, he had full confidence in the team's ability to mount a solid challenge for the title. "I always believed we would challenge for the title," he said.

"It doesn't matter who is out. Manchester United never depend on one player. "If you look at the past, players have left and fans have said how are we going to cope? But the manager is the best at replacing players and the team still win titles and trophies. "That is why Manchester United are so special."

Internet

Westwood gets his nose in front at the Masters

AUGUSTA, 6 April — With his words and then his play, Lee Westwood shot down the notion on Thursday that this Masters was a two-horse race. On a busy opening day at Augusta National that featured mud, a little rain and a snowman on the final hole for Henrik Stenson, Westwood provided a steady hand Thursday with seven birdies for a 5-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead.



Lee Westwood of England watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during first round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 5 April, 2012. — INTERNET

It was the first time Westwood has led after the opening round of a major, though that was little comfort. Louis Oosthuizen made four birdies over the last five holes for a 68, while Peter Hanson of Sweden made six birdies for his 68. Bubba Watson, blasting tee shots with his pink driver, was among six players at 69. Westwood had said it would be naive for anyone to think this major was only about Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.

Those two horses were happy to still be in the running.

Woods took two penalty shots, hit three tee shots that rattled the pines and was thrilled to make bogey on his last hole for a 72, the first time since 2008 that he failed to break par in the opening round of the Masters. "I had some of the worst golf swings I've ever hit today," Woods said. — Reuters

Real's Di Maria returns in time for Bayern test

MADRID, 6 April — Angel Di Maria's late goal for Real Madrid against APOEL Nicosia will have been the icing on the cake for coach Jose Mourinho, as it appeared to signal the return to fitness of one of his most potent forwards. The pacy Argentine winger completed a 5-2 thrashing of the Champions League debutants with a delightful lob on Wednesday and he should be firing on all cylinders by the time they meet Bayern Munich in the semi-finals later this month.

Di Maria is still one of the side's highest providers of assists despite having sidelined with a string of niggling muscle injuries since the turn of the year and he has only started 12 league games and three in the Champions League. "I suffered a lot after having a relapse on my injury and it has been very tough."



Real Madrid's Pepe and APOEL's Esteban Solari go for the ball during their Champions League quarter-final second leg match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium, on 4 April, 2012. — INTERNET

Di Maria told reporters after coming on as a substitute to play a lively 35 minutes. "I thought it was the end of the season for me but I am back in time for the most important games."

Kaka and Jose Callejon

also netted on Wednesday, as did ever-present leading scorer Cristiano Ronaldo, who bagged a brace, and Mourinho was able to rest regulars such as striker Karim Benzema and midfielders Xabi Alonso and Mesut Ozil. — Reuters

Spain favourites as clay kings step up in Davis Cup



(From L) Spain's Marcel Granollers, Nicolas Almagro, Juan Carlos Ferrero, captain Alex Corretja and Marc Lopez celebrate after winning their Davis Cup World Group doubles match against Kazakhstan at the Municipal hall in Oviedo, in February. Holders Spain are favourites to keep their title defence on track despite taking on old foes Austria without world number two Rafael Nadal in the quarters. — INTERNET

BUENOS AIRES, 6 April — The kings of clay are set to reign as holders Spain are favourites to keep their Davis Cup title defence on track despite taking on old foes Austria without world number two Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals at home starting on Friday.

All four ties take place on the surface with France

playing the United States in the Monte Carlo Country Club, the Czech Republic hosting Serbia in Prague and Argentina and Croatia going head to head in Buenos Aires.

Three of the world's top players will not be competing for their countries in the team tournament with Serbia's world number one Novak Djokovic, Nadal and ninth-

ranked American Mardy Fish, all missing. Despite being favourites, captain Alex Corretja said hosts Spanish would be approaching their tie "with respect and humility" given that Spain have won just one of their four previous meetings - in Vienna 33 years ago. Nadal is suffering from a knee injury which forced him out of the Miami Masters last week, but world number five David Ferrer is back alongside Nico Almagro (12), Marcel Granollers (26) and Marc Lopez (1147).

The 30-year-old Ferrer arrives with three titles under his belt this season in Acapulco, Buenos Aires and Auckland, and a confident Corretja warned that "conditions here are perfect" for the Spanish at the Marina d'Or in Oropesa del Mar despite forecasts of rain for the weekend. The Jurgen Melzer-led Austrians are returning to the quarter-finals after a 17-year absence.

Internet

Season over for AC Milan's injury-plagued Pato

MILAN, 6 April — AC Milan's Brazilian striker Pato will be out of action for the rest of the season, club doctor Jean-Pierre Meersman revealed on Thursday. The 22-year-old has suffered 14 injuries in the past two years, principally thigh muscle problems, but also to his ankles and groin, restricting him to just 11 league games this season, in which he has scored once.

"Ten days, or 20 or 30 (out) does little to change were we are now," Meersman told Gazzetta dello sport. "And when he has recovered we'll



AC Milan's Brazilian striker Pato, will be out of action for the rest of the season, club doctor Jean-Pierre Meersman revealed on Thursday. — INTERNET

be back to square one again. Pato was declared clinically recovered 13 times but he's obviously not cured." Pato picked up the latest injury in Wednesday's 3-1 Champions League quarter-final, second leg loss in Barcelona, leaving the pitch 14 matches after coming on.

"He's been all over the place from Germany to the United States, lots of doctors and therapists have examined and treated him, I don't know who to turn to next," added Meersman. Pato came close to signing in January for French side Paris Saint Germain in a 28-million-euro deal, but the move was blocked by the last minute intervention of club owner Silvio Berlusconi. — Internet

Stoke announce £6m training ground plan

LONDON, 6 April — Stoke City have unveiled plans for a £6m expansion of their training ground facilities. The Club hopes the improvements to its Clayton Wood Training Ground will enable it to achieve Category 1 status in the Premier League's new Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP). The EPPP is a long-term strategy designed to take Premier League Youth Development to the next level, and it will see clubs' academies awarded a status of 1 to 4.

Stoke's plans include a full-size indoor pitch, as well as an expansion of the training ground complex to accommodate changing rooms,

offices and a treatment room. They hope to begin building work later in the year. Richard Smith, Managing Director of Stoke City Property Ltd, told the club's official website: "The Club and its owners are firmly committed to achieving Category 1 status which will

give us the best possible chance of developing our own players for the first team. "EPPP is designed to create a structure and facilities which will give English football a world-class Academy system, and we want to ensure that we are right up there with the top



Stoke believe Category 1 status would enable them to attract the best young players.
INTERNET

clubs so we can nurture the best young talent in Stoke-on-Trent and the surrounding areas, while also attracting the best young players who are available to us.

"At this stage of the EPP assessment process, we have to demonstrate a commitment to developing these facilities and we believe we are putting together a strong bid to achieve Category 1 status with what we have in place and what we plan to create. — Internet



Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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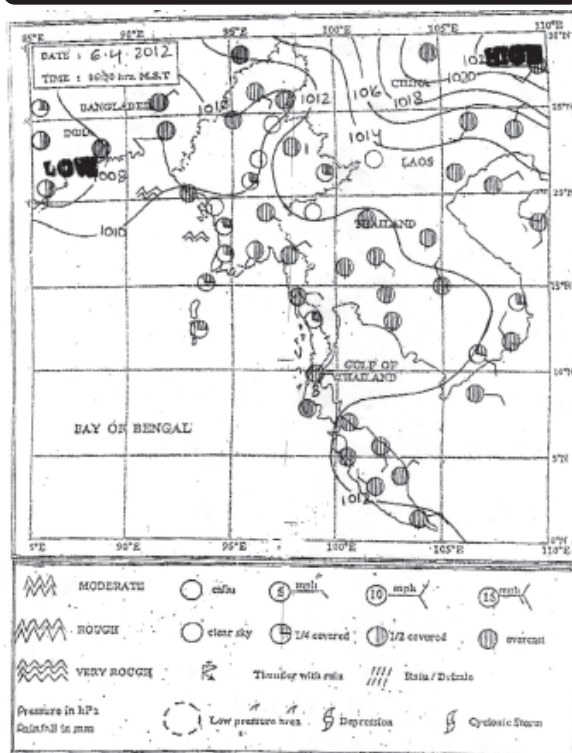
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 7. Martial Song
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 8. Dance Of National Races
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 9. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 5:05 pm
 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
 11. Myanmar Language
- 5:50 pm
 12. Sports Highlight
- 7:20 pm
 13. Dan
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- 8:00 pm
 14. News
 15. TV Drama Series
 16. Song Lovers

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 7th April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	Percent
1	Kachin	31.88	19.66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	33.91	20.68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	36.97	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	25.77	10.50	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31.88	20.68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	37.99	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Taninthayi	36.97	22.72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	34.93	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	37.99	21.70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	37.99	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	37.99	23.73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	35.95	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakine	36.97	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	28.82	16.61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	33.91	12.54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	33.91	19.66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	36.97	26.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37.99	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35.95	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37.99	24.75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers has been scattered in Kachin and Shan States, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Chin, Rakine and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above April average temperatures in Southern Shan States, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Chin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minsat (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Magway (0.98) inch, Minsat (0.94) inch, Machanbow (0.47) inch, Putao (0.35) inch and Kawthong (0.32) inch.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, North Bay and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.



READING HABIT RAISED: The reading habit raising and book donation was held at Hsutaungpyae Monastery near Sarpay Uyin library in Phayagon Village of Thanlyin Township on 23 March. Deputy Commissioner U Sai Thaw Win of Yangon South District General Administration Department speaks on the occasion.

Basic auxiliary fire fighting course concludes

TOUNGOO, 6 April—The basic auxiliary fire fighting course No 2/2012 concluded at Kandaw Basic Education Primary School in Ward 11 of Toungoo in Bago Region on 25 March.

Vice-Chairman of Toungoo Township Fire Preventive Committee U Ye Myint (Brokerage), Patron of the Supporting Committee U

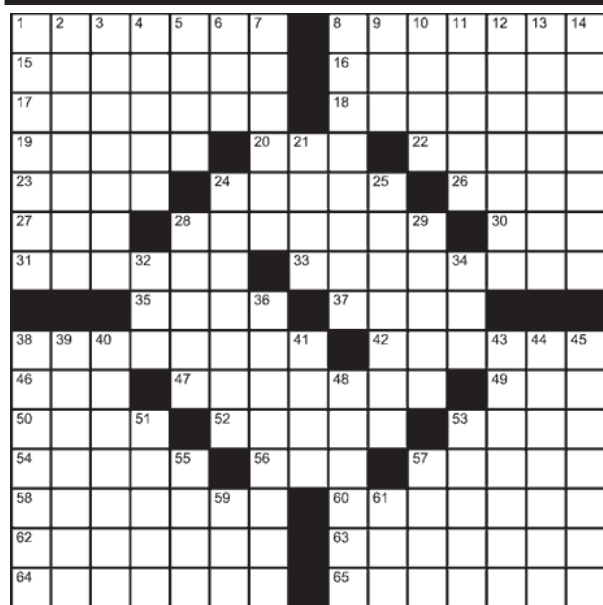
Kyaw Hla (Thamadi), townselder U Myint Thu (Nanthu Roast lablab) and Head of District Fire Services Department U Htin Aung Lin made speeches.

Officials presented certificates to the trainees.

Later, the trainees demonstrated fire drill with the use of fire engines.

Kyemon

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Scoop-like surgical instrument
8. Taqueria offering
15. View
16. Without weapons
17. Danced wildly
18. Echo
19. Cartoon art
20. "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
22. Kind of battery
23. "I had no ___!"
24. Blue ___, song
26. French father
27. Mother Teresa, for one
28. North Atlantic oily fish

30. "___ the season ..."
31. Word derived from a person's name
33. Mark used to indicate word omissions
35. Sonata, e.g.
37. Fly high
38. Taking place outdoors
42. Antsy (2 wds)
46. "___ bad!"
47. Most authentic
49. Victorian, for one
50. Think
52. Automatic transmission setting
53. Boris Godunov, for one
54. Archaeological find

Down

1. Addictive narcotic
2. On the ___ (3 wds)
3. Full orchestra
4. Bowel cleansing
5. Radial, e.g.
6. "For shame!"
7. Ingratiate
8. Violent disturbances
9. "___ moment"
10. Back talk
11. Band
12. Juju and mojo
13. Ancient Roman silver coins
14. Deal with
21. Harp's cousin
24. Deep in thought
25. Release
28. Abnormally active
29. Colossal
32. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
34. Grand ___ ("Evangeline" setting)
36. Hardly at all
38. Draw close
39. Danger for sailors
40. "No ___!"
41. Assortment
43. Preordain
44. Furniture finisher
45. Wage ___ (pl.)
48. Come about
51. Side-to-side measurement

Yaya Toure denies Balotelli bust-up



Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli (L) speaks with team-mate Yaya Toure (R) during their side's Premier League match against Blackburn in Manchester, north-west England, February 2012. City midfielder Toure on Thursday dismissed reports of dressing-room bust-ups with Balotelli.

INTERNET

LONDON, 6 April — Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure on Thursday dismissed reports of dressing-room bust-ups with team-mate Mario Balotelli. Reports alleged the pair clashed at half-time in City's 3-3 draw at home to Sunderland last weekend as well as during the defeat at Swansea. But Toure said he views Balotelli as a "brother" and "loves" him. "They said I fought with Mario at Swansea and against Sunderland," he said in an interview with the *Daily Mail*. "That shocked me. My lawyers called me about this and it was the first I knew about it.

"It's just not true. It didn't happen. I am a footballer, not a boxer. People don't know my relationship with Mario. He's not my friend, he's my brother and I love him. To say we had a fight is very sad. It upset me and I feel sorry for Mario. He suffers most from these things. "At half-time against Sunderland it was very difficult. We are trying to win the league and are losing 2-1. It's not good. But everybody was quiet. We were just looking at each other, trying to find a way to turn the result. "But I didn't even talk to Mario. The next day he sent me a text message saying, 'Apparently we had a fight'. I just want to stop people writing and thinking that."

Meanwhile, City manager Roberto Mancini, who has seen his side slip five points behind leaders Manchester United in the race for the English Premier League title, added: "Yaya Toure — that is totally false."—*Internet*

President U Thein Sein receives Korean Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy, businessmen

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — President U Thein Sein received a business delegation led by Mr Cho Seok, Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea, who will attend Korea-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Forum 2012, at VIP Holding Room of Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 9.15 am today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, deputy ministers, President U Win Aung of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong.

Extending greetings, President U Thein Sein expressed his belief that the visit of the business delegation will further promote the economy and amity between the two countries, urging them to review and grab the future opportunities by studying Myanmar's current economic situations.

The President then pointed out opportunities such as manufacturing of value-added products, technical assistance and investment in IT sector, establishment of small- and medium-scale factories for rubber, oil palm and other consumer products which can create job opportunities, potential investment in three special economic zones to be established in Myanmar namely Dawei Special Economic Zone, Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone and Thilawa Special Economic Zone and other investment opportunities such as investments in upgrading of motor roads and



President U Thein Sein receives Mr Cho Seok, Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy and businessmen of the Republic of Korea attending Korea-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Forum-2012 at MICC.—MNA

railroads in relation to development of Yangon and air transport sector.

On his part, the Korean deputy minister expressed his heartfelt thanks to the President for his presence. He said that the delegation represents 86 companies and 170 businessmen wishing to invest in Myanmar. He then expressed his thanks to Myanmar for its assistance to successfully hold Korea-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Forum 2012, adding that Korea's investment in various

economic fields stands at fourth place in Myanmar. ROK will try to promote cooperation with Myanmar, which is blessed with natural resources. It will try its best for development of Myanmar in all aspects.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein cordially greeted the Korean deputy minister and businessmen. Later, the President and party viewed the documentary photos on Korea-Myanmar relations and Korean culture displayed at the forum.—MNA

Wenger says Chamakh's future on the line at Arsenal



Olympiakos' Vassilis Torosidis (front) tackles Arsenal's Marouane Chamakh during their Champions League Group F soccer match at Karaiskaki stadium in Athens on 6 December, 2011.—INTERNET

LONDON, 6 April—manager Arsene Wenger said Marouane Chamakh's future at Arsenal is in the balance, on Friday adding that he did not know whether the

Moroccan international would still be at the club next season.

Chamakh, 28, was photographed smoking a shisha pipe after last weekend's 2-1 Premier League defeat at Queens Park Rangers, and he has not exactly been in red hot form on the pitch this season.

He has started only seven matches for Arsenal this season and his only goal in a total of 17 appearances came in the 4-3 defeat at Blackburn Rovers last September.

He has not started a match since the FA Cup win over Leeds United in January and Wenger appeared unimpressed over last week's photograph when he spoke to reporters at the club's training ground at London Colney on Friday.—Internet

Two-storey building opened at School for Disabled Children

YANGON, 6 April—The two-storey building of Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was opened in the compound of School for the Disabled Children at No. 65 on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

Economic Counsellor Mr Matsuo of Japanese Embassy explained the purpose of donation and handed over documents related

to the building.

After accepting the documents, Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department presented certificate to the wellwisher.

The new building is 30x90 two-storey concrete facility constructed at a cost of K 88.6 million by Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance.

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Hlawga Natural Park to be closed in Maha Thingyan days

YANGON, 6 April—Hlawga Natural Park will be temporarily closed during the Thingyan Period from 12 to 16 April. It will be reopened on 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day).—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (6-4-2012)

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KNU holds peace talk with Union level peace-making group

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KNU holds peace negotiation with Kayin State government

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Rakhine State Peace Group, Rakhine State Liberation Party Peace-Making Group hold state-level peace talks

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French energy giant Total's Elgin rig, 150 miles (240 kms) from Aberdeen. A team of experts spent four hours inspecting a wellhead that is spewing a cloud of potentially explosive gas on a North Sea platform operated by French energy giant Total, the company said on Thursday.

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(From L) Spain's Marcel Granollers, Nicolas Almagro, Juan Carlos Ferrero, captain Alex Corretja and Marc Lopez celebrate after winning their Davis Cup World Group doubles match against Kazakhstan at the Municipal hall in Oviedo, in February.



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