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## Water filtering tank, constructed by Tatmadaw and Yangon Region government, opened



NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe this morning attended the opening ceremony of 40000-gallon-capacity water filtering tank in Cocogyun constructed by the Tatmadaw and Yangon Region government.

The region chief minister, the region development affairs minister, the commander of local naval base formally opened the tank.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services unveiled the stone inscription of the tank and inspected the tank.

The tank is intended to reduce NTU from 43 to 10 percent and TCU from 60 to 20 percent, and to purify water contaminated with algae and bacteria, and to reduce the volume of iron. The tank with length 25 feet, 30 feet in width and 22 feet can store 40000 gallons of water. It can filter 1500 gallons of water per hour.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party also attended the opening ceremony of six 7500 ft long downtown tarred roads in Cocogyun

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveils stone inscription of 40000-gallon water filtering tank in Cocogyun.—MNA

## Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party arrive back from Uganda

YANGON, 8 April—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 126<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU held in Kampala of Uganda.

The Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Nu, Member of Pyithu

Hluttaw Rights Committee U Aung Hsan, Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein and departmental officials.

Members of the delegation Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and Chairman of ASEAN Political and Security Community Affairs Committee U Nyunt Tin also arrived back on the same flight.

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## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (8-4-2012)

Patheingyi	(2.78) inches
Mandalay	(1.96) inches
Sagaing	(1.89) inches
Tada-U	(1.61) inches
Kyaukse	(1.53) inches
Myeik	(1.22) inches



A Maiden's Treasure—Tha-na-kha

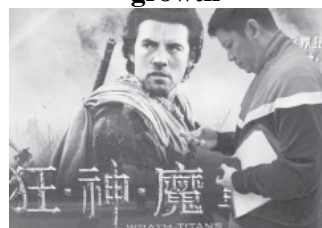
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ThanUChauk Dam built to help boost agricultural production in Magway Region

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## Hollywood looks to China for box office growth



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Children roll Easter eggs during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of The White House, in Washington on 9 April, 2007.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Ignorance is worse

Today, language, computer and other classes are mushrooming in Yangon and Mandalay, but a poor number in other towns. This means if one wants to learn or master a foreign language and computer science, Yangon and Mandalay are Hobson's choice. It is again great pity that youths going to language and computer classes is most of the time just a fashion and not out of interest.

The result is an increase in jack of all trades not knowing what to choose as his career. We often do things with wax-and-wane efforts, often withdrawing from the half. We have learnt English from kindergarten to college, but none of us speak fluent English nor write flowery patterns. This is because we learnt it just to pass the exam. Especially, those born around 1980s are used to parrot learning.

First of all, we need to learn to ask questions. Of course, we ask a lot of questions when we were young. Here, parents and teachers are of great importance. Out-of-the-circle questions of an inquisitive child are often refused to answer and such kids are often forced to learn what is taught. This is the killing of their intelligence. Parents and teachers must teach children to be able to think critically, but not to nod whatever.

Every school now has a computer room, but we need to make sure they are in practical use and not for show. There have still been a lot of misspellings in the collegiate academic text books of distance education, raising question over its quality. Who is to be blamed for this? In fact, ignorance is worse than poverty.

The government departments and other institutions have been increasingly conducting capacity-building courses. But, what is neglected is the comprehensive assessment of the results. There have been cases in which good intentions have turned to waste of time and money.

Words are cheap but deeds are dear. Dogged determination plus right plan is what we need to be able to pluck the fruits.

### Yangon Mayor views development undertakings

YANGON, 8 April—Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister U Hla Myint attended the opening of 6163 feet long and 18 feet wide Bogyoke Street which has just been upgraded to concrete facility in No. 2 Ward, Hlinethaya Township this morning.

The Yangon Mayor then viewed collective anti-DHF campaign of social organizations and ward residents in the ward and

educative talk. Anti-DHF campaigns were conducted in Pazundaung, Dawbon, Kyauktada, Sangyoung, Kamayut and North Okkalapa Townships simultaneously yesterday morning. The Yangon Mayor then viewed repair and upgrading works in Insein, Shwepyitha, North Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South) and Mingala Taungnyunt townships.

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### Take Fire Preventive Measures

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 put into service 230 KV Shwesaryan-Myaukpyin power grid and 230 KV 200 MVA Myaukpyin main power station with an inauguration held in its compound in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay District in Mandalay Region this morning.

The opening was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung, region ministers, region level departmental heads, staff and invited persons.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe made a speech citing that progress of a country depends upon how much electric supply it can get, current electric supply in Myanmar comes from hydropower supply plants of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, gas power plants of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, and other techniques, and in the sector of electric supply in Mandalay, 132 KV Takhundaing main power station with installation rate 18 MVA has been running for power supply since 1963, whose construction started

### 230 KV Shwesaryan-Myaukpyin power grid, 230 KV 200 MVA Myaukpyin main power station commissioned into service



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe meets Vice-President of Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) Mr Lee Sun Min.—MNA

on the same plan of Bilu Creek hydropower project Lawpita hydropower plant for over 50 years.

Commissioning the two facilities into service is to supply power more and more to Mandalay, the second most populous town in Myanmar.

The newly-built Myaukpyin main power station costs euro 5.85 million for its materials and over K 3162 million for its construction. Its emergence supplies a total of 7 townships with full

electricity in Mandalay District.

Afterwards, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint was proud of opening Myaukpyin main power station in Mandalay.

Then, region minister for Electric Power and Industry Dr Myint Kyu, Managing Director of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise U Khin Maung Zaw and Managing Director of Electricity Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung formally put the opening into action.

Soon after the Region Chief Minister had pressed the button to open the stone inscription of the substation, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Aung, region ministers and officials concerned sprinkled scented water on it.

It was learnt that Myaukpyin main power station is the second facility of its kinds planted by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 with the use of 100 MVA Three Phase Transformer.

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### Specialists honoured for bring eye sights to patients

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win

honoured a medical team who perform eye surgeries during the free medical treatment to

eye patients in Bago. During the ceremony to honour them held at the



Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win comforts eye patients to be operated at Bago General Hospital.—MNA

People's Hospital in Bago yesterday, the Region Chief Minister delivered an address, presented certificates of honour to eye specialists and those who volunteered for the free medical services and donated glasses and medicines to eye patients.

Head of Bago Region Health Department Dr Nay Myo Ohn and Executive Director of IBTC Company U Tin Oo reported on the free medical services for the local people.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister attended a ceremony to donate provisions to the members of the Sangha to mark the anniversary Buddha Pujaniya at Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago.

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### Lake area, lake disciplines explained

PATHEIN, 8 April—Under the supervision of Ayeayawady Region Fisheries Department, a clarification on lake area and lake disciplines for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at Yekyi Hall of Yekyi Township in Patheingyi District on 4 April.

Administrator U San Hlaing of Yekyi Township

Fisheries Department made a speech. Head of Township Fisheries Department U Maung Maung explained lake disciplines for entrepreneurs.

Later, Head of District Fisheries Department U Tun Lwin replied to queries raised by lake entrepreneurs.

Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)

### Shan State (East) GADs meet

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Coordination of district, township and sub-township General Administration Departments in Shan State (East) was held in Kengtung District GAD Office on 6 April, with an address by State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

State Administrator U Khin Maung Than reported on undertakings of the

department while deputy commissioners, and township and sub-township administrators explained region-wise undertakings.

The State Chief Minister donated cash, K 12 million in total, to Associate State Education Office U Khun Sein Myint for facilitation of dilapidated schools in the region.

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*Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari (L) and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh proceed to line up for a family photo at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Yekaterinburg, on 16 June, 2009.*  
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## Support for peace talks growing, Afghan diplomat says

KABUL, 8 April — Support is building among Afghanistan's regional neighbours for a comprehensive peace process with the Taliban, but Pakistan's backing and access to insurgent leaders are crucial to getting stalled talks on track, a top Afghan diplomat said. Jawed Ludin, the deputy foreign minister and senior negotiator in talks with Washington



*Afghanistan's deputy foreign minister Jawed Ludin.*—INTERNET

on an Afghan-US strategic pact, also said the two allies were near agreement on a deal to curb controversial night raids by NATO troops on Afghan homes.

But Ludin—the main architect of Afghan foreign policy—said both sides had failed to communicate the benefits of the pact and dampen anxiety among Afghans that foreigners were preparing to abandon the country after a 2014 withdrawal of Western combat troops. “We need to communicate better, we need to explain it better. There are various interests, there are people who play this up the wrong way, they explain it the wrong way,” Ludin told *Reuters* late on Saturday ahead of a trip to Australia.

“Some would like to see this as our inability to succeed and then the end of commitment.” The United States and Afghanistan have for months been negotiating on a strategic pact for a long-term presence in Afghanistan of US advisers and possibly some elite troops, while at the same time trying to draw the Afghan Taliban and other insurgents into twin-track peace talks. But in March the Taliban suspended exploratory negotiations with the United States, seen by backers as a way to end the country's conflict, while refusing to meet President Hamid Karzai's government, calling its officials US “stooges”.— *Reuters*

## One killed in airport shooting in Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 8 April—One person was killed in a shooting at an airport in Indonesia's Papua Province on Sunday, a high ranking police officer told *Xinhua*.

“Yes, a person was shot to death in Papua this morning,” said Inspector-

General Saud Usman Nasution, head of public relations division at the National Police Headquarters, confirming media reports on the incident.

He added that local police have been searching for the perpetrator. “We still

don't know yet the motive but we are hunting for the perpetrator,” said Nasution.

The Mulia Airport at Puncak Jaya regency in Papua is still closed following a shooting on a small plane that belongs to air operator Trigana Air.

## Islamists claim kidnap of Algeria diplomats in Mali

BAMAKO, 8 April—An al-Qaeda dissident group on Sunday claimed it was behind the kidnap of seven Algerian diplomats in a town in northern Mali last week.

The Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO) “officially claims responsibility for the kidnap of the Algerian consul and six of his team in Gao” in northeastern Mali, the group said in a statement sent to *AFP*.

The three northern towns of Gao, Kidal and Timbuktu were overrun by Tuareg rebels and Islamist armed fighters last week, putting half the country under their control following a coup by low-ranking military officials in March.

A spokesman claiming to speak on behalf of the group told *AFP* by telephone that MUJAO “will be making its demands known”.

The families of the diplomats were repatriated to Algeria on Friday.

Algeria last week said an “unidentified



*Malian nationals arrive from the northern city of Gao on April 6 at the Bamako bus station after two days of travel as Tuareg rebels declared independence in the north.*  
INTERNET

group” had carried out the attack.

Witnesses told *AFP* the raiders had hoisted the black Salafist flag that has been the emblem of Islamist rebels who have seized the fabled desert city of Timbuktu and the other northern towns.

MUJAO in December also claimed the kidnap in October in western Algeria of two Spaniards and one Italian aid workers.

Asked if the group still held them, the spokesman said “yes and we are carrying out negotiations with the Spanish and Italian governments”.— *Internet*

## Nuclear-armed foes Pakistan, India to talk peace over lunch

NEW DELHI, 8 April — Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari will sit down to lunch with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Sunday in the highest-level meeting on each other's soil in seven years as the nuclear-armed foes seek to normalize relations.

Relations have warmed since Pakistan promised its neighbour most favoured nation trade status in 2011, although a \$10 million bounty offered by Washington for a Pakistani Islamist blamed for the 2008 attacks on Mumbai stirred old grievances. At the lunch meeting the two leaders are expected to focus on trade, where progress has been made,

leaving more intractable problems, such as Kashmir, to lower officials.

“The Prime Minister will talk only about issues related to trade, education and culture this time,” a government source with knowledge of the itinerary told *Reuters*.

On Saturday, an avalanche buried 124 Pakistani soldiers and 11 civilians near the 6,000-metre Siachen glacier in Kashmir, known as the world's highest battlefield. India and Pakistan fought two wars over Siachen and hundreds have died there, mostly from the inhospitable conditions. India has yet to comment on the disaster.

*Reuters*

## British Chinook makes emergency landing in US

LONDON, 8 April — Seven crew members of an RAF *Chinook* helicopter have escaped injury after their aircraft made an emergency landing in the southern US. The crew was practicing how to land northeast of Yuma when “something went wrong,” a US Naval spokesman said. A Ministry of Defence spokesman confirmed the *Chinook* had made an emergency landing at 19.30 BST on Saturday.

An investigation has been launched into the incident. The *AP* news agency reported the helicopter landed in the Arizona desert, 15 miles northeast of Yuma. The MoD spokesman said all those



aboard were uninjured. US Navy spokeswoman Michelle Dee told the *AP* news agency the *Chinook* had been operating from a naval base in Imperial Valley, California.

The RAF operates the largest fleet of *Chinooks* outside of the US, with a total of 40 plus another eight not yet in operational service. They are based at RAF

*The Chinook helicopter is one of the RAF's most reliable workhorses.*  
INTERNET

Odiham in Hampshire and have seen service in Afghanistan.

The RAF describes the *Chinook* as “a very capable and versatile support helicopter that can be operated in many diverse environments ranging from cold weather ‘arctic’ conditions to desert warfare operations”.

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Reports said that the shooting occurred at 08:21 am local time (2321 GMT) when the plane landed in the airport.

A reporter named Leiron Kogoya Multambut who worked for Papua Pos was killed while four others were injured.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*The burning fuselage of an F/A-18 Hornet lies smoldering after crashing into a residential building in Virginia Beach, Va, on 6 April, 2012.*—INTERNET

## 10 militants killed, two detained in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 April—Ten anti-government militants were killed and two others made captive in Helmand province, 555 km south of Afghan capital Kabul, on Friday, a press release of the provincial administration issued Saturday said.

“Ten insurgents including two commanders were killed and two others arrested in Sifoon area, Marjah district on Friday as the militants attacked poppy eradication campaign there,” the press release added.

According to the press release, the commanders killed in the firefight which lasted for a while include Shir Agha and Arpan, who were involved in anti-government activities and backing poppy cultivation in Helmand province.

Another Taliban commander namely Mullah Salam sustained injuries in the conflict, it further said. The press release, did not say if there were any casualties on the security forces side.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## 16 Taliban militants killed in operations in Afghanistan: gov't statement

KABUL, 8 April—A total of 16 Taliban militants have been killed and 21 others detained during a series of cleanup operations within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

“Afghan National Police

(ANP), army and coalition forces launched seven joint cleanup operations in Nangarhar, Faryab, Badakhshan, Kandahar, Ghazni, Khost and Paktika provinces, killing 16 Taliban insurgents and detaining 21 other armed insurgents over

the past 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement.

They also found and seized weapons besides defusing 12 mines, the statement added without saying if there were casualties on security forces.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Gazprom flags Shtokman gas shift; Europe wary

URENGOI, 8 April—Gazprom may ditch plans to pipe Arctic gas from its Shtokman project, a top executive said, potentially giving Russia's top energy firm more leeway to sell supplies from the huge field to customers outside Europe. Gazprom may instead focus on producing more easily transportable liquefied natural gas at the Barents Sea deposit, deputy chief executive Alexander

Medvedev said on Saturday — the first time the company has mentioned that option.

The comment is likely to stoke concerns in Europe about whether Russia can be relied on as a major long-term gas supplier, given rising demand for the fuel in Asian markets. European companies have complained that Gazprom — which supplies a quarter of the continent's gas needs — has not met their requests for extra deliveries

during the current cold snap. Gazprom said it has been unable to meet all the additional demand. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who will serve a third term as president from May, said last month that Russia should wean itself off its dependency on European pipeline gas deliveries and expand into super-cooled LNG, which can be delivered to the markets of Europe, the Middle East and Asia by tanker without

infrastructure constraints.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday at the launch of a new gas well in Urengoi in the Arctic region, Medvedev admitted the company's exports to Europe might be less than the 154 billion cubic meters it has projected. "We said that exports will total 154 (bcm this year) but even if it is 150 bcm, revenues won't be lower," he said. Earlier this week a Gazprom's official said the company will increase its gas production next winter.

Reuters

"We thought the butterflies might be able to use cooler habitat to escape warmer temperatures," Suggitt said. "If they are doing it at the moment, they might be able to do that to escape climate warming." They analyzed data on 36 species of butterfly collected between 1994 and 2009 from monitoring programmes in the United Kingdom and Spain.

Internet

## Better sleep may help improve schizophrenia

LONDON, 8 April—Sleep problems and schizophrenia may have common roots, raising hopes that the devastating mental disorder could be improved by helping patients overcome insomnia. In a new study monitoring the sleep and circadian rhythms of people with schizophrenia, researchers found many more sleep problems in the schizophrenia patients versus mentally healthy controls.

Combined with other research linking a schizophrenia-related gene with sleep-wake cycles in mice, the findings suggest that sleep and schizophrenia are more closely intertwined than ever realized, study researcher Russell Foster told LiveScience. "We've been thinking of sleep disruption as one of the genetic, developmental and environmental contributors to the development of these appalling conditions," said Foster, who is a circadian and visual neuroscientist at the University of Oxford.

Clinicians have long recognized that schizophrenia and disturbed sleep go hand-in-hand — about 80 percent of schizophrenia patients have sleep problems, Foster said. But these problems have usually been dismissed as a medication side effect or as the result of social isolation and unemployment in people with the disorder. [10 Stigmatized Health Disorders] "That didn't make too much sense to me," Foster said.

Internet



## How butterflies adapt when climate changes

LONDON, 8 April—As climate changes, some butterflies take to the forests to shade themselves from the heat, new research suggests. However, not a large enough number of butterflies are making the move to save their populations, the researchers also found. "A lot of the butterflies we were looking at are threatened by climate change. With the warmer temperatures, it will be too hot

for a lot of them to survive in southern Europe," study researcher Andrew Suggitt, a graduate student at the University of York in the United Kingdom, told LiveScience. The researchers were looking to see if the butterflies would move toward warmer or cooler areas of their habitats — like say a wooded, shaded area instead of an open, sunny field — depending on the temperatures.

Internet



This picture taken through a special filter in a dark room shows, a cat, left, possessing a red fluorescent protein that makes the animal glow in the dark when exposed to ultraviolet rays, appearing next to a normal cloned cat, right, at Gyeongsang National University in Jinju, south of Seoul, South Korea, on 12 Dec, 2007. South Korean scientists have cloned cats that glow red when exposed to ultraviolet rays, an achievement that could help develop cures for human genetic diseases, the Science and Technology Ministry said.—INTERNET

## Turning dumbphones to smartphones

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April—A host of technologies promise to upgrade older, simpler handsets to give them the functionality of their more powerful, hi-tech cousins. "I'm not a mobile phone guy," says Guy Kamgaing with a chuckle. It is a strange thing to say, particularly when you consider he is the CEO of a company that makes software for mobile phones.

But unlike many other CEOs of mobile firms, the Cameroonian entrepreneur does not obsess over the latest iPhone or the next software update for Android. He is much more interested in the kind of phones that fell out of vogue when smartphones arrived; an interest sparked on business trips throughout Africa.

"There were lines outside of cyber-cafes telling me that people wanted to get on the internet," Kamgaing says. "But they didn't have computers at home, or at the office." What they did have, he says, were cell phones. Not high-end smartphones, but handsets designed to do the basics, mostly voice and SMS. "The only way demand for internet access could be met was through these basic phones," says Kamgaing. "And I asked myself, 'What if we could create something that would enable a low-end device to access digital content?'"



Old Nokia phone next to an iPhone.—INTERNET

And that's how Mobile-XL came to be. To all intents and purposes the free software is a web browser that sits comfortably on most lower-end, handsets that run Java. It allows a user to access all different types of information that he or she might find online.

For example, you can use Facebook, check email, play Sudoku and even download music. But Mobile-XL is far from being your typical mobile web browser. It is built to work entirely via SMS. The app essentially offers the user a set of browsable categories. Let's say you wanted to check the score in a football match.

You navigate to that category, and find your team. But when you click, instead of sending you to a web page, the request is transmitted back as an SMS. Just a few seconds later, you get a response with the score, again in the form of an SMS, that the app reads and presents to you on your handset. You get the information you're looking for, but most importantly, you are not charged for downloading masses of data. The only cost is sending and receiving a text message, substantially cheaper than paying for data in most parts of the world.

"From the end user's perspective, it's basically the same kind of experience you get with a browser," says Kamgaing. "But we're trying to offer very local content. We aggregate job listings, local sports, classifieds, even stuff that's not really on the internet yet. In Kenya, we realized that agricultural prices were important, so we created that category for that market."

Mobile-XL has done pilot projects in Cameroon and Ghana as well, and is about to launch in India. The company is also looking to go into Brazil and Mexico in the near future. It makes it money, for now, through SMS revenue sharing deals with mobile operators. Kamgaing says ads will come later, "when we have more eyeballs".

Internet



## Home Office website disrupted; 'Anonymous' group blamed

LONDON, 8 April—The hacking group Anonymous is alleged to have disrupted access to the Home Office website, apparently in protest at government policies. The website became inaccessible around 21:00 BST on Saturday, and service was patchy from 05:00 on Sunday. An Anonymous Twitter message warned of the attack on 4 April.

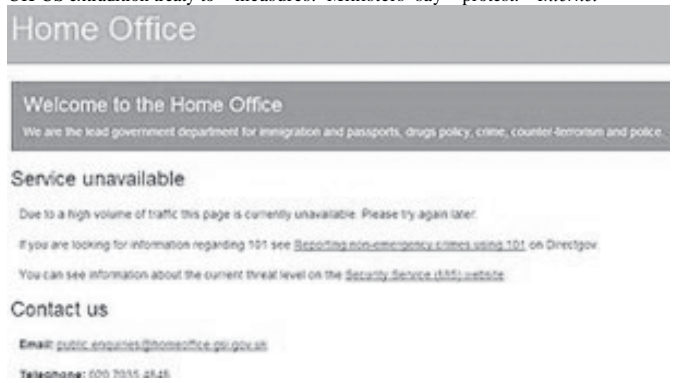
One message on Twitter said it was a protest against "draconian surveillance proposals" but another claimed it was over extradition from the UK to the US. There were also claims on Twitter that the 10 Downing Street website had been targeted as part of the same protest. This was dismissed by a Downing Street spokesman — but access to Number 10's site was slow and intermittent for a time. It is not clear whether the protest was against email surveillance or extradition, but it could be both.

One tweet claiming to be from Anonymous said: "You should not give UK citizens to foreign countries without evidence. If an offence happened in the UK, so should the trial." Last month the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee said major changes were needed to the UK-US extradition treaty to

restore "public faith". The MPs said they believed it was "easier to extradite a British citizen to the USA than vice versa".

Earlier in the week the Home Office said it planned to "legislate as soon as parliamentary time allows" to bring in email surveillance measures. Ministers say

change is needed to help fight crime and terrorism, but critics warn it is an attack on privacy. After the website was disrupted on Saturday evening a Home Office spokesman said: "We are aware of some reports that the Home Office website may be the subject of an online protest.—Internet



The Home Office website was apparently targeted in protest at email surveillance plans.—INTERNET



## Womb cancer deaths 'are rising'



Survival rates for women with womb cancer have improved.—INTERNET

LONDON, 8 April — The number of women dying from cancer of the womb - known as uterine cancer - has increased by nearly 18% in the past decade, according to the charity Cancer Research UK. Data showed that more cases are now being diagnosed. While women are living longer after a diagnosis, the total number of deaths has also increased. It has been argued that rising levels of obesity were behind the rise. Cancer Research UK said the finding was "hugely troubling".

Cancer of the womb is the fourth most common cancer in women and tends to occur after the menopause. From the 1970s to 1996 the incidence of womb cancer stayed roughly the same at about 13.7 cases for every 100,000 women in the UK. It

as advances in the use of surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy through clinical trials."

Rachael Gormley, from the World Cancer Research Fund, said: "Womb cancer is one of several types of cancer where there is strong evidence that obesity increases risk. Others include breast, bowel, oesophageal, pancreatic and kidney. "As levels of obesity rise, we can expect the number of cancer cases to also increase. "Taking steps to avoid becoming obese, such as eating a healthy diet and being active each day, is one of the most important things we can do to reduce our risk of cancer."—Internet

now stands at 19.6 per 100,000, a 43% increase. Survival rates have improved with 77% of women now living at least five years after treatment. However, deaths have gone up. In the past decade the mortality rate has gone from 3.1 to 3.7 deaths from uterine cancer for every 100,000 women. In 2010, 1,937 women died from the cancer.

Prof Jonathan Ledermann, a gynaecological cancer expert at the charity, said: "It's hugely troubling that more women are dying from womb cancer, but we shouldn't let this cloud the fact that the chances of surviving the disease are still better than ever. "This is due to better organization of care for women's cancers and more widespread use of one-stop clinics for post-menopausal bleeding, as well

## Heavy backpacks give kids back trouble

MADRID, 8 April — Many teens carry school backpacks that exceed 10 percent to 15 percent of their body weight, which puts them at risk for back pain and related disorders, a new study says. The threat posed by the heavy weight is made greater by the fact that most teens don't get enough exercise, according to the researchers. The study included more than 1,400 students, aged 12 to 17, in 11 schools in a province in northwestern Spain. The teens were first weighed with the backpack they normally carry to school and then weighed again without the backpack.

The researchers also

collected information about the students' height, exercise levels, underlying health problems and back health. The average weight of the students' backpacks was almost 7 kilograms (15.4 pounds). Nearly 62 percent of the students carried backpacks that exceeded 10 percent of their body weight, and 18 percent carried backpacks that exceeded 15 percent of their body weight.

One in four students said they had experienced back pain for more than 15 days during the previous year. The most common problem was scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, which was diagnosed in 70 percent of the students

with back pain. Low back pain and continuous and involuntary muscle contraction were also common problems.

Girls were more likely to have back problems than boys, and their risk seemed to increase with age. Teens with the heaviest backpacks were 50 percent more likely to have back pain for longer than 15 days, compared to those with the lightest backpacks. The study appears online in the Archives of Disease in Childhood. Doctors and teachers need to educate parents and children about the risks of carrying heavy backpacks to school every day, the researchers said.

Internet

## Dentists play key role in detecting oral cancer

NEW YORK, 8 April — Not only do regular dental exams help keep your teeth and gums healthy, they can help detect oral cancer, the Academy of General Dentistry says. As part of Oral Cancer Awareness Month in April, the group recommends that people get a dental exam from a general dentist every six months. "The next time you visit your dentist, ask about an oral cancer screening," academy spokesperson Dr Seung-Hee Rhee advised in an academy news release.

"Your dentist will feel for lumps or irregular tissue changes in your neck, head, cheeks, and oral cavity and thoroughly examine the soft tissues in your mouth, specifically looking for any sores or discoloured tissues. Although you may have already been receiving this screening from your dentist, it's a good idea to confirm that this screening is a part, and will remain a part, of your regular exam," Rhee said. Each year in the United States, more than 30,000 new cases of oral

cancer are diagnosed, and more than 8,000 people die of the disease, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. The five-year survival rate for oral cancer is about 50 percent.

"If it is not diagnosed and treated in its early stages, oral cancer can be deadly," Rhee said. "Treatment for advanced stage oral cancer may lead to chronic pain, loss of function, permanent facial and oral disfigurement following surgery. The earlier the cancer is detected and

treated, the better the outcome." Possible warning signs of oral cancer may include: bleeding sores; sores that do not heal; lumps or thick, hard spots; soreness or feeling that something is caught in the throat; difficulty chewing or swallowing; ear pain; difficulty moving the jaw or tongue; hoarseness; numbness of the tongue, and changes in the way teeth fit together.—Internet



## Apple's 'iPad' is the only tablet people know

NEW YORK, 8 April — Apple is on the verge of doing what few others have: change the English language. When you have a boo-boo, you reach for a Band-Aid not a bandage. When you need to blow your nose, you ask for Kleenex not tissue. If you decide to look up something online, you Google instead of search for it. And if you want to buy a tablet computer, there's a good chance there's only one name you'll remember.

"For the vast majority, the idea of a tablet is really captured by the idea of an iPad," says Josh Davis, a manager at Abt Electronics in Chicago. "They gave birth to the whole category and brought it to life." Companies trip over themselves to make their brands household names. But only a few brands become so engrained in the lexicon that they're synonymous with the products themselves. This so-called "genericization" can be both good and bad for companies like Apple, which must balance their desire for brand recognition

with their disdain for brand deterioration.

It's one of the biggest contradictions in business. Companies spend millions to create a brand. Then, they spend millions more on marketing that can have the unintended consequence of making those names so popular that they become shorthand for similar products. It's like if people start calling station wagons Bentleys. It can diminish a brand's reputation.

"There's tension between legal departments concerned about 'genericide' and marketing departments concerned about sales," says Michael Atkins, a Seattle trademark attorney. "Marketing people want the brand name as widespread as possible and trademark lawyers worry ... the brand will lose all trademark significance." It doesn't happen often. In fact, it's estimated that fewer than 5 percent of US brand names become generic. Those that do typically are inventions or products that improve on what's already on the market.—Internet

## Hollywood looks to China for box office growth



A pedestrian is seen walking past a poster for the movie "Wrath of the Titans," starring Australian actor Sam Worthington, in Hong Kong.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 8 April — industry is attracting interest China's booming movie from Hollywood heavy-

weights, as they chase bigger box-office returns to offset tighter margins at home. Films with Asian and especially Chinese themes are becoming more prominent after Hollywood hit a 16-year low in movie tickets sales last year, while some of its biggest studios are setting up shop in the country.

DreamWorks Animation is setting up a China base while Legendary, the studio behind Christopher Nolan's wildly successful "Batman" series as well as "Clash of the Titans" and "The Hangover" franchises, is also developing a venture. Keanu Reeves is

making his directorial debut with "Man of Tai Chi" which is currently filming in China and Hong Kong, while Aamir Khan's Bollywood comedy drama "3 Idiots" is in talks for a Hollywood remake. "It's a hugely interesting time now," said executive producer Tracey Trench, whose projects have included "Just Married" and "Ever After".

"The United States is still the biggest market. Within the next 10 years, we are not going to be the biggest market place, everything is going to change," she told a forum at the Hong Kong International Film and Television Market (FILMART) in March.

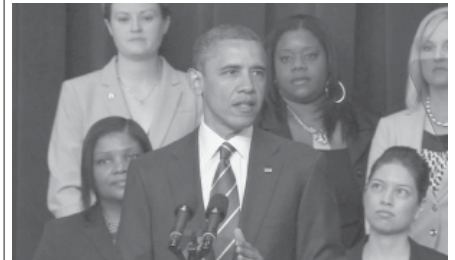
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## US adds 120,000 jobs in March, lower than predicted

WASHINGTON, 8 April — The US economy added 120,000 jobs during March, lower than estimates suggested, while the unemployment rate fell slightly to 8.2%. Analysts had predicted a fourth straight month with job growth of more than 200,000. President Barack Obama's electoral prospects are widely seen as linked to the economy and the jobs market. Employment has been rising for the past six months, but the jobless rate has been stuck above 8% since early 2009. The Department of Labour's data shows the smallest growth in employment since October 2011.

Manufacturing, the food and beverage industry and healthcare showed gains in March, but retail was down. Analysts say the slow-down in March hiring comes as the US emerges from an unseasonably mild winter that spurred job numbers. Many experts had expected that the unemployment rate would hold at 8.3%. But joblessness dropped by one-tenth of a percent as the number of people actively looking for work went down.

The participation rate, which measures the proportion of the working-age population making up the labour force, ticked down slightly to 63.8% in March from 63.9% the month before. In response to the figures, the White House said that there was "more work to be done". But it said the report provided "further evidence that the economy is continuing to recover".—Internet



Obama 'more to be done' on US jobs.—INTERNET



## Japan to hold talks with China on IMF contributions

TOKYO, 8 April—Japanese Finance Minister Jun Azumi said on Saturday Japan would hold high-level talks with China over contributions to the International Monetary Fund to help ease the euro zone debt crisis ahead of a G20 finance leaders' meeting in Washington. The two nations have not yet decided whether to increase contributions to the IMF after the euro zone expanded its



Japan's Finance Minister Jun Azumi

bailout capacity last month, Azumi told reporters after meeting his Chinese counterpart, Xie Xuren.

"Europe's problem has eased from a critical situation seen last year but it is not a situation where we can be optimistic. We need to watch the situation cautiously," Azumi told reporters. "As for contributions to the IMF, we will hold high level talks towards the G20 meeting in Washington." The European Union expects G20 leaders to agree to contribute more money to the IMF this month after Europe expanded its own bailout capacity to 700 billion euro from 500 billion.

Azumi also said he wants Japan and China to lead the global economy this year and Japan's economy will be able to achieve its goal of real growth rate of about 2 percent this fiscal year. "It is Asia's economy that has to lead the global economy. Especially, the economies in Japan and China need to achieve steady improvement," Azumi said.—Internet

## World records burnt in heat of Australia-GB rivalry

MELBOURNE, 8 April — Britain and Australia's fierce cycling rivalry reached fever pitch at the track world championships on Thursday as world records continued to tumble at the Melbourne velodrome.

Australia's Anna Meares fired a warning shot in the direction of Olympic champion Victoria Pendleton by shredding the 200 metres

time trial world record in the first qualifying session of the women's sprint at Hisense Arena.

The hosts then upped the ante again in qualifying for the women's team pursuit to erase Britain's world mark from the London World Cup to spark thunderous applause from the small but noisy crowd. However, the trio of Danielle King, Laura Trott and Joanna

## Two African nations move against ivory poaching

JOHANNESBURG, 8 April —Wildlife conservationists say two African nations are taking strong steps against the illegal ivory trade. WWF said in a Friday statement the Central African nation of Gabon will burn its entire ivory stockpile in upcoming months. They also commended the West African nation of Cameroon for giving fines and prison terms to poachers. They say Gabon's move will prevent the ivory from getting into the black market.

Wildlife officials say governments and international organizations met this week in Gabon to forge more cooperation

against wildlife crime in the region. The meeting follows an increase in elephant poaching in Cameroon. This past year has seen an

unprecedented increase in poaching of elephants for their tusks, which are smuggled mainly to China and Thailand.—Internet



In this 1 April, 2012 photo released by WWF, workers sort and count elephant tusks as they do an inventory of ivory stocks as part of an effort to combat illegal ivory trafficking, in Libreville, Gabon. INTERNET

qualifying mark. "We've got to have another think and use a different strategy because tonight's not about records, it's about winning, it's about racing. "We're going to get out there and race, we're going to put them under pressure... and see whether we can expose them," added Sutton, who forecast the new pursuit record would last only as long as the final.—Reuters

## Ice shelf in Antarctica has shrunk by 85%

PARIS, 8 April—A vast ice shelf in the Antarctic peninsula, a hotspot for global warming, has shrunk by 85 percent in 17 years, the European Space Agency (ESA) said on Thursday. Images taken by its *Envisat* satellite show that the so-called Larsen B ice shelf decreased from 11,512 square kilometres (4,373 square miles) in 1995, an area about the size of the Gulf state of Qatar, to only 1,670 sq km (634 miles) today.

Larsen B is one of three ice shelves that run from north to south along the eastern side of the peninsula, the tongue of land that projects towards South America. From 1995 to 2002, Larsen B experienced several calving events in which parts of the shelf broke away. It had a major breakup in 2002 when half of the remainder disintegrated. Larsen A broke up in January 1995.

"Larsen C so far has been stable in area, but satellite observations have shown thinning and an increasing duration of melt events in summer," the agency said in a press release. Ice shelves are thick floating mats of ice, attached to the shore, that are created by the runoff into the sea from glaciers. Scientists say they are extremely sensitive to changes in atmospheric temperature and can be hollowed out from below by warmer ocean currents.

The northern Antarctic peninsula has been subject to



Gentoo penguins on the shore of King George Island, Antarctica. A vast ice shelf in the Antarctic peninsula, a hotspot for global warming, has shrunk 85% in 17 years, the European Space Agency says.—INTERNET

atmospheric warming about 2.5 degrees Celsius (4.5 degrees Fahrenheit) over the last 50 years, a figure that is several times greater than the global average. Ice shelves are not the same as ice sheets, the vast blanket of frozen water that covers Antarctica. If these melted, even partially, they would drive up sea levels, threatening small island states and coastal cities. But the scientific evidence is that the icesheets so far are stable.—Internet

## Japan gets back its cherry blossom fever

TOKYO, 8 April—Millions across Japan this weekend are flocking to the best spots for viewing cherry blossoms, in a tradition that last year was overshadowed by the natural disasters that struck the nation. The national weather service announced Friday that blooming had officially started in Tokyo on 31 March, using the city's central Yasukuni Shrine as a barometer — an explosion of colours that will last only about a week.

Marking the coming of spring, the blooming of cherry trees is a beloved natural spectacle in Japan, where it sparks a nationwide string of parties and celebrations to take in the flowers' short-lived beauty. But just weeks ahead of the annual ritual last year, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and ensuing tsunami devastated the country's northeastern coast, leaving some 19,000 people dead and sparking a nuclear crisis. Many cherry blossom parties were cancelled in the wake of the disaster, with one of the biggest celebrations shelved for the first time since the end of World War II.

"We weren't in the mood for partying under the flowers last year," Tokyo city official Tatsuko Suzuki told AFP at a tourism office in the traditional Asakusa district on Friday. "Police officers from this neighbourhood were also dispatched to the disaster-hit areas, and lanterns were unlit due to the power shortage," she added, referring to red and white lanterns strung up across the nation. Takao Yoshiya, 78, and his wife had secured a prime spot in an Asakusa park where the couple could take in a long stretch of the white and pink petals.—Internet



People are seen gathering at a park as they view fully bloomed cherry trees in Tokyo, on 6 April.—INTERNET

## iPads are as sought-after in China as in many other countries.

INTERNET



BEIJING, 8 April — Five people have been arrested in southern China after a teenager sold his kidney so he could buy an iPhone and

## China arrests after kidney sold for iPad

iPad, state media have reported. Those detained

include the surgeon who removed the kidney from the boy in April last year. State-run *Xinhua* news agency says the group received

around \$35,000 (£22,000) for the transplant.

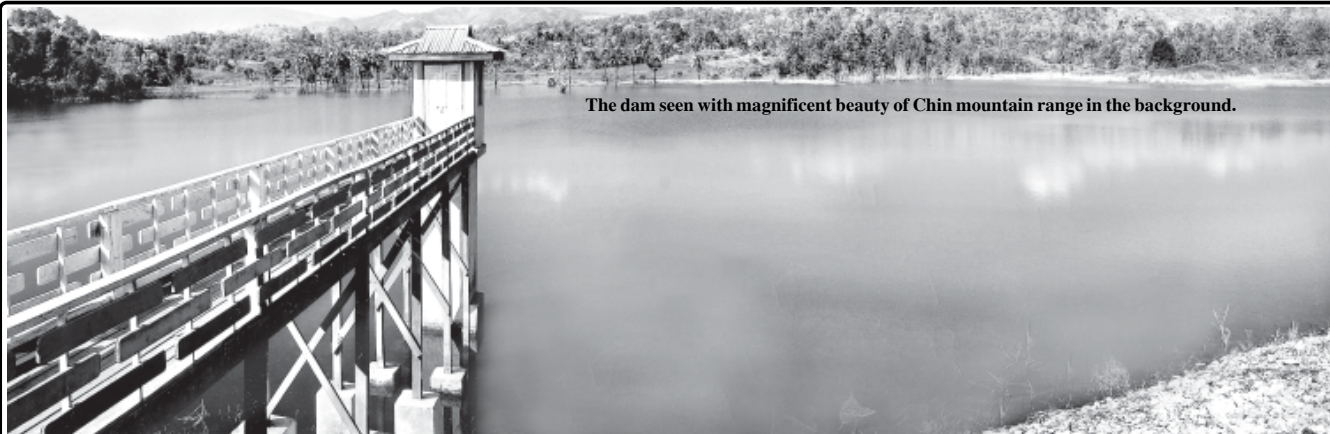
The student is said to be suffering renal failure, according to prosecutors in Hunan province quoted by *Xinhua*. Only identified by his surname Wang, he is said to have received about \$3,000 for his kidney. The 17-year-old was reportedly recruited for the illegal trade through an online chatroom.

The case was discovered when his mother noticed the new gadgets; when asked where he got the money, he admitted selling a kidney. The group behind the operation

have been charged with causing intentional injury and illegal organ trading. While Apple iPhones and iPads are very popular in China, they are priced beyond the reach of many urban workers.

And there is a constant shortage of organ donors. Official figures from the health ministry show that about 1.5 million people need transplants, but only 10,000 are performed annually. Executed prisoners have been often used as a source of organs, but last month China vowed to phase this out over the next five years.—Internet





The dam seen with magnificent beauty of Chin mountain range in the background.

ThanUChauk Dam in Kyaukhtu Township in Magway Region.

## ThanUChauk Dam built to help boost agricultural production in Magway Region

### ThanUChauk Dam

- \* It was built over ThanUChauk Creek near Natye Village in Kyaukhtu Township in Gangaw District, Magway Region.
- \* The dam is of earthen type.
- \* It has two square miles of watershed area and gets 50 inches of average rainfall.
- \* The embarkment of the dam is 1000 ft long and 45 ft high.
- \* It has a storage capacity of 462.11 acre feet.
- \* It can benefit 256 acres of high land.
- \* ThanUChauk Dam helps boost crop production in the region and increase the per capita income.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye

Translation: AMS



### France fears a new serial killer is on the loose

PARIS, 8 April—A string of murders involving the same weapon have raised concerns a serial killer may be on the loose in a Paris suburb, and come as France is still reeling from a wave of terror-related shootings in its south. Four murders have taken place in the Essonne region of the capital since November, the latest that of a 47-year-old woman Thursday. The same semiautomatic gun was used in all four attacks, prosecutor Marie-Suzanne Le Queau said during a news conference Friday.

Authorities stressed there's no evidence yet of a link to terrorism in the Essonne killings, but Interior Minister Claude Gueant

told French radio Europe-1 that he fears a serial killer might be behind them, and that "maximum resources" would be used to find the perpetrator. French agencies already are on alert after a string of shootings last month in southern France that police say was the work of an Islamist militant who used a motorbike, videotaped the shootings and claimed links to al-Qaeda. The alleged gunman was shot dead in a standoff with security forces.

In the Essonne killings, Le Queau said all four murders appeared to have been committed at the same time of the day, between 4 pm and 6 pm.—*Internet*

### Iraq: Video appears to show top Saddam deputy

BAGHDAD, 8 April—A video posted online Saturday purports to show Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, the highest ranking member of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime still at large, lashing out against Iraq's Shiite-led government. It was not possible to verify the authenticity of the video or determine when it was made. The man in the video, posted on a website linked to Saddam's now-outlawed Baath party, was introduced as al-Douri and bore a striking physical resemblance to the former Saddam deputy. He noted that nine years had passed since the 2003 US-led

invasion, suggesting the video was made recently.

Wearing an olive military uniform and eyeglasses, he criticized Iraq's Shiite-dominated government, led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, and what he said was meddling by neighbouring Shiite powerhouse Iran. "Everyone can hear the sounds of danger echoing daily and threatening this country," he said during the hour-long address, adding that al-Maliki's Dawa Party "has announced Iraq as the Shiite capital, and called on all Arab leaders to surrender to this reality."—*Internet*



## Htawpai Creek Bridge commissioned...

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Ayeyawady Region had many rivers due to its geographical features and it causes a limitation to transportation and the region legged behind in development, he added.

Only a better transportation would help development of economy, education, health and social sectors, he said.

After Ayeyawady Region was hit by the cyclone Nargis, the region had seen developments in all sectors including development of roads, he said.

The incumbent government led by President U Thein Sein is committed to completion of the infrastructures constructed by the Tatmadaw Government and which were not yet completed such as roads, bridges across rivers, railroads, airports and hydro power plants within two or three years, he said.

The new government would make efforts with added momentum to complete the infrastructures so that the people could enjoy the fruits of the development and it was one of the noble intentions of the government, he said.

The inauguration of Htawpai Bridge across the Htawpai Creek was the result of the achievements of the intentions. Completion of the bridge would benefit the people in Ayeyawady Region

who relied on the fine weather and water ways in the past and they could travel to other parts of the country in all weather today, showing the development of the region in this era, he said.

All national brethren in Ayeyawady Region had already known that they could enjoy better livelihood and progress only when the rule of law and peace and stability prevail in the region where they were living, he said.

Ayeyawady Region Government believed that only socio-economic development of the region could support the strength of political forces and prevalence of law and order. Only the development of the economy in harmony with development in politics would uplift the socio-economic standard of the local people, he said.

Therefore, to be able to support the economy of the region, Ayeyawady Region Government had laid down plans and is implementing them for boosting agriculture, fishery, salt industry, energy, tourism, education, health and environmental conservation sectors in the region, he said.

Rice export can now be shipped in Patheingyi where the Region government headquarters. Agreement had been signed for salt export. The region

government is managing to export beans and pulses, timber and marine produce.

Local people in the region had witnessed the development of the region and the government had committed to stability and development of socio-economy of the people the coming four years.

A local people expressed thanks, vowing to maintain endurance of the bridge.

The Union minister, the chief minister and region ministers cordially greeted the local people at the opening ceremony.

Ayeyawady Region Road Transport Minister U Than Tun, Bogale Township Hluttaw Representative U Mya Thein and Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin formally opened the bridge.

The Union Minister unveiled the inscription of the bridge. The Union Minister, the chief minister, region ministers and officials sprinkled scented water on it. They then took a stroll on the bridge.

The bridge, situated on Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpai-Ahmar road in Kangyidaung Township in Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region, is 13<sup>th</sup> bridge opened by the incumbent government. The RC bridge has M.S Pipe and Group Pipe foundation. The bridge with combined bailey and wooden floor has the length of 430 ft and the width of 13 ft and six inches. It can withstand 13 tons of loads.

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## Extension of GSM/UTMS mobile project coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—A coordination meeting on GSM/UMTS mobile extended project was held at the hall of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd (Yangon branch) in Hline Township yesterday morning.

The project engineer and the chief engineer (mobile) reported on plans to implement the second phase of the project. Responsible persons of the companies that supply mobile machinery to

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications reported on their respective sector.

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin gave instructions on installation of quality machinery in the limited period and give better services to the people with the use of quality machinery.

The deputy minister inspected mobile machinery at GSM Mobile Extended

Station on 1<sup>st</sup> Street (North) in Insein Township, tests of UTMS mobile and applying Internet, and installation of machinery at GSM Mobile Extended Station on Khayebon Road in Mingaladon Township.

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## Shan State Women's Affairs Organization meet

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Coordination meeting of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization was held in Kengtung District WAO Office on 6 April.

Patron of State WAO Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt delivered an address, followed by explanation on directives made in 2011 annual meeting. District WAO chair reported on undertakings of each group and State WAO chair explained future programmes.—MNA

## Basic English proficiency course concludes



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung addresses concluding of officer level basic English proficiency course No 4.—MNA

YANGON, 8 April—The officer level basic English proficiency course No 4 of the Ministry of Religious Affairs concluded at the hall of the ministry, here, on 6 April afternoon.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung delivered an address.

The Union Minister presented the first prize to Staff Officer Daw Nyunt Nyunt Htay of the Department for Promotion and

Propagation of the Sasana, the second prize to Staff Officer U Htin Lin of the Religious Affairs Department and the third prize to Assistant Director U Shwe Win of the Religious Affairs Department.

He presented completion certificates for the trainees through leader of the trainees Associate Professor U Ye Yint Soe of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.—MNA

## Coord meeting on Yangon Region Maha Thingyan Festival held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The second coordination meeting on holding Yangon Region Myanma Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival for Year 2012 (1373ME) took place at the Region Government Office on 6 April with an address by Patron of the Festival Organizing Committee Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe.

The Region Chief Minister this morning attended the opening of Thai Trade Exhibition 2012 being held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Street, Dagon Township.

The exhibition was opened with an address by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and President of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung extended greetings while Thai Deputy Minister of Commerce Mr Poom Sarapol explained the

purpose of holding the exhibition.

Altogether 170 companies display and sell a variety of products at the exhibition that lasts until 10 April.—MNA

## Japanese ways to electricity explained

YANGON, 8 April—Sponsored by Japanese Government and jointly organized by Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, International Business Development Department and Electric Power Development Co Ltd, a talk on Industrialization and Electric Power Development in Japan was held at Banquet Hall of Park Royal Hotel here yesterday

afternoon. Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, Yangon Region Electricity and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo, UMFCI President U Win Aung, vice-presidents, CEC members, entrepreneurs, Japan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, officials from JICA, JETRO and JCCY and guests attended the event. Five scholars gave talks on development of electric power in Japan.—MNA



President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung speaking at talks on "Industrialization and Electric Power Development in Japan".—MNA



# “A Maiden’s Treasure – Tha-na-kha”

*Khin Aye Kyu*

Myanmar is now in its hottest summer months and the climate is hot, dry and sultry. Tha-na-kha for generations is a blessing for one who uses it. I for one cannot do without it everyday: I always apply it after taking a bath. I love its fragrance and coolness on my face and body.



Tha-na-kha is a Myanmar damsel’s delight and treasure. Tha-na-kha on a woman’s cheek has fascinated many males. Local songs have been sung praising the beauty of a woman who has applied tha-na-kha on her face, making her glow in an ivory aura. The most famous song “Shwebo tha-na-kha” is one composed by Nandawshe Saya Tin. Tha-na-kha from Shwebo and Pakokku are well known in Myanmar.

The botanical name of tha-na-kha is *limonia acidissima* linn. It is of the same family as the orange, lemon and lime. Tha-na-kha trees grow in the same areas, where there is little rain. In Myanmar, tha-na-kha has been used for over two thousand years. There has been many legends regarding tha-na-kha, and one of those was about Shinmataung tha-na-kha. It is said that a famous Myanmar king by the name of Alaungsithu who was touring his kingdom, reached the region of Pakhan and when he got near Taung-ni Mountain his Queen sprinkled some fragrant water on the land. It

had been said that many Shinmataung tha-na-kha trees sprouted in that place.

Other regions where tha-na-kha trees grow are India, South Asia, North-West Himalayas and Thailand. Tha-na-kha had been lovingly applied and used by many royal Myanmar ladies as well as by the commoners.

Beautifying its users, it also has many medicinal qualities. It is used to relieve headaches, migraines and blocked noses. For women suffering from menstrual problems, it is advised to apply tha-na-kha mixed with turmeric powder on the abdomen. When you have prickly heat rashes because of the hot weather, tha-na-kha is applied on the body to relieve the itchiness.

A woman’s skin depends mostly on what she eats and on her health. Except for the brain, the skin is the most complex and complicated part of her body. The skin suffers from all kinds of weather. The heat and the cold plays havoc on the skin. Now-a-days people are getting more beauty-



conscious and there are all kinds of cosmetics to attract and lure them. They are very expensive. A bottle or a small jar of foundation cream or lotion can cost over ten thousand kyats or more. These creams and lotions may not only cause oily skin, but clog our pores causing pimples and acne.

It is our tha-na-kha which is most suitable for us and we should not be tempted and lured by foreign cosmetics, but use tha-na-kha as a traditional beauty potion.

WAKEMA, 8 April—The inauguration ceremony of newly-built gravel road linking Ukyun-Kankwin inter-village road was held on the road on 27 March morning.

It was constructed by Wakema Township Development Affairs Committee in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

## Wakema Township DAC opens inter-village gravel road

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing, Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Lwin, Township Administrator U

Soe Tun and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Naing formally opened the road.

The facility is 1340 feet long and 10 feet wide building.—*Myanma Alin*

## Vocational Training School concludes training course

YANGON, 8 April—The training course No 2/2012 of the Vocational Training School was held at the school in Bahan Township of

Yangon Region on 30 March morning.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department made a speech and presented

certificates to the trainees.

The summer special course will commence on 2 April at the school. The course will include tailoring subjects, food processing, flowery arrangement, sewing and other subjects.

*Myanma Alin*

### DISTRICT NEWS

## Tapioca placed on 300 acres of farmlands

BAGO, 8 April—Fortune International Ltd will supply tapioca as industrial raw materials to Daik U Starch Factory of Bago Region as of 2012-2013 fiscal year, said in-charge of the tapioca plantation U Aung Kyaw Myint.

Fortune International Ltd is engaging in cultivation of tapioca plants on 300 acres of farmlands beside Bago-Yangon six-lane Highway, at the exit of Bago.

As tapioca, the industrial raw material will be supplied to the factory beginning 2012-2013 fiscal year, land preparations are being made on 300 acres of farmlands and preparations are being made for collecting tapioca strain and other necessities.

Tapioca can be produced as seasoning powder, sago, materials to be used in producing distill water and spirit, glucose powder and starch.—*Nilar Win-Bago*



**PRIZES AWARDED:** The first cultural course concluded at Ward 3 in Hline Township on 27 March. Chairman of Yangon Region Sasana Nuggaha Association Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Thiri Thudhamma Manjotadhara U Kyaw Khin Myint presents prizes to outstanding trainees of the course.—*MYANMA ALIN*



**TRAINING COURSE CONCLUDES:** The knitting course, organized by Thanlyin Township Women’s Affairs Organization, concluded at the hall of Pre-Primary School in Thanlyin on 30 March. Chairperson of District WAO Daw Ohnma Nay Tun views works of female trainees.—*MYANMA ALIN*

## Model paddy plot harvested in Ngapudaw Township

NGAPUDAW, 8 April—A model plot of Threehteytin paddy strain of farmer U Hsan Tun was harvested on 0.33 acre of Shantaung field in Leikchaung Village-tract in Ngapudaw Township on 26 March.

Together with Township Administrator U Win Ko Ko, Township Manager of Agriculture Department U Htay Myint and Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Myint Thein, Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Kyaw Lin Aung and staff members, the village administrator and party harvested the model plot to take the per-acre yield of paddy.

After the works, Theehteytin paddy (good) strain produced 93.21 baskets per acre.—*Township SLRD*

## Japan, Myanmar sign agreement for language proficiency

YANGON, 8 April—A ceremony to sign the MoU on Japan-Myanmar education was held at Padamyia Hall of Parkroyal Hotel in Dagon Township of Yangon on 2 April for development of human resources and creation of job opportunities.

Principal U Ye Lwin (a) U Ye Mya Lwin of Japanese Language School of Yangon and Principal Matsuri of Japan School (Matsuri) of Tokyo in Japan signed the agreement

with a view to emerging qualified human resources.

As Japan reaches electronic era, Myanmar people need to have Japanese language and literature skillfully so as to gain high technology of Japan, said Principal Matsuri.

They exchanged notes and Principal Matsuri handed over teaching aid video tape and books to Sayaygi U Ye Mya Lwin.

*Pwint Oo*

## MLF invites donations of cash, books

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 Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.



## New school shelter opened in Mawlamyinegyun Township



Mawlamyinegyun, 8 April—A ceremony to open School Shelter Basic Education Primary School was held in Htanhyetchaung Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township of Ayeyawady Region on 26 March.

The school shelter was built at a cost of K 180 million donated by Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) of Switzerland.

Assistant Township Education Officer U Myo Win Swe, Administrator of

Mezali Uto Village-tract U Aung Kyaw and the representative of Swiss Development Cooperation cut the ribbon to open the school shelter.

After that, school group leader Saya U Han Myint and Headmistress Daw Toe Toe Win of Htanhyetchaung Village Basic Education Primary School explained maintenance of the school building for development and its durability.

The new school shelter building is 96 feet long, 32 feet wide and 30 feet high.

Myanma Alin

## Rural library opened in Natmauk Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The opening ceremony of Pyinnya Beikman Library was held in conjunction with the reading habit raising and book donation at Okshithmyaung Village of Mezalipin Village-tract in Natmauk Township of Magway District in Magway Region on 11 March morning.

Staff Officer U Than Htay of Magway District Information and Public

Relations Department, Township Administrator U Than Ko and Chairman of the Library Committee U Bo Choke formally opened the library.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator made a speech. The staff officer of District IPRD explained durability of the library. Chairman of the library Committee U Bo Choke spoke words of thanks.

Next, the book donation

ceremony followed. The Township Administrator and township level departmental officials donated 250 books and publications and K 45,000, the staff officer of District IPRD 100 copies of journals, and Head of Township IPRD Daw Ohnma Khin 100 copies of books and journals.

The library was built with contributions by the State and the local people.

Myanma Alin

### DISTRICT NEWS

## Kawlin Township raises reading habits

KAWLIN, 8 April—Jointly organized by Kawlin Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Writers and

Journalists Association, the development of ward and village self-reliant libraries and raising of reading habits was held at Basic Education Primary School in Myaukin Ward of Kawlin on 27 March morning.

At the ceremony, Township Education Officer U Than Tun Han, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Sein Myint and Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Khin Maung Nyein (Myangonhsaung) formally opened the ceremony.

The primary school level poem recitation contest, the middle and high school level essay contest and extempore talks contest followed.

Similar contests were held at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kyaukpinyintha region on 24 March, at BEHS Branch in Khantha region on 25 March and BEHS Branch in Okkan region on 26 March respectively.

On 29 March, the contests at the township level was organized. First, second, third and consolation prizes were awarded to the winners at Zatiman Hall of the Township General Administration Department on 31 March.—Kyemon

**CRIME REDUCTION TALKED:** Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee organized the talks on crime reduction and traffic rules at the Dhammayon of Mandalay Ahtet Monastery in Phaaungwe Ward of Daik U on 30 March. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Ohn gives talks on crime reduction and traffic rules.

MYANMA ALIN



## JFA donates footballs, equipment to Myanmar Football Federation

YANGON, 8 April—A ceremony to donate footballs and related equipment to Myanmar Football Federation by Japanese Football Association was held at the hall of the federation on 5 April afternoon.

Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials, Director-General Mr Kunio Umeda of Southeast Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and officials.

At first, President of MFF

U Zaw Zaw and Director-General Mr Kunio Umeda made speeches. Next, the director-general handed over 50 footballs and related equipment donated by

Japanese Football Association to President U Zaw Zaw.

Later, the president of the federation gave gifts to them.—Kyemon



## Zwegabin United FC honoured

YANGON, 8 April—A ceremony to honour Zwegabin United FC that won over Chin United FC in the 11<sup>th</sup> match of the first leg of Myanmar National League 2012 was held at the Traders Hotel in Yangon on 3 April evening.

At the ceremony, owner of Zwegabin United U Hla Htay presented K 3 million to Zwegabin United FC. Moreover, the owner of the club presented cash awards to Andaro and Ye Lin Aung who scored goals in the match and Ko Htwe and Zune Moe Aung who created chances for the strikers to be able to shoot the goals.

Later, they were served with dinner.—Kyemon



**VACCINATION PROVIDED:** Vaccination was given to expectant mothers and children under two years old in Zeyathiri Township. On 4 April, midwife Daw Sanda Myint and party of Mayingyi rural health branch of Pyisanaung rural health centre vaccinate children under two from the newspaper house on Khayebin junction in Zeyathiri Township.—KYEMON



## Bus lines to run during period of Maha Thingyan festival

YANGON, 8 April—With the aim of ensuring secure and smooth transportation of the Yangon dwellers and passengers during the period of Maha Thingyan Festival, a total of 2590 buses from 191 bus lines of 10 bus line organizations under control of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee will run their routes from 12 to 16 April, according to the media meeting of the APBCC (Central).

A total of 2590 buses from over daily-run 8000 buses will ply their routes from 6am to 6pm daily during the Maha Thingyan period.

Four highway bus lines will run their routes up to 12 April and only one bus line on 14 April. Moreover, seven bus lines will run daily. Therefore, 123 bus lines in total will run the routes.

The bus lines that will take break during the Maha Thingyan period are Bandoola (Parami), Shwe Ethel, YCDC, Shwe Inwa, War veterans (Domestic) and War Veterans (Outside) from 12 to 16 April.

The bus fares are fixed as usual during the period of Maha Thingyan festival. All bus lines will run their routes regularly as of 17 April (New Year Day).—Pwint Oo

## Billiards clubs to take certificates

YANGON, 8 April—Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation under the Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports has been issuing recognition certificates to billiards clubs that use billiards courts meeting standard sizes with the measurement of 5 x 10 feet and 6 x 12 feet without betting in respective townships in fiscal years.

The billiards clubs can seek the licence from the Township General Administration Department after receiving the membership certificates from the federation for 2012-2013 fiscal year. Thus, they have to take out recognition certificates from the Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation (Aung San Stadium) as much as possible.—MBSF



## South Africa takes TB battle to mine shafts



A patient who tested positive for extreme drug resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) awaits treatment at a rural hospital at Tugela Ferry in South Africa's impoverished KwaZulu Natal Province, in this file photo taken on 28 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET

JOHANNESBURG, 8 April — South Africa is shifting its lines in the battle against tuberculosis to mines, where lung-attacking dust, crowded working conditions and a pan-African workforce make the industry a focal point for spreading the disease. Drug resistant TB strains,

associated with cramped urban conditions, are spreading among miners, who have infection rates about three times higher than the general population, according to South African officials.

The disease is further spread when foreign-born miners — tens of thousands

from Lesotho, Swaziland and other neighboring countries work in South Africa's mines — return to their homes. South Africa has tied TB treatment and prevention with anti-HIV/AIDS campaigns and brought new equipment and medicine to clinics and hospitals.

"Mine-associated TB is the tip of the spear. Addressing this issue could transform the continental response to TB," Joel Spicer, a senior strategist at the Stop TB Partnership, told reporters at a seminar in Johannesburg last month. The group includes UN agencies, nongovernmental organizations, medical experts and the private sector.

The Aurum Institute and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine are also testing in South Africa vaccine-type medicines known as Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT) on miners to prevent infection.

Reuters

## Buford, Wyoming, 'smallest town in US', is auctioned

BUFORD, 8 April — A town billed as the smallest in the US has sold at auction for \$900,000 (£568,504). Two unidentified Vietnamese men placed the winning bid for Buford, in the state of Wyoming, on Thursday. It includes a school house, a petrol station, a three-bedroom home with a cabin and a general store.

Don Sammons, Buford's ex-owner and only resident, auctioned it at a starting price of \$100,000. He is quitting his unofficial role as "mayor" to move on. Mr Sammons, 60, has lived in the town since 1980. When his son moved away several years ago, Mr Sammons became Buford's only resident. The second oldest town in Wyoming, Buford is on Interstate 80, the main

cross-country road from New York to San Francisco.

The unincorporated community sits between Laramie and Cheyenne, the Wyoming state capital, at an altitude of 8,000ft (2,438m). It comes with its own zip code and US postal boxes. It also has a mobile-phone tower and

about 10 acres (four hectares) of land, much of which is fenced, the auction house said. The establishment of Buford dates back to the construction of the transcontinental railroad and it at one time had a population of about 2,000.

Internet



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There have been few reported tiger attacks in Nepal in recent years. — INTERNET

## Tiger and leopard attacks in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 8 April — A teenager has been killed in what officials in Nepal have described as a "rare" attack by a tiger. Police say that the attack took place as the 17-year-old went in to the Chitwan National Park to cut grass with four friends. The others escaped. Experts say there have been fewer tiger attacks in Nepal in recent years because of their declining numbers. Meanwhile three people were hurt by a leopard in a village near the Capital Kathmandu.

Newspaper reports say villagers were left terrorised by the attack. Unlike most "man-eating" tigers, aggressive leopards are less afraid to enter human settlements, experts say.

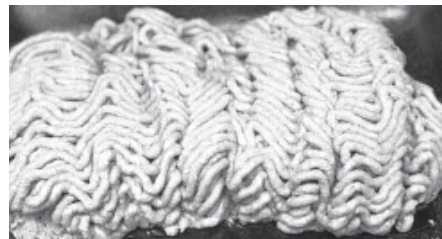
The leopard responsible for the latest attack has not yet been captured and is still reported to be roaming the area. A policeman was among the injured.

Experts say that tiger attacks in Nepal are rare compared with 100 years ago when one of the country's most famous "man-eaters" roamed the forests. The Champawat Tigress is

reported to have killed about 200 men and women before being driven out of Nepal into what is now the state of Uttarakhand in northern India. She continued to kill there, and her total number of human victims was estimated at 430. The tigress was finally tracked down and killed by the legendary hunter Jim Corbett in 1907. — Internet

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Three out of the four US factories making "lean beef trimmings" are to be shut down following a public outcry. Is "pink slime" — as critics call it — finished or could it be relaunched under a new name? The look on shoppers' faces as Jamie Oliver slogged ammonia into a bowl of what he calls "pink slime" said it all. They were

horrified. They appeared to have no idea that the burgers they had been buying all these years contained anything other than prime cuts of beef. But here was a TV chef showing them, in a 2011 edition of his US show *Jamie's Food Revolution*, how their burgers are bulked out by meat that in previous decades would have been used for dog food, and is only



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made fit for human consumption by being treated with household bleach.

The decision by major US supermarkets, fast food restaurants - and some public schools - to stop using food that contains Lean Finely Textured Beef, to give "pink slime" its official name, is a victory for Oliver and online campaigners who railed against it. But the resulting loss of 850 meat processing jobs, at a time when America is suffering high unemployment, has angered many — and turned Jamie Oliver into a hate figure on some message boards. He probably did more than

anybody to bring "pink slime" to mainstream attention in the US, although the social media campaign to kill it off did not take off until last month, when ABC World News with Diane Sawyer ran an expose.

The US Department of Agriculture has now allowed schools to remove products containing "pink slime" from their cafeteria menus after Texan blogger Bettina Elias Siegel gathered more than 200,000 online signatures in nine days. For the meat processing industry, it has been a bruising lesson in public relations and transparency in the age of social media.

Internet

## Could "pink slime" be rebranded?

## The endless potential of flying robots

NEW YORK, 8 April — Right now a quadcopter drone may just be a toy that retails for around \$300, but today we're looking at all the potential applications beyond spying on your neighbours BBQ; including flying one through the studios of ABC News in New York (and giving Diane Sawyer a rude surprise).

A quadcopter is something of a blank canvas that can be used for the silly to the serious, from delivering tacos to couch potatoes in San Francisco to remaking the James Bond theme song at the University of Pennsylvania.

But what may be most

intriguing is a concept coming from Tomorrow's Thoughts Today, a London based think tank lead by Liam Young, who has created a set of quadcopter prototypes that act as WiFi hotspots.

Once in operation these WiFi drones could be flown above crowds of protestors when access to the internet is cut off by authorities, like during the Arab Spring, or to house servers out of the jurisdiction of hostile governments, in the case of The Pirate Bay. It's one more step in the mobilization of technological infrastructure, one that creates limitless possibilities for the creatively inclined. — Internet

## Number of visitors reaches million in Cuba this year

HAVANA, 8 April — The number of visitors to Cuba this year reached 1 million as of Thursday, the Ministry of Tourism announced. "Arriving again at this important number of visitors, in a shorter period than the previous year, confirms a preference for our destination and our promise of a tranquil, healthy, safe and reliable" tourism experience, the ministry said in a statement.

The largest number of visitors came from Canada, followed by Argentina, Russia, Germany, France, and Mexico respectively, the ministry said, adding that it expects more tourist arrivals

from these nations over the next few months. The ministry said it also hopes to see an increase in the number of visitors this year from Colombia, Peru and the Netherlands.

The island nation saw a 4

percent increase in visitor arrivals in the first quarter of 2012 over the same period of last year while tourism revenues grew by 12 percent in the same period, the statement said.

Xinhua



Citizens pose for photographs in the sea of cherry blossoms in Vancouver, Canada, on 5 April, 2012. Vancouver holds a two-week cherry blossom festival to celebrate the cherry blossom season. — XINHUA

**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 11<sup>th</sup> April (Wednesday) to 20<sup>th</sup> April (Friday), Thingyan Festival and Myanmar New Year Holidays 2012, being Public holidays Under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar

**One killed, five hurt in Kosovo flashpoint town blast**

PRISTINA, 8 April — A bomb killed a Kosovo Albanian and wounded his wife and four children on Sunday at their home in Mitrovica, a flashpoint for tensions between ethnic Albanians and Serbs, police said. The 38-year-old Kosovo Albanian was killed in the early hours by the bomb planted outside his apartment at Three Towers, an area where few Albanian families live in the Serb-controlled northern part of the city. His family members were treated in hospital for minor injuries. "An explosive device, believed to be a quantity of plastic explosive, was put and activated on the window of the ground floor apartment of the Haradinaj family," the police said in a statement. No arrests were made and the police said no motive had been established. — Reuters

**Haiti lorry crash kills at least 20 people**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 8 April — At least 20 people have died in Haiti after a large lorry overturned on a highway south of the capital, Port-au-Prince, officials said. Some 40 others have been hospitalised with injuries, doctors said. A local radio station said the nearby town of Petit-Grove was "overwhelmed" and under-equipped to deal with them. Road accidents are common in Haiti, where traffic regulations are rarely enforced and vehicles are often overloaded. One witness told the AFP news agency that the road was known for being dangerous. At least four people were killed

**Artist drew many fans, few critical raves**



This undated photo provided by The Thomas Kinkadee Company via PR Newswire shows Thomas Kinkadee's New Studio Masterwork, "Indy Excitement, 100 Years of Racing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway." Kinkadee, whose brushwork paintings of idyllic landscapes, cottages and churches have been big sellers for dealers across the United States, died on 6 April, 2012, a family spokesman said. — INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April — To fans and the countless collectors who helped build painter Thomas Kinkadee's commercial art empire, his idealized vision of the world usually served as a simple, soothing addition to the living room wall: a soft depiction of a churning seascape or a colourful garden or a cottage

brimming with warm light. Kinkadee's vision, and the artworks he prolifically created from it, paid off handsomely for the self-described "painter of light," whose business grew into franchised galleries, reproduced artwork and spin-off products said to fetch at their peak some \$100 million

annually and adorn roughly 10 million homes. Kinkadee, who died Friday of what appeared to be natural causes in Los Gatos, Calif, embraced his popularity even as he drew less than appreciative attention from those within the art establishment who derided him, at least in part, for appealing so brazenly to the widest possible audience. "In their minds, he represented the lowest type of art," said Jeffrey Vallance, an artist who hosted a show of Kinkadee's artwork in Santa Ana, Calif in 2004. "He was different from other artists. You kind of felt like he was giving people what they wanted."

Kinkadee's art empire included reproductions of his numerous paintings in hand-signed lithographs, canvas prints, books and posters, calendars, magazine covers, cards, collector plates and figurines. As his art drew wider and wider attention, Kinkadee didn't shy away.

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**Australian volunteers take part in cane toad cull**

CANBERRA, 8 April — Thousands of volunteers in Australia are taking part in a massive cull of cane toads. The animals — regarded as poisonous pests — were introduced to Australia 75 years ago to get rid of beetles. It is now thought their numbers have swelled to 200m, and there are signs they may have started spreading from Queensland down into New South Wales.

and the most disgusting creatures and one thing they're doing is they're killing our native wildlife and they're taking over our habitat," he said. The toads were introduced into Queensland in the 1930s to kill beetles but the experiment failed, and their numbers have grown because there are almost no natural predators which can kill them off. Some experts believe climate change may help



Cane toads secrete a toxin that kills predators not adapted to eat them. INTERNET

Our correspondent says most people in Australia regard the creatures as nothing other than a growing nuisance. Queensland politician Shane Knuth told the BBC that the cull is justified. "They're one of the most destructive creatures

account for their unstoppable migration south. Scientific attempts to exterminate them have all but failed, leaving it to volunteers to try to dent their relentless takeover of the Australian countryside, our correspondent says.

Internet

**"Shaken Baby Syndrome" used in defence of Trayvon Martin's killer**

A memorial sign referencing the recent death of Trayvon Martin is displayed outside a bar in Sanford, Florida on 3 April, 2012. INTERNET



SANFORD, 8 April — "Shaken Baby Syndrome" was cited on Friday in the defence of George Zimmerman, the Sanford, Florida, man who shot and killed unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, in a case that has sparked a widespread public outcry. Hal Uhrig, a lawyer and former Gainesville, Florida, police officer who recently joined Zimmerman's defence team, cited in a TV interview the brain damage that can seriously injure or kill an infant. His point, which has been made before, was that Zimmerman contends he shot Martin in self defence and feared for his life after the 17-year-old attacked him and began pounding his head into the concrete

pavement of a gated community on a rainy evening in Sanford on 26 February. But Uhrig's choice of words, and use of a recognized sign of child abuse to defend a 28-year-old man who killed a kid, seemed likely to raise more than just a few eyebrows. "We're familiar with the Shaken Baby Syndrome," said Uhrig on the CBS This Morning programme. "You shake a baby, the brain shakes around inside the skull. You can die when someone's pounding your head into the ground."

Apart from saying his client suffered a broken nose, Uhrig did not elaborate on the extent of any injuries Zimmerman actually suffered. But characteristic

injuries associated with SBS, as Shaken Baby Syndrome is known, include bleeding in the brain. There are often no visible external signs such injuries have occurred. Police have not arrested Zimmerman because the use of lethal force in self defence is permitted under the Stand Your Ground law approved by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush in 2005.

The lack of an arrest in the Martin case has triggered protests across the United States. A special prosecutor appointed by Governor Rick Scott is investigating to decide whether charges are warranted, amid allegations of racial profiling and initial police bungling of the case.

Internet

**Artifacts worth \$3.2 million stolen from UK museum**

LONDON, 8 April — Two Chinese artifacts of an estimated combined value of 2 million pounds (\$3.2 million) have been stolen from a British museum, authorities said on Saturday. Two men and a woman from the West Midlands area have been arrested in connection with the Thursday night theft at Durham University's Oriental Museum, but the items had not yet been recovered, police said.

The northern England-based university confirmed that two "priceless" artifacts were stolen when thieves broke into a ground-floor gallery at the museum: a large jade bowl with a Chinese poem written inside that dates back to 1769, and a Dehua porcelain sculpture. "We are extremely upset to have fallen victim to such a serious crime," museum curator Craig Barclay said in a statement.

"The two pieces are highly significant in that they are fine examples of artifacts from the Qing Dynasty." Police said they were still trying to locate "several outstanding suspects." The museum will be closed until further notice, the university said. The university said police and security guards were alerted immediately by alarms, but declined to comment further on its security systems.

Internet





## Egg hunt tossed because of violent adults

An annual Easter egg hunt in Central City Park in Macon, Ga. was canceled this year because of unruly parents, officials said.

The annual Easter egg hunt in Central City Park, which would have been held Saturday, was one of the largest in Middle Georgia, *The Macon (Ga) Telegraph* reported.

However, officials decided to cancel the event because "parents caused a situation in which some children got hurt," said Bibb County Commissioner Joe Allen, founder and CEO of Kids Yule Love which coordinated the egg hunt.

Allen said some parents insisted on accompanying their children in the hunt and some incidents occurred when parents became violent in attempts to get eggs for themselves or their children.

## Woman who collected benefits not blind

Police in Italy said a woman, 60, was arrested on an aggravated fraud charge for collecting \$654,000 in benefits by falsely claiming to be blind for 40 years.

Investigators said the Lido di Venezia woman, whose name was not released, had received monthly disability checks over the years, ANSA reported Friday.

The woman was arrested Friday after she was filmed performing tasks without assistance.



Children roll Easter eggs during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House, in Washington on 9 April, 2007. The White House Easter Egg Roll has been an annual tradition since 1878, when it was started by President Rutherford B Hayes.

The event, he said, became a liability for Kids Yule Love. "When people get hurt, they want some kind of compensation," he said.

"People forgot what the programme was about ... An Easter egg hunt is only part of what Easter is all about," he said.

## Baby born 36,000 feet over Africa

A plane en route from Nigeria to California was diverted to Senegal when a woman gave birth to a baby about 36,000 feet above Africa.

Greg Idoni, 38, of Fresno, Calif., said his fiancée, Katherine Oyedoh, 28, was cleared to fly from her home in Nigeria to California 23 March so the couple could be together for the expected 15 April birth of their child, *The Fresno Bee* reported Thursday.

However, Idoni said Oyedoh's water broke about a half hour into the Delta Airlines flight, and flight attendant Susan Carnes said she noticed about 3 hours into the flight that Oyedoh was giving birth and there would not be time to land the plane before the birth.

Oyedoh gave birth to baby boy Ebosalume Idoni

with the help of an obstetrician and two nurses who were aboard the plane and the flight was diverted to Dakar, Senegal, where the mother and infant received medical treatment.

Idoni said the mother and baby are scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles Saturday. Idoni, a naturalized US citizen, said his baby is a US citizen by default and Oyedoh plans to obtain US citizenship after they are married.



Odd world: freak, geek and quirk.

## Stifler's mom, Jim's dad hook up in 'Pie' sequel



In this 18 March, 2012 photo, actors Jennifer Coolidge, left, and Eugene Levy pose for a portrait during a media day for the upcoming feature film "American Reunion" in Los Angeles. The film opens nationwide on 6 April.—INTERNET

older folks—in the latest sequel to "American Pie." "American Reunion" brings back the comedy ensemble from the 1999 gross-out hit and includes a comical hookup between Eugene Levy, who plays Jason Biggs' squarer-than-square dad, and Jennifer Coolidge, who plays Seann William Scott's boy-seducing mom.

It all starts as Biggs' Jim, home for a high school reunion, tries to get his widower dad out of the house for a change. Levy ends up at a party at the home of Scott's Stifler, whose mom wound up in the sack with her son's classmate Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas) in the original movie. "Stifler's mom needs to grow and progress and actually hook up with something more promising, and I love that I would hook up with Jim's dad," Coolidge said in an interview alongside Levy.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 8 April—There's a hint of mature romance—or at least hot sex involving

## \$5-6 million expected on first day for "Titanic" 3D

LOS ANGELES, 8 April—The 3D re-release of James Cameron's "Titanic" was steaming toward a possible \$6 million haul at the box office in its debut Wednesday, as the 100th anniversary approaches of the sinking of the real Titanic. Domestic distributor Paramount is projecting that the film, converted into 3D for a hefty \$18 million, will take in around \$20 million-\$25 million over the five-day holiday weekend.

Box-office observers outside the studio say it could do up to \$30 million. That would be impressive, given that the film's lengthy running time—3 hours, 23 minutes—limits the number of daily showings. It's playing in 2,600 locations in the US and Canada, including 79 Imax theaters. Fox is handling international distribution for the film, which is opening in virtually all major



US film director James Cameron poses for a photograph during a presentation for the media in Moscow on 29 March, 2012. INTERNET

territories this weekend as well. The original "Titanic" opened to \$28.6 million in December 1997, held the No 1 spot for a record 15 weeks and went on to gross more than \$600 million domestically. Worldwide, the original "Titanic" took in \$1.8 billion, a record that stood for more than a decade. It was topped by Cameron's "Avatar," which took in \$2.7 billion in 2009.—INTERNET

## Airline employee resigns amid celeb tip-off claims

LONDON, 8 April—A Virgin Atlantic employee has resigned following allegations she routinely fed information about the airline's celebrity clientele—from Madonna to Sienna Miller—to a paparazzi agency. The employee was a junior member of the team that looks after high-profile clients, Virgin said Friday. She quit Thursday before reports published in the *Guardian* and the *Press Gazette* alleged that she had passed the booking information of more than 60 celebrities on to the Big Pictures photo agency.

Among those allegedly targeted: Britain's Princess Beatrice; singers Madonna and Rihanna; actors Charlize Theron, Kate Winslet, Daniel Radcliffe and Miller;



In this 4 April, 2012 photo released by Fox, DeAndre Brackensick performs on the singing competition series "American Idol," in Los Angeles. INTERNET

## Another finalist sliced from 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES, 8 April—"American Idol" viewers apparently didn't like Deandre Brackensick. The falsetto-powered 17-year-old student from San Jose, Calif., impressed the "Idol" judges with DeBarge's "I Like It" on Wednesday's 1980s-themed installment, but he wasn't rescued by the panel Thursday after receiving the fewest viewer votes. Jennifer Lopez told Brackensick that she was outvoted by Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson to use the judges' one-time-only ability to save him from dismissal. "I only get one vote," said Lopez. "I'm sorry. We're not saving you tonight." Before his last-chance performance of Stevie Wonder's "Master Blaster," Brackensick was joined in the show's bottom three by rockin' 28-year-old teacher Elise Testone, of Charleston, S.C., and booming 18-year-old vocalist Hollie Cavanagh of McKinney, Texas. Testone and Cavanagh seemed more likely to be eliminated after receiving the judges' harshest criticism on Wednesday.—INTERNET

## Marshall guitar amp creator dies, aged 88

LONDON, 8 April—Jim Marshall, the guitar-amp pioneer nicknamed "the Father of Loud," has died aged 88, his company's website announced on Thursday.

Rock icons Jimi Hendrix, Pete Townsend and Kurt Cobain are among those who used the London-born businessman's amplifiers, eager to exploit the so-called "Marshall sound".

The online statement said it was with "profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved founder and leader for the past 50 years.

"While mourning the Guv'nor though, we also salute a legendary man who led a full and truly remarkable life," it added.

"While the entire Marshall Amplification family mourns Jim's passing and will miss him tremendously, we all feel richer for having known him and are happy in the knowledge that he is now in a much better place which has just got a whole lot louder."

Marshall worked as an engineer and a drummer and also owned a London music shop before he began to build amplifiers in his garage in the early 1960s, forming the Marshall Amplification company in 1962.—INTERNET



Jim Marshall, the guitar-amp pioneer nicknamed "the Father of Loud", has died aged 88, his company's website announced on Thursday.

Contemporary guitar-heroes lined up to pay their tributes, including former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash, pictured in 2009, who posted on Twitter: "Rock'n'Roll will never be the same w/out him. INTERNET



Surveillance cameras watch over the entrance to the London offices of paparazzi agency Big Pictures on 6 April, 2012. A Virgin Atlantic airline employee has resigned following allegations she routinely fed information about the airline's celebrity clientele to the Big Pictures agency, the airline announced Friday.—INTERNET

comedians Sacha Baron Cohen and Russell Brand; and a slew of UK celebrities and sports figures.—INTERNET

## Dalglish denies talk of Liverpool paranoia



Liverpool's striker Luis Suarez (L) celebrates after scoring his goal during their English Premier League football match against Aston Villa at Anfield in Liverpool. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. — INTERNET

LONDON, 8 April — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish has insisted there is no sense of paranoia at Anfield despite taking issue with a number of decisions given against his team in recent weeks. The Reds' Premier League problems

continued with a 1-1 draw against Aston Villa at Anfield on Saturday, which was the 11th time in 16 home matches they have failed to win this season.

In the Villa game, Dalglish felt his team should have been given two

penalties, for an Alan Hutton challenge on Luis Suarez and for an Eric Lichaj handball. He also claimed Stephen Ireland could have broken Suarez's foot in a challenge that resulted in the Uruguayan striker being booked for diving.

Dalglish, who also battled with football's authorities over Suarez's eight-match suspension for racially abusing Manchester United's Patrice Evra, is adamant the Reds have not developed a negative attitude towards officials. "I think if we keep trying it will turn but sometimes for some people paranoia will set in and you think there's an agenda against the football club from people of importance," said the Liverpool great, now in his second spell in charge of the Merseysiders. — INTERNET

## Barcelona's Lionel Messi goes past 60-goal mark for the season

ZARAGOZA, 8 April — Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has become the first European top-flight player in almost 40 years to score 60 goals in a season. The Argentine scored two goals in the 4-1 La Liga win over Real Zaragoza on Saturday, as they cut the gap on table-topping Real Madrid to three points. The 24-year-old is now seven goals behind Gerd Muller's all-time record for goals in a season. The German legend netted 67 times for Bayern Munich in the 1972-73 campaign.

Barcelona were given an early scare at La Romareda, when the Aragonese side took the lead on the half-hour mark through Carlos Aranda's goal. However, after Carles Puyol levelled matters in the 36th minute, Messi made it 2-1 to Barcelona three minutes later

with a finish from 15 yards from an Alexis Sanchez pass. His second came from the penalty spot with four minutes of the game remaining, and Pedro Com — pleted the scoring for Barcelona with a fourth goal in the final minute.

Messi has scored 38 goals in La Liga this season, and a

further 14 in the Champions League, including five in the last 16 second leg win over Bayer Leverkusen in March. Messi has also netted twice in the Copadel Rey, three times in the Supercopa, one in the UEFA Super Cup and two in the Club World Cup

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Barcelona's forward Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring a goal during their Spanish League football match against Real Zaragoza at La Romareda stadium in Zaragoza. Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has become the first European top-flight player in almost 40 years to score 60 goals in a season. — INTERNET

## Hanson holds off charge by Mickelson at Masters

AUGUSTA, 8 April — Phil Mickelson set off roars at Augusta National with a 20-foot eagle putt for a share of the lead, and an amazing flop shot behind the 15th green that only he would dare try. Peter Hanson answered with four birdies on his last five holes, claiming some of those cheers for himself and taking the outright lead Saturday in the Masters with a 7-under 65, the lowest score of the tournament.

What a finish — and it's all just beginning. "Fortune favours the brave at times here," Padraig Harrington said. "When you're leading a tournament, that's not the type of golf course you want to be on," he added. "You want to be on probably a boring golf course — which this ain't."

That much was evident on a day filled with cheers from every corner, a prelude for a final round that would figure to favour Mickelson.



Peter Hanson, of Sweden, waves after his birdie on the eighth green during the third round of the Masters golf tournament on 7 April, 2012, in Augusta, Ga. — INTERNET

Hanson, a 34-year-old Swede playing in only his second Masters, has never been closer than seven shots of the leaders in his previous 17 majors. He goes into Sunday with a one-shot lead over Mickelson, who already has three green jackets. Hanson passed his first test.

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## Dortmund stay three points clear with Wolfsburg win

BERLIN, 8 April — Champions Borussia Dortmund grabbed a 3-1 win at VfL Wolfsburg with two goals from Robert Lewandowski to stay three points clear at the top of the Bundesliga on Saturday with Bayern Munich hot on their heels following a 2-1 win against Augsburg. Dortmund

top scorer Lewandowski tapped in a fine Ivan Perisic cutback in the 22nd minute and Ilkay Gundogan doubled their lead with a curled shot from the edge of the box as the champions extended their unbeaten streak to 23 consecutive games.

Mario Mandzukic

headed in to cut the deficit in the 61st for Wolfsburg, who were left with 10 men a little later after captain Alexander Madlung received a second booking. But Lewandowski made sure of the win, beating keeper Diego Benaglio in the 90th for his 19th league goal to lift Dortmund to 66 points.

Bayern, fresh from qualifying for the Champions League last four, needed only 25 seconds to score with Bundesliga top scorer Mario Gomez's close range effort after a dizzying run down the wing by Franck Ribery straight after the start. Gomez, in spectacular form this season, added his 25th league goal on the hour, racing into the box to connect with an Arjen Robben pass from the right after Augsburg had briefly levelled with Ja-Cheol Koo. Bayern are second on 63 with five games left in the campaign. — INTERNET



VfL Wolfsburg's Petr Jiracek (L) and Felipe Lopes (R) challenge Borussia Dortmund's Robert Lewandowski (C) during their German Bundesliga first division soccer match in Wolfsburg, on 7 April, 2012.

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Fred Couples pumps his fist after a birdie on the ninth hole during the second round of the Masters golf tournament on 6 April, 2012. — INTERNET

## A booming surprise: Couples in the lead at Masters

AUGUSTA, 8 April — Phil Mickelson raised the putter in his right hand and slammed down his left fist to celebrate a 20-foot eagle putt that shook Augusta National with the loudest roar on a day filled with them. Peter Hanson knew what was going on behind him without looking Saturday. He also knew exactly what he had to do. The 34-year-old Swede, playing in only his second Masters, answered by making four birdies over the last five holes for a 7-under 65, the lowest score of the tournament, to take a one-shot lead into the final round. "I'm standing in the middle of the fairway and I feel him breathing down my neck a little bit," Hanson said.

He followed with an approach into 2 feet for birdie, a 15-foot putt from the fringe on the 15th, a 30-foot birdie putt over the ridge on the 17th and one last birdie at the 18th with a shot that stopped inside 3 feet from the cup.

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## Serena routs Stosur, reaches Family Circle final



Samantha Stosur, of Australia, reacts to a bad shot against Serena Williams during their semifinal match at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, SC, on 7 April, 2012. Williams won 6-1, 6-1.

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CHARLESTON, 8 April — Serena Williams even impressed herself with her powerful showing at the Family Circle Cup on Saturday. Williams needed less than an hour to dispatch second-seeded Samantha Stosur 6-1, 6-1 and advance to the clay-court final.

"You know, I think it was just one of those days that I could have done anything against anybody," Williams said. There aren't many people in the world who could've withstood Williams' performance at the Family Circle Tennis Centre. The 10th-ranked player was on her game from the start, winning the match's first eight points and rarely letting Stosur catch a breath.

On Sunday, Williams will face Lucie Safarova, a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Polona Hercog. Stosur held serve to cut Williams' lead to 2-1, then lost the next nine games. Stosur, who defeated Williams to win the US Open title last September, got a loud cheer from the crowd when she prevented Williams from shutting her

out in the second set. Williams hit a forehand winner to end the match

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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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- News
- A Ceremony to recognize as son-in-law
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- Thingyan Songs & Dances
- News
- Pagoda Forest in Pa-O Land
- News
- Evergreen Classical Music (Part-6)
- News
- Conference on Media Development in Myanmar
- News
- Surprising Myanmar "Thanakha"
- News
- Youth of the Future (Vocalist)
- News
- The Grand Opening Ceremony of Junction Centre
- Myanmar Movie "Night Walker"

**MYANMAR TV**

(9-4-2012) (Monday)

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:45 am**
2. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:15 am**
3. Teleplay (Industry)
- 8:25 am**
4. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 8:40 am**
5. International News
- 4:00 pm**
6. Martial Song
- 4:50 pm**
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:25 pm**
8. Dance Of National Races
- 5:10 pm**
9. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 5:30 pm**
10. Myanmar Idol
- 7:05 pm**
11. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 7:15 pm**
12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
  14. World's Stars
  15. India Drama Series

**Purified water supplied to prisoners in Shwebo**

SHWEDO, 8 April—With a view to supplying purified drinking water to prisoners, a water purifier worth K 21.49 million was installed at the jail of Myanmar Correctional

Department in Shwebo as of 4 December 2011. The water poured from the purifier is sufficiently supplied to about 900 prisoners of the jail.

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**Six Colombian soldiers, three FARC rebels killed in clash**

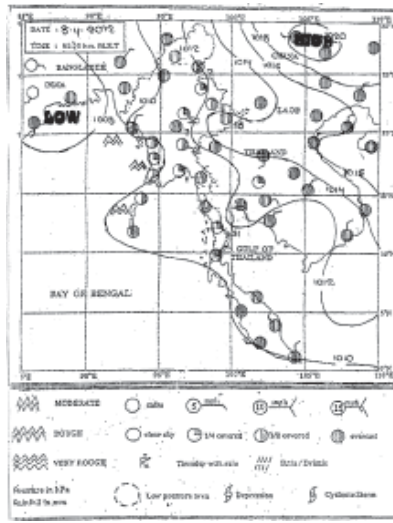
BOGOTA, 8 April—At least six soldiers were killed in a clash on Saturday with rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a military source said.

In an interview with Caracol Radio, Gen Hernan Giraldo, commander of the seventh Army division, said the FARC guerrillas "intended to do terrorist acts" on a road linking the cities of Choco and Antioquia in northwest Colombia.

An ensuing confrontation resulted in the death of six soldiers who were killed by the rebels using explosives.

Giraldo also said at least three FARC members were killed and two others wounded in the clash.—Internet

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 9th April, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C°/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	18/64	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	31/88	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayn	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	28/79	16/50	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagay	34/93	19/66	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagay	39/102	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tamulayi	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	35/95	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	33/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	33/99	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	34/93	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	29/84	15/59	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	16/61	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	15/59	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	38/100	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthary Region, Kayn and Kayah States, scattered in Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Mon State, fairly widespread in Yangon Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with Regionally heavy falls Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagay Regions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Lower Sagay, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Northern Shan and Kayah States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chank and Mibin (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (2.70) inches, Mandalay (1.90) inches, Sagayin (1.89) inches, Tada-U (1.61) inches, Kyau (1.53) inches and Myitk (1.22) inches.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

**State of the Sea:** Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) to (35). Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar.



**Manchester City's title hopes ruined by Mikel Arteta's Arsenal strike**

LONDON, 8 April—For Manchester City, it was the killer blow. A five-point lead at the top of the Premier League has turned into an eight-point deficit in little more than a month and the players' body language at the final whistle told its own story. Some stood with their hands on hips. Others sank to their knees and their walk to the away end was an apologetic one. They knew it was over.

At this stage of the season there was no alternative for Roberto Mancini's steam but to win and exert some pressure on the leaders. Instead, they have won only one of their past five games, taking five points from 15. Their form has deteriorated at just the wrong time and Arsenal fully deserved the win that takes them back into third place, two points clear of Tottenham Hotspur.

Arsène Wenger's team dominated for long spells, struck the post through Robin van Persie and Theo Walcott, missed an open goal twice and

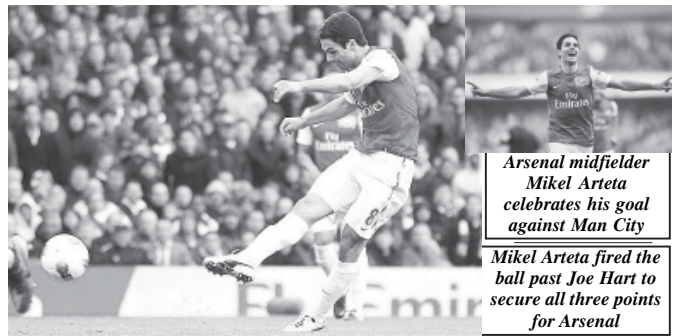
could reflect on a number of other chances before the decisive moment, on 87 minutes, when Mikel Arteta dispossessed David Pizarro 40 yards from goal, advanced towards the City penalty area and beat Joe Hart with a dipping right-foot drive.

Their opponents had been restricted to only brief spells when they threatened to get on top and there was a sizeable amount of ignominy attached to City's performance, too, with another moment for the

increasingly bulging file otherwise known as the Mario Balotelli portfolio of idiocy.

Balotelli has already missed eight games through suspension this season and is now looking at another lengthy ban because his red card, for two bookable challenges committed against Bacary Sagna, told only part of the story. The more serious offence was the challenge on Alex Song that left Arsenal's midfielder in a crumpled heap, after 17 minutes. It was his studs versus his opponent's

kneecap, the classic over-the-top leg-breaker. Song was fortunate he was not badly hurt and if the referee, Martin Atkinson, tells the Football Association that his view was impeded, as television replays appear to demonstrate, Balotelli could be looking at a retrospective ban for the second time this season. For City, it seemed to sum up how their on-off affair with Balotelli may be heading for divorce but, ultimately, there were plenty more reasons to be disappointed.—Internet



**Arsenal midfielder Mikel Arteta celebrates his goal against Man City**

**Mikel Arteta fired the ball past Joe Hart to secure all three points for Arsenal**

# Htawpai Creek Bridge commissioned into service



Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint gives details on construction of Htawpai Creek Bridge in Kangyidaunt Township. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Htawpai Creek Bridge, constructed by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (3) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction, was opened this morning. Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Region ministers were present at the opening ceremony of the bridge with the attendance of about 3500. Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint explained about construction works. He said: The newly opened

Htawpai creek Bridge was at milepost 26/3 on the Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpai-Ahmar road section, which is No. 6 road included in Ayeyawady delta road network development project. In the past, those from the village-tracts including Ahmar Sub-township along the coast in southernmost of Bogale had to rely only on waterways when they traveled to Bogale. They did so at the risk of their lives braving strong winds and tidal waves in the rainy season. The Pyapon-Kyonkadon-Ahmar road was constructed in 1991.

But local people had to take time when going to Bogale since they have to use Pyapon as a transit. As transport in the region was in bad shape, local people had to suffer much the impact of Nargis cyclone that occurred on 2 May 2008, leaving people dead and property destroyed. Therefore, the government has laid down Ayeyawady delta road network development project and is constructing 11 major roads. Now the Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpai-Ahmar road section has emerged along with bridges large and small including Htawpai Bridge on it. The construction of Htawpai creek Bridge started on 17-3-2009 and it was completed today. The facility has emerged in a short period of time in the interest of local people. With the advent of the bridge, the village-tracts such as Htawpai, Sethsan including Ahmar Sub-township which is encircled by water are now enjoying better transport and economic development. Meanwhile, their education, health and social status will improve all the more. In addition, in case of natural disasters, they will be evacuated to safety in time. Linking it with transport facilities already in place, there will be easy access to different parts of the nation. In conclusion, the Union minister stressed the need for local people to use the bridge built by the State for national development in a systematic manner and maintain it for durability and expressed thanks for the union ministers, the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister and ministers, those from the respective organizations, townselders and local people who contributed their shares for successful opening of the bridge. On behalf of the people of Ayeyawady Region, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung spoke words of thanks for opening the bridge. He said: Development of transportation played an important role in development of the region. (See page 8)

## Winners in sailing championship, MSF Chairman's trophy golf competitions awarded

YANGON, 8 April — A ceremony to present awards to winners in the sailing championship for 2012 of the Myanmar Sailing Federation and to winners of MSF Chairman's Trophy golf competitions was held at the MSF here yesterday evening. Speaker of Yangon

Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Yangon Region Minister for Border Affairs and Security Col Tin Win, Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education

Department U Thaug Htaik and officials concerned awarded winners of different categories of the yacht championship. President of MSFU Moe Myint presented trophies to winners of the MSF Chairman's trophy golf championship for 2012. MNA

## Dailies to be in circulation alternatively on New Year holidays

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The Myanmar Alin daily, the Kyemon daily and the New Light of Myanmar daily published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information will be in circulation alternatively during the Myanmar New Year holidays. The Myanmar Alin and the New Light of Myanmar will be in circulation on 11, 12, 13,

14 and 15 April while the Kyemon daily stops its circulation on those days. The Kyemon daily will be in circulation on 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 April while the Myanmar Alin daily and the New Light of Myanmar daily stop their circulation on those days. Starting from 21 April, all dailies will resume regular circulation. MNA

## Four pages supplement appears

A four-page supplement is attached to today's the New Light of Myanmar Daily.



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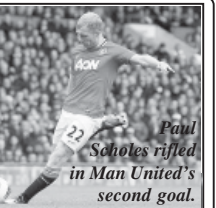
## Man Utd eight points clear after downing QPR

### Rooney & Scholes on target as Red Devils create clear daylight at top of table

MANCHESTER, 8 April—Manchester United moved into an eight-point lead at the top of the English Premier League and put the pressure on title rivals Manchester City with a 2-0 win over 10-man QPR at Old Trafford on Sunday. Reigning champions United's victory left City who lost away to Arsenal later on Sunday eight points behind their cross-town foes with just six games of the season left. Goals from Wayne Rooney and Paul Scholes saw United to victory but Rooney's opener was controversial. The England striker gave United a 15th minute lead from the penalty spot after QPR captain Shaun Derry was sent off for bringing down Ashley



Goals from Wayne Rooney and Paul Scholes saw United to victory but Rooney's opener was controversial. Young inside the area and was deemed by referee Lee Mason to have denied a clear goalscoring chance. Mason's decision was harsh on Rangers, who are still above the relegation zone on goal difference. Derry's contact appeared minimal and Young looked to be offside. But even though QPR keeper Paddy Kenny correctly dived to his right, Rooney's



Paul Scholes rifled in Man United's second goal. well-struck penalty gave him his 30th goal of the season and left the visitors, managed by former United striker Mark Hughes, with a mountain to climb. Internet