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Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits Sayadaws in Mandalay, inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project

YANGON, 10 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, arrived at Mandalay General Hospital yesterday.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party presented offertories to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw of Phayagyitaik Naya Monastery in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Medhiyabhivamsa who is receiving medical treatment, and asked after the health of the Sayadaw.

Next, they visited Masoeiein Kyaungtaik (Taik-haung) in Nyaunggon Ward, East Daywun, Mahaaungmye Township and presented offertories to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Panña Samibhivamsa.

They also presented offertories to Sayadaw of Kyapyan Pitaka Monastery of Taungpyin Hülintaik in Chanmyathazi Township Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pannavamsa.

They asked after the health of the Sayadaw of Mawlamyine Webyan Mon-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint offers provisions to a Sayadaw in Mandalay.— MNA

astery who is temporarily residing at the Kyaungtaik.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project on Mandalay bank, where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Secretary Lt-Col Maung Pu and officials.

At the project, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Htay Myint reported on tasks being carried out for installation of steel beams to the facility. Lt-Gen Ye Myint left necessary instructions and inspected the construction site.

Accompanied by officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into the re-

quirements of the project on Sagaing bank. Officials reported on arrangements for construction of a railroad under the approach road. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions to the officials.

Afterwards, he met with departmental personnel in TadaU Township Peace and Development Council. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech, calling on local residents to cooperate with the government in taking charge of the undertakings for regional development.

He added that the Prime Minister, in his inspection tour, had already fulfilled the requirements of the region.

In this regard, local people and departments are to make combined efforts

in harmony, he urged.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented a computer set to TadaU Basic Education High School through the headmaster.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived back here by air in the afternoon.

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Commander attends work coord meeting of Bago Division Police Force

YANGON, 10 March — Bago Division Police Force held its work coordination meeting in Toungoo on 8 March, with an address by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko.

Division Police Com-

mander Police Col Thein Kyi explained the accomplishments and future programmes of the Divisional Police Force.

Also present at the work coordination meeting were local authorities, departmental officials and police officers.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Let's work in concert under the leadership of the government

The State Peace and Development Council has been building all the infrastructures needed for all-round development of the Union and higher living standard of the national people. The government, on its part, has been fulfilling sector-wise requirements in all regions throughout the nation and so the people, on their part, should put their energies into the development work for their townships, districts and states or divisions.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt on 29 February went on an inspection tour of Taungup township, Rakhine State, and fulfilled the requirements for development work in the township besides upgrading two high schools (branch) and two middle schools (branch). And a 25-bed hospital in An township was also upgraded to a 50-bed facility. In his meeting with members of Taungup Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel and members of social organizations, the Prime Minister said that as we have laid down the seven-point future policy programme for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democracy, it is necessary for the people to work in concert under the leadership of the government so that our national goal is realized. For the development of Rakhine State, the government is building education, health, social and economic infrastructures. The Yangon-Sittway highway is the tangible result of the government's efforts for improving transport in Rakhine State. Eight hundred and ninety-four miles of road including 537 miles of tarred road have been built in the state. In addition to new roads, a total of twenty-seven bridges has also been constructed.

Now that the transport in Rakhine State has improved, one can travel from Sittway to Yangon through the Sittway-MraukU-An-Minbu-Magway highway or the Sittway-An-Taungup-Padaung-Pyay highway or the Sittway-An-Taungup-Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingchaung highway. To open educational opportunities to the national people in the state, basic education schools are being upgraded and new ones built. Moreover, for the youths to be able to pursue higher education easily, Sittway University, Government Technological College and Government Computer College have been opened in Sittway. Not only that, public health care services can be carried out on a wider scale in the state as new 100-bed and 200-bed hospitals have been opened.

We would like to call upon the entire national people to work together in all the national endeavours under the leadership of the government for all-round development of the Union and for the successful realization of the future policy programme.



The opening of the rural road in progress. — PBANRDA

59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point policy programme
- To crush internal and external destructive elements hindering the stability and progress of the State through people's militia strategy
- To implement border area development tasks and the five rural development tasks hand in hand with the entire people
- To build up a strong and efficient Tatmadaw to uphold 'Our Three Main National Causes'



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and wife present offerings to a Sayadaw recently. Wellwisher Daw Tin Tin Wai also donated K 100,000 to Shwe Minwun Sasana Yeiktha. — MNA



Deputy Director-General U Khin Zaw explains measures for utilizing water most beneficially in meeting with farmers. — A&I

Seminar on utilizing water held

YANGON, 10 March — Under the Myanmar-Japan technical cooperation programme, a seminar on utilizing water most beneficially was held at Irrigation Technological Development Centre in Hlegu recently. Deputy Director-General U Khin Zaw and directors of the Irrigation Department, technicians of JICA, departmental personnel and farmers were present on the occasion. — MNA

Rural road opened

YANGON, 10 March — A ceremony to open Paukkon-Zwekaik rural road in Kawa Township was held this morning. Director-General of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint and Deputy Director-General U Win Htay formally opened the road by cutting the ribbon. The gravel road is 4.5 miles long and was built at a cost of 8 million kyats.

Afterwards, Col Myo Myint and party went to Moekanein village monastery and inspected the sinking of tubewell. They also inspected the construction of 13-mile Kyaik-padaing-Tawa-Paingkyon-Phalay road linking Bago, Thanatpin and Kawa townships. — MNA

Cash donated for Children Hospital

YANGON, 10 March — A ceremony to donate cash for the funds of Yangon Children Hospital was held today at the hospital. Wellwisher Mr Vellutini Jacques Frangois of France explained reason of donation and donated K 1 million towards the hospital fund. Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thein accepted the cash and spoke words of thanks.

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Mr Vellutini Jacques Frangois of France donates K 1 million to hospital fund. MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Deputy Minister meets service personnel of IPRD in Monghsat



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspects Mongtong TV relay station. — MNA

YANGON, 10 March—Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Deputy Chief Engineer of Myanmar Radio and Television U Myint Aung and officials arrived in Monghsat on 6 March.

The deputy minister and party, together with Chairman of Monghsat District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Htay proceeded to Pungpahkyem in Mongtong Township in the evening.

The deputy minister met departmental personnel. He inspected TV relay station and IPRD office there.

On 7 March, the deputy minister and party met service personnel at Mongtong Township IPRD office and fulfilled the requirements. The deputy minister inspected Township IPRD office and TV relay station.

He went to Mongkhok and met departmental personnel. In the evening, he inspected Monghsat District IPRD office. On 8 March he inspected Monghsat TV relay station. In meeting with service personnel, the deputy minister spoke of the need to work hard for the development of the region, assuming that the region was their hometown. — MNA

Respect paying ceremony of Pyuntaza BEHS 4 April

YANGON, 10 March — A ceremony to pay respect to the retired teachers of Basic Education High School, Pyuntaza, Bago Division, will be held on 4 April morning.

The teachers and those wishing to raise the fund for the teachers are to contact Daw Khin Saw Mu (Tel: 663179), U San Maung (Tel: 02-23591), U Tin Oo (Tel: 56) and Dr Khin Maung Aye (Tel: 40). — MNA

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Former UN inspector Blix says Australia bowed to US on Iraq war

SYDNEY, 10 March—Former UN chief weapons inspector Hans Blix has accused Australia of caving in to US pressure to join the Iraq war and called on Canberra to be more independent of Washington in an interview published here.

Blix told the *Sydney Morning Herald* that he believed Australia should have displayed more independence over its support for the US-led invasion of Iraq, although he believed it was difficult for Canberra to stand up to Washington.

"It may not be easy to be independent vis-a-vis the US because they are so tremendously powerful, but (Australia) ought to be," he said in an interview to publicise his memoirs.

Blix said sovereign nations needed to display independence on questions of war and peace, and it would be improper for any country to bow to US pressure to join a war in return for favourable treatment in other areas.

"The US might well go to some small country and say 'look, you don't

have interest in Iraq but you have one big interest in the world and that is to be friendly to us, so are you going to vote for your interest or not?," he said.

A spokesman for Prime Minister John Howard dismissed the criticism and said Australia had been right to join the Iraq invasion.

"I reject the criticism that Australia bowed to US pressure," the spokesman said. "It was right for Australia to be involved in the coalition.

"Understandably, as leader of it, Han Blix had wanted the UN weapons inspection process to continue."

Australia was one of Washington's strongest supporters in the lead-up to last year's Iraq war and one of only a handful of members of the so-called

"coalition of the willing" to contribute troops on the ground.

Howard and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said this month that maintaining a strong alliance with the United States was an important factor in the decision to commit 2,000 troops to the Iraq campaign.

The relationship would have been "very substantially" weakened had Australia not done so, they said.

Australia has long battled perceptions that it acts as Washington's "deputy sheriff" in the Asia-Pacific region and last week urged the United States to take a more active role in providing financial and training support in counter-terrorism efforts in Southeast Asia. — *Internet*

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Spanish base in Diwanlya attacked

MADRID, 10 March—The Spanish army base in Diwanlya was attacked on Monday night with three mortars, without personal or material damage, according to the Ministry of Defence (today), while a bomb killed a US soldier north of the Iraqi capital.

The Spanish Ministry stated that the mortars hit the outer security perimeter of the base, but security patrols were unable to find the authors of the attack.

"The Brigade explosives' team has initiated investigations into finding the location of the firing and the armaments used," read a Ministry communiqué posted on its web page.

In February, five Spanish soldiers were wounded in Iraq in a bombing when they were returning to a Plus Ultra Brigade base in Diwanlya. An Iraqi interpreter accompanying them was also injured.

Internet

553 US service members killed since the beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 March—As of Tuesday, March 9, 553 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 379 died as a result of hostile action and 174 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Thailand, two; Denmark, Ukraine, Estonia and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 415 US soldiers have died — 264 as a result of hostile action and 151 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

Since the start of military operations, 2,753 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures. Non-hostile injured numbered 424.

The latest death reported by US Central Command:

—A US Marine was found dead from a gunshot wound Monday at Camp Victory, Kuwait.

The latest identifications

reported by the Department of Defence:

—Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael J Gray, 32, Richmond, Va.; killed in an automobile accident Friday in Kuwait; assigned to Navy Detachment Kuwait Navy Base.

—Army Capt Gussie M Jones, 41, Louisiana; non-combat related death Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the 31st Combat Support Hospital; Fort Bliss, Texas.

Internet

An Iraqi doctor
treats a patient
after he was
injured when
police and US
troops repulsed
an attack by
guerillas on
late Monday,
8 March, 2004
in Mosul, 400
kilometres
north of
Baghdad, Iraq.
INTERNET



European central banks strike new gold deal

BASEL (Switzerland), 10 March—Europe's central banks said on Monday they had reached a new deal that raises their limits on annual gold sales, capping total sales at 500 metric tons per year for the next five years.

The new accord will start in September 2004, replacing the 1999 gold agreement that expires on that date and had capped gold sales at 400 tons per year, the central banks said. Britain said it would not take part in the new programme because Britain did not intend to sell any gold during the period covered by the deal.

The agreement was announced on the sidelines of the Group of 10 meeting of central bankers from top industrialized nations and emerging markets.

"Gold will remain an important element of global monetary reserves," the joint statement by 14 central banks and the European Central Bank said. The last agreement, signed in 1999 and due to expire in September, caps sales at 400 tons per year or 2,000 tons over the life of the five-year accord. — *MNA/Reuters*

Nigeria seeks Russian investment to develop industries

ABUJA, 10 March— Nigeria is to seek more investments from Russia to develop its burgeoning industrial sector, a senior Nigerian official said here Sunday.

Mustafa Bello, Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), made the remarks when Valery Vozdvizhenskiy, trade representative of the Russian Federation in Nigeria, paid him a visit in his office in the capital Abuja.

"The NIPC is to organize an investment promotion visit to Russia," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Commerce Minister to visit China to promote rice and fruits

BANGKOK, 10 March — Thai Commerce Minister Watana Muangsook is to lead a delegation to China next week to promote rice and fruits, as the government continues its endeavours to expand trade with China, the *Thai News Agency* reported Monday.

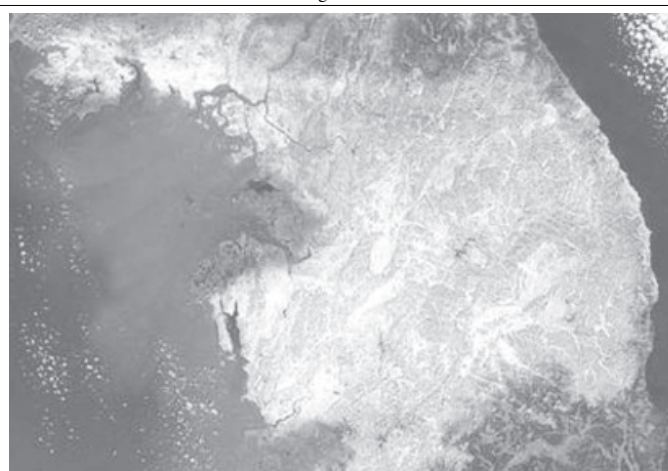
The delegation of government officials and rice exporters will head for the southern Chinese city of Kunming on March 12-15, where they will organize a roadshow to promote sales of Thailand's famous hom mali rice.

As interest in hom mali rice is rising

among the Chinese public, the Ministry of Commerce is confident in the huge growth potential of sales of hom mali rice in China.

At present the average export price of hom mali rice is 520-550 US dollars per tone.

MNA/Xinhua



As the storm moved away from the peninsula, NASA's Terra satellite captured this image of South Korea under a blanket of snow on 7 March, 2004. — *INTERNET*

S'pore, Vietnam sign agreement on comprehensive coop framework

SINGAPORE, 10 March — Singapore and Vietnam signed on Monday an agreement on comprehensive cooperation framework following the premiers of the two countries who held talks focusing on bilateral cooperation.

According to a statement issued by the Singapore Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong discussed with his visiting Vietnamese counterpart Phan Van Khai ways of strengthening bilateral cooperation, and both sides agreed that it was important for the two countries to take advantage of their economic complementarities for mutual benefit.

Phan Van Khai, who is on a four-day working visit to Singapore, will meet with Singapore President SR Nathan and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq's Kirkuk pipeline needs millions of dollars worth of repairs

KIRKUK, 10 March—Millions of dollars are needed to repair Iraq's northern oil pipeline before it can resume prewar level of crude oil exports, an official at the state Northern Oil Company said.

"A number of pumping and production stations linked to the pipeline were either damaged during the war or looted in the aftermath of the war," company expert Ghazi al-Talabani told Dow Jones Newswires on Monday.

"They need to be repaired before we can resume normal levels of export that we used to do before the war," he said.

The twin 1,049-kilometre (655-mile) Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline to Turkey used to export around 900,000 barrels a day before the US-led war that ousted the government of Saddam Hussein.

The pipeline has a capacity of 1.6

million barrels a day. But its second pumping station near Mosul was bombed and destroyed during the 1991 Gulf War, reducing its export capacity to almost half.

A spate of acts of sabotage in the aftermath of the US invasion of Iraq last year has hampered Iraq's efforts to resume oil exports through the pipeline.

"Al-Ajeel pumping station near Tikrit, 200 kilometers (124 miles) north of Baghdad, for example, has sustained 100 percent destruction," he said.

Last week, Iraq resumed pumping oil through the pipeline at a capacity of 400,000 barrels a day, well below pre-

war levels.

On Monday, Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization issued a tender for lifting 6 million barrels of Kirkuk crude oil from the Turkish export port of Ceyhan between March 12-19.

It is not known yet, however, if Iraq can sustain that level of exports from the north or not, taking into consideration possible acts of sabotage.

"We need millions of dollars to get these stations working again," al-Talabani said. Neither he nor other NOC officials would comment the resumption of oil pumping through the pipeline. —Internet



US soldiers secure the road while a 'Husky' vehicle searches for devices on Tikrit to Mosul road on 8 March, 2004. —INTERNET

Scientists get a computerized grip on ear prints

LONDON, 10 March — Criminals are used to trying to avoid leaving fingerprints at a crime scene. But now British scientists have developed a computerized system that allows them to identify ear prints just as easily.

Criminals often wear gloves but are less likely to cover their ears and before would-be burglars touch a doorknob or try to pry open a window they might press their ear against the glass to hear if anyone is home.

Ear prints had been used to identify individuals and criminals long before fingerprints became popular

in the early Twentieth Century. They came back into use in the 1990s but unlike fingerprints they were never organized in a computerized system. "Basically we have brought it up to speed and modernized things considerably. We've produced a computerized system for identifying ear prints along the lines of the fingerprint

system," said Professor Guy Ruttly, head of the forensic pathology unit at the University of Leeds in England.

Instead of manually sorting through ear prints and images, Ruttly's system allows investigators to systematically search an ear print database.

MNA/Reuters

More Vietnamese people suffer from dengue fever

HANOI, 10 March — Up to 3,326 Vietnamese people were found to suffer from dengue fever in the first two months of this year, up 150 per cent over the same period last year.

Of the patients, five died of the disease in the period, local newspaper *Vietnam Agriculture* on Monday quoted sources from Vietnam's Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute as saying.

Most of the dengue fever sufferers live in southern localities such as Ho Chi Minh City, Tien Giang Province and

Dong Thap Province, whose weather is favourable for the development of mosquitoes that are the main transmitter of the disease. Vietnam may face a new strain of dengue fever-causing virus which is more dangerous than common viruses, the paper said.

The country reported 35,073 cases of dengue fever

infections, including 58 fatalities last year, year-on-year rises of 48 per cent and 45 per cent, respectively.

To curb the spread of the disease, prevention centres nationwide have continually called for local people to use mosquito nets and intensify mosquito-killing activities.

MNA/Xinhua

Romanian creates gas shutdown device in case of quake

BUCHAREST, 10 March — A Romanian scientific researcher has created a system to protect natural gas networks against earthquakes, the Romanian news agency *Rompres* reported on Monday.

The system, which is called the "device for rapid valve shutdown in case of seismic shock," is aimed at towns running a high seismic risk and it meets the world standards.

It was created by a researcher from the Seismologic Observatory in Timisoara, western Romania.

The device costs 350 euros apiece and the technology and materials needed

for its manufacture are easily available.

The moment a seismic shock occurs, the device starts automatically and the valve shuts down within fractions of a second. — MNA/Xinhua

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Explosion at government building in Iraq

MOUL, 10 March—Seven people were injured Tuesday after a grenade was tossed in a building housing a local governing council, police said.

Police said the attack may have been aimed at several US soldiers who had been in the building earlier, but left before the grenade was thrown. Seven people, including three policeman and four Iraqis were hurt in the blast in the Bab al-Toub local council building. No attackers were caught.

On Monday, attackers opened fire on a car carrying two local council members, killing one and wounding the other, police said. Insurgents also attacked a police checkpoint Monday night, injuring four policemen. Three of the attackers were killed, said Police Lt Khalid Abdelkarim. —Internet

Support for Bush falls on economy and Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 March—President Bush, the target of months of criticism during the Democratic primary season, has seen public support fall to the lowest level of his presidency for his performance on the economy and the situation in Iraq, a new *Washington Post-ABC News* poll has found.

A majority of Americans — 57 percent — say they want their next President to steer the country away from the course set by Bush, according to the survey. Bush's standing hit new lows in crucial areas such as the economy (39 percent support him), Iraq (46 percent) and the budget deficit (30 percent).

Bush's overall support, 50 percent, was unchanged from February and equal to the lowest of his presidency; only the war on terrorism continues to garner him the support of more than six in 10 Americans.

As a result of these doubts, Bush narrowly trails likely Democratic presidential nominee John F Kerry by 4 percentage points, 48 to 44 percent, among registered voters in a hypothetical presidential matchup. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader, an independent, claims 3 percent. Of a dozen policy areas, Kerry leads Bush in eight, including the economy, education and health care, while Bush leads only in the war on terrorism. The two candidates are virtually tied in the other three: Iraq, same-sex marriage and civil liberties.

Internet

Ford in deal to use Toyota hybrid system technology

TOKYO, 10 March — Toyota Motor Corp said on Tuesday that it had concluded licensing agreements with Ford Motor Co covering the use of its hybrid system and emissions purification technology.

Under the agreements, Toyota's hybrid system control technology, among other technologies patented by the company as a result of its development of hybrid systems, can be used in Ford's own hybrid system, which is still being developed.

"We have said that environmentally friendly technologies should not be owned by a single company," a Toyota spokeswoman said.

Toyota signed a similar licensing agreement with Nissan Motor Co in September 2002.

Shares in Toyota were down 0.76 per cent at 3,900 yen, compared with a 0.45-per-cent fall in the Nikkei average.

MNA/Reuters

Roadside bomb kills US soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 March—One US soldier was killed and another injured by a roadside bomb north of the Iraqi capital on Tuesday, a military spokeswoman said.

The soldiers were driving in a four vehicle convoy southeast of the town of Baquba, 40 miles north of Baghdad, when the bomb exploded at around 9:30 am.

The wounded soldier was in a stable condition.

The death brought to 380 the number of US soldiers killed in action in Iraq since the start of the US-led war.

Internet



A US Army personnel from the 4th Infantry Division, 1-22 battalion secures the area during a night raid in the city of Tikrit, 110 miles north of Baghdad, on 9 March, 2004. — INTERNET

US AND ALLIES CONFRONT CONTINUING RESISTANCE IN IRAQ



US troops patrol a street of central Baghdad on 9 March.
INTERNET



A US fighting vehicle passes by a truck which was damaged by a roadside bomb, apparently intended for US military convoys, in Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, 9 March, 2004. — INTERNET

A US soldier thoroughly checks a dump truck loaded with rocks after sniffer dogs found traces of explosives at a checkpoint near the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq where many foreign journalists and contract workers are staying on Sunday, 7 March, 2004.
INTERNET



US Army soldiers arrest two Iraqi suspects engaged in anti-Coalition activities during a night raid in Tikrit recently.—INTERNET



US troops guard the police station in Mosul on late Monday, 8 March, 2004 in Iraq after it was attacked by guerillas injuring four policemen. — INTERNET



US military inspectors examine and photograph the remains of failed rockets, which were left behind after several were fired the night before into the heavily-fortified area known as the 'Green Zone,' a base for Coalition forces and civilian personnel located a few hundred metres away, on Monday, 8 March, 2004, in Baghdad, Iraq.— INTERNET

Mortar attack on Baghdad police wounds 5

BAGHDAD, 10 March — Guerillas fired mortars at a Baghdad police station on Monday, wounding two policemen and three civilians, police said, in an attack that coincided with a signing ceremony for Iraq's interim Constitution.

A projectile also hit a nearby house, smashing windows and blowing a hole in a wall but causing no casualties, witnesses said. Another loud blast after the signing ceremony was a controlled explosion by the

US military, the Army said.

Security forces have been on high alert for possible guerilla attacks aimed at disrupting the signing ceremony.

MNA/Reuters

Japan, Sweden agree to cooperate in Iraq's reconstruction

TOKYO, 10 March — Japanese and Swedish leaders agreed Monday to carry out cooperation in Iraq's reconstruction.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told his Swedish counterpart Goran Persson that the two countries should cooperate in the reconstruction, *Kyodo News* quoted Japanese officials as saying.

Persson, who arrived in Tokyo on Monday for a two day visit, said the difference on the Iraq war "is behind us". Sweden opposes the US-led invasion in Iraq, while Japan is a strong supporter of its long-standing ally.

Persson expressed his full support for Japan's dispatch of Self-Defence Force to Iraq for humanitarian assistance.

The two leaders also discussed the nuclear standoff on the Korean Peninsula.

MNA/Xinhua

Guatemala not to send troops to Iraq

MEXICO CITY, 10 March — Guatemalan President Oscar Berger said Monday that his country will not send troops to Iraq due to the lack of funds, reports reaching here from the Guatemalan capital of Guatemala City said.

At a Press conference in the Guatemala City, Berger said the government decided not to participate in the Spain-led Plus Ultra Brigades, a stabilizing force in Iraq. "We do not have resources to send the troops," he said.

Berger had announced his decision of dispatching troops to Iraq last Friday when holding a joint Press conference with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar in the Spanish capital of Madrid. — MNA/Xinhua

Hubble shows ultra-deep vision of cosmic infancy

BALTIMORE, 10 March — Scientists unveiled a monster baby picture of the universe on Tuesday, in an image snapped by the *Hubble Space Telescope* that looks deep into the cosmos, back 13 billion years to just 700 million years after the Big Bang.

Hubble has looked back in time before, but this image, known as the Ultra Deep Field, is the most profound vision the orbiting telescope has ever captured, scientists said at a briefing at the Space Telescope Science Institute.

The new picture looks like a scattering of jewels on black velvet, but it is in fact some 10,000 galaxies crammed into a section of sky about one-tenth the size of the full moon.

The image peers only 300 million miles deeper into the ancient universe than similar *Hubble* images made in the 1990s, but this extra distance sees back to when the very

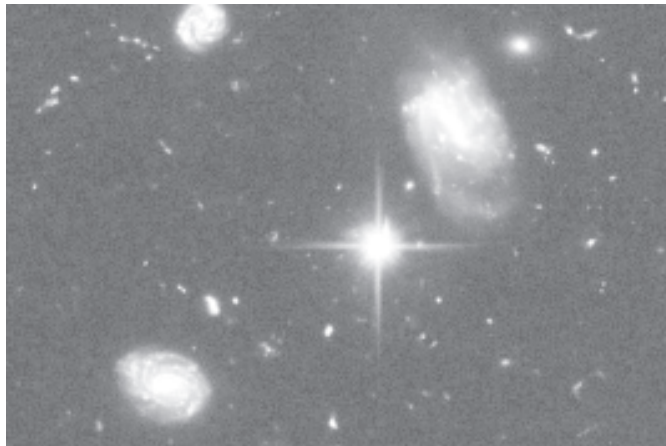
first infant galaxies were forming, a time of great interest to astronomers because it marks a transition point from a cosmic dark age.

"This is the deepest view of the visible ever taken," said Rodger Thompson, one of a team of astronomers who put the image together with two of *Hubble's* sophisticated instruments. "It's an amazing time to be an astrophysicist."

Thompson and other scientists emphasized the importance of looking at the earliest times of galactic development, which can be more dramatic and sweeping than the evolution of galaxies as they age.

"It doesn't seem like much ... but when you realize that this is a time when a phase transition occurred in the universe... this is a very critical time, you want to have details on that critical time," *Hubble* astronomer Mario Livio said in an interview.

Livio and other astronomers likened the development of the universe to the development of a human being, noting that the most dramatic changes occur at the earliest ages, making even a seemingly slight increase in the depth of observation a giant leap for basic study of the cosmos. — MNA/Reuters



This composite photo by the Hubble Space Telescope, released on 9 March, 2004 by NASA, a long-duration exposure, is the deepest-ever view of the universe, looks back to the edge of the big bang, and shows a chaotic scramble of odd galaxies smashing into each other and re-forming in bizarre shapes. — INTERNET

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Judge bans Saudis from watching US TV channel

RIYADH, 10 March — A prominent Saudi judge has forbidden people to watch or contribute to the US-backed satellite channel Alhurra, saying it promotes Washington's global hegemony, *al-Hayat* newspaper said on Monday.

Sheikh Ibrahim bin Nasser al-Khudeiri declared that watching Alhurra, working for it, advertising on it or even writing to it were all haram (forbidden) because

it was a "channel that causes corruption", the Saudi-owned newspaper said.

"People working for it are considered American agents," he told *al-Hayat*.

"Its goal is to facilitate American hegemony over the religious, political and social spheres in the world."

MNA/Reuters



South Korean TV cameramen and photographers chant slogans at a protest near the US Embassy in Seoul, on 9 March, 2004. — INTERNET

US study shows unique quality of primate brains

WASHINGTON, 10 March — A study of the brains of primates ranging from tiny bush babies to humans and apes shows that size really may matter, researchers said on Monday.

All primates have an unusually large frontal cortex, a part of the brain used by humans for higher thought and reasoning, they found. From lemurs to chimpanzees, that part of the brain is especially large compared with overall brain size, the California Institute of Technology team found.

"In primates, having a bigger brain means you have a disproportionately larger frontal cortex," said Eliot Bush, a PhD candidate at Caltech who worked on the study.

While the study does not offer any deep insight into what separates humans from other mammals, it does show that much of what makes people and our cousins the apes different may lie in our primate heritage.

A comparison to carnivores — the order that includes lions, tigers and dogs — shows they do not have the same disproportionately large frontal cortex.

This may explain why a 5-pound house cat is every bit as intelligent as a 100-pound lion.

Bush said the finding, published in this week's issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, disputed theories that sug-

gested human behaviour could be traced in part to a disproportionately large frontal cortex compared to the rest of the brain.

It turns out that smaller primates such as lemurs and bush babies actually devote a larger proportion of their brains to the frontal cortex. But because they are small overall, this area is small.

Humans and apes are big and have big brains, so while the proportion is not as big, the frontal cortex ends up being huge, comparatively.

This could explain some behavioral differences that make humans, apes and monkeys — the large primates — unique.

"Primates are able to understand abstractions — maybe understanding those two monkeys over there are a mother and a daughter, whereas maybe other mammals don't have that ability," Bush said in a telephone interview. "In humans, the frontal cortex is involved in a lot of interesting things such as social relationships. I think that quite possibly is what it is about." For their study, Bush and his professor, John Allman, compared 43 mammals, including 25 primates and 15 carnivores. — MNA/Reuters

Three US soldiers injured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 March — As the United States-led war on terrorism is going on in Afghanistan, another three American soldiers were wounded during the weekend in the war-plagued country, US military spokesman said here. "Saturday evening, west of Ghazni, a coalition vehicle was damaged by a landmine or improvised device. Three soldiers were slightly injured in the incident," Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan Hilferty told newsmen here. "The soldiers were from the US 10th Mountain Division," he added.

Coalition forces in retaliation, Hilferty said, had put three suspects under custody and initiated an investigation to identify the culprits.

The incident took place just one day after the killing of nine suspected Taliban members in neighbouring Paktika Province on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

**Donate
blood**

Kayin State with many splendours

Moe Htet Myint (Delta)

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe toured Kayin State beginning 3 March 2004.

During the tour, he gave guidance to personnel concerned, saying, "Unlike the past, Kayin State including Hpa-an has been achieving unprecedented progress at present."

The Government has been spending a large amount of financial power to build all the necessary infrastructures including roads and bridges in Kayin State to enable it to catch up with other states and divisions in terms of development.

"It has already built many schools and colleges and upgraded the Hpa-an Degree College into a university, paving the way for the local people to gain access to basic education and higher learning. Similarly, it has built hospitals, dispensaries and upgraded the existing ones to improve the health care services."

"As the Government has already built all the necessary infrastructures with goodwill, the regional sector will have to strive for the economic development that can fulfill all the local requirements. Only if there is self-sufficiency in all sectors including agricultural, fish and meat, and industrial sectors, and an increase in economy and production, will the Kayin State enjoy development with greater acceleration and a higher living standard. Only if there is no gap between the states and divisions in educational opportunities and an increase in the number of educated persons, will all the states and divisions including Kayin State gain progress and will the nation be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations."

In Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, there is a state/division level hospital, high schools, agriculture and farming high schools, colleges, the Hpa-an University with its Adipati Road, and the Government Technological College. As soon as I crossed the bridge over Donthami River, I saw the 4,000-ton capacity Myaingale Cement Plant located in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State.

Our car travelled an eight-mile-long journey from Thaton to Duiyin

Seik. From there our car drove another 16 miles to Myaingale in Kayin State. Then we crossed the Thanlwin River Bridge (Hpa-an). The road to Zathabyin runs near the foot of Zwagabin Mountain that is 2,371 feet high.

A new bridge has been built on Gyaing River bordering Mon State and Kayin State. After we had crossed over the bridge, we went to Myawady.

Kayin State is formed with seven townships — Kawkaik, Kya-in-Seikkyi, Papun, Hpa-an, Myawady, Hlaingbwe and Thandaung townships. Pa-O, Bamar, Mon and Shan national races are living in unity in the state.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony to open the main hall of the Hpa-an University in Hpa-an on 9 February 2004. In his address delivered at the ceremony, the Prime Minister said, "The opening of the main hall in commemoration of the Union Day, an auspicious day, indicating the solidarity of the Union people, and the glory of the nation, is a success and pride not only of Kayin State, but also of the Union itself."

"Soon, the Hpa-an Government Technological College will magnificently emerge. The future is bright for the students of Kayin State."

In 1988, there were 17 hospitals in Kayin State. But there are now 25 hospitals including the 200-bed Hpa-an People's Hospital, the 50-bed Myawady Hospital, and 25-bed Myaingale Hospital.

There were only 1,064 primary schools, 65 middle schools and 20 high schools in the state in 1988, but there are now 1,144 primary schools, 78 middle schools and 31 high schools. Over 100 more schools have been opened in the state from 1988 to this date. A Government Computer College and a Government Technological College have been opened in Hpa-an in addition to upgrading the Hpa-an College to a degree college in 1999 and then to a university in 2003.

In accord with the national education promotion plan, the university has an IT Centre, and two language labs where 96 students are attending classes. It has also the VSAT e-mail and Internet.

The name, Kya-in-Seikkyi, is a combination of the names of two different places, Seikkyi, lying on the Attaran River bank and Kya-in, a village about two miles from Seikkyi. Lying at the foot of a mountain range, the town is mainly relying on farming business. The town grows lemon, orange and citrus fruit.

The Yonsalin River flows through Papun. The main products of the town are hpala, a kind of cardamom plant, beetle nut, chili, wood and wood-based goods. Natural honey from Papun is famous in the nation. The local people of the state are enjoying a better economy. There is now an all-weather road running between Myaingyingu and Hpa-an.

Myawady is a border town lying on the bank of Thauingyin River. The town lying 2,000 feet above the sea level is at the foot of Dawna mountain range which is over 6,500 feet high. Although, it is an economic hub and border trading town, its people continue to preserve their traditions and culture.

Our car passed over the Gyaing River (Kawkaik) Bridge to travel to Myawady. The 1,200-foot bridge was built at a cost of K 855 million and 0.892 million foreign exchange. Tayokhla village in Hpa-an Township has been upgraded to a model village. Projects including a river water pumping station project have been implemented for its all-round development.

Kawkaik is a busy town located on the road to Thailand. In addition to its agricultural business,

which is a success story, it has rich natural resources. The town grows rubber, pepper, betel nut, and citrus fruits, and runs a livestock breeding industry.

Pathi Creek flows through Thandaung Township. It is a farming town, where tea, beetle nut, and dajankol are being planted. Lying over 4,000 feet above the sea level, it is a hill station of Kayin State, which is sometimes a mist-shrouded town. In addition to tea, which is its main business, the town also grows coffee, cocoa and cinchona.

Kayin State is achieving development in all aspects at present. The State has extended all the transport, educational and health infrastructures. It is also rendering assistance for the development of economic, agricultural, livestock breeding and industrial sectors. All in all, the Government has been endeavouring for the marked development of the socio-economy of the people.

(Translation: TMT)
(Myanma Alin: 10-3-2004)



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

Up to 12% of world birds species threatened

JOHANNESBURG, 10 March — As many as 12 per cent of the world's 1,000 bird species are at risk, according to a report released at the Birdlife International World Conservation Congress in South Africa's coastal city of Durban on Monday.

State of the World's Birds published in the congress showed that of the 1,121 bird species under threat, 179 face imminent extinction with seabirds and Asian forest birds showing particularly dramatic declines.

The report cited the destruction of natural bird habitats through modern intensive agriculture as the single biggest threat to the future of birds worldwide.

However, other factors also play a part such as the illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing for Patagonian toothfish in the southern Indian Ocean, which has led to the extinction of some albatross species.

In Europe, Asia and Africa, high numbers of raptors are being caught in power lines and electro-

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Cash donated to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association

YANGON, 10 March—A ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the multi-purpose building of the association at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Singapore Association

of Myanmar (SAM) President Mr Chandran Menon explained the purpose of the donations.

Next, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz handed over K 3.5 million donated by SAM to President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Next, the president of

MMCWA presented a certificate of honour to the ambassador and spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, guests and wellwishers.

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Singaporean Ambassador Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz presents K 3.5 million donated by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) to MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.—MNA

Commander inspects agriculture and regional development

YANGON, 10 March — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials paid obeisance to three bronze Buddha images in Thathana Aye Kyaungtaik in Lashio on 8 March.

The commander inspected construction of Dhammayon and gave instructions on meeting the set standard, and making durability, decoration with Myanma architectural de-

signs.

The commander paid obeisance to Monsalinda Nagayon Pagoda in the Kyaungtaik. He supplicated on construction of 108-foot Yantaing Aung Hsutaungpyi Myo Oo Pagoda, a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

The commander met commanding officers of Lashio Station. Officials reported on extension of cultivable lands in the 1,000 acres land reclamation project, cultivation of crops during the rainy season, land preparation and future tasks.

Col Khin Maung Myint of Tangyang Station reported on land preparation for cultivation of 500 acres of lands and 200 acres of special high yield crops and future plans.

The deputy commander gave instructions on weeding and the commander then gave instructions. The commander inspected feedstuff factory of local national culture committee in Lashio. The commander inspected Topwauing feedstuff factory, summer paddy plantation, transplanting contest and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Cornerstone laid for construction of Buddha Image in Taunggyi

YANGON, 10 March — The laying of cornerstones for construction of Buddha Image of Aungthabaye Swedaw Monastery in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South), was held in conjunction with the 277th Kyathingan offering ceremony at the monastery on 5 March morning.

The presiding Sayadaw of the monastery and mem-

bers of the Sangha graced the ceremony by their attendance. Also present were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife, senior military officers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

The commander and party laid cornerstones at the

designated places. The Sayadaw placed the gold casket in the middle of the foundation.

Next, the Sayadaw was re-ordained. The commander and wife and wellwishers donated offertories to the newly-ordained members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, soon was offered to members of the Sangha.—MNA

Winners in Military Code of Conduct, Extempore Talks Contests announced

YANGON, 10 March—Winners in the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Military Code of Conduct and Extempore Talks Contests were announced today.

Military Code of Conduct Contest

The first prize went to 2nd-Lt Min Thu of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the second to Capt Daw Phyu Phyu Phwe Myint of Yangon Command and the third to Lt Kyaw Zaw Lin of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) in the officer level contest.

WOII Nyunt Win of Yangon Command won the first prize, WO Kyaw Aye of the Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence the second and Air Navigator-I Aung Zaw Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) the third in the WO level contest.

Lance Corporal Than Oo of Yangon Command secured the first prize in the Cpl level contest, Sgt Aung Kyaw Htay of the Camp Commandant's

Office of the Ministry of Defence the second and Cpl Than Htay of Yangon Command the third.

In the Pvt level contest, Pvt Nyan Soe of the Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence won the first prize, AB Kyaw Min Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) the second and Pvt Myo Nyunt of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) the third.

Extempore Talks Contest

In the officer level contest, Capt Lin Thu of South-West Command won the first prize, Capt Daw Khin Hnin Myint of Yangon Command the second and 2nd-Lt Thein Zaw Oo of Coastal Region Command the third.

In the WO level contest, the first prize went to Air Navigator-I Aung Zaw Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the second prize to Senior Air Signaller Soe Lwin Moe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and the third prize to WOII Soe Thein of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief

(Navy).

Similarly, Sgt Phyo Maung Hla of Yangon Command, Cpl Myo Swe of North-West Command and L/Cpl Thet Myint Htwe of South-West Command won first, second and third prizes respectively.

Pvt Kyaw Zeya of South-West Command secured the first prize, Pvt Ye Zaw Htoo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) the second and AB Aung Zaw Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) the third in the Pvt level contest.

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Commander inspects Kawlin-KhinU-Monywa railroad section

YANGON, 10 March—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected sanitation tasks in Kawlin on 3 March and went to the water supply project site of the Township.

The commander gave instructions to officials on tasks to be carried out meeting the set standard.

The commander then inspected substitution of

sleepers between mile posts No 509 and 510 on Kawlin-KhinU railroad and maintenance of the railroad, and gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting Kantbalu and KhinU stations, the commander met with township authorities. He then explained regional development tasks and attended to their needs.

In the afternoon, the commander saw over thriving of summer paddy and cold season crops on both

sides of YeU-Monywa railroad.

At Tinteinyan Station in Dabayin Township, the commander heard reports on construction of Tinteinyan-Dabayin rural gravel road. Next, the commander gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the fuel requirements.

Tinteinyan-Dabayin gravel road will be three miles and two furlongs long and 18 feet wide. It was built at a cost of K 11.5 million.—MNA

Gita Nandawun music concert to be held

YANGON, 10 March — As a gesture of hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Gita Nandawun music concert, sponsored by the Myanmar National Development Company Group Ltd and organized by Bogalay Tint Aung and Gitalulin Maung Ko Ko, will be staged at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here on 20 and 21 March.

Gitalulin Maung Ko Ko, famous pianists and gold medalists in piano contests will present their piano per-

formance at the concert. Moreover, violin Ko Tin Ngwe's violin orchestra will give performance. And modern musical instruments and ancient musical instruments of Mon and Myanmar will also be played to the accompaniment of songs by celebrated vocalists and young singers who won gold medals in the performing arts competitions. Furthermore, Moe Di, Ayaing and Yan Paing Soe will present hearty laughter.

The concert will start at

7 pm, and the admission fees are K 500, K 1,000, K 2,000, K 3,000 and K 5,000. Tickets can be booked at Chantha book house, No 120, 34th Street, as well as at Naypyidaw Cinema beginning 13 March.

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Soccer tune-up, 11 March

YANGON, 10 March — The tentatively selected Myanmar footballers are undergoing training for Myanmar-China friendly soccer match to be held in the People's Republic of China.

The soccer tune-up between the white team and the red team of the tentatively selected Myanmar team will start at 4 pm tomorrow at Aung San Stadium. The admission fee is K 500 for grandstand and K 200 for ordinary class.

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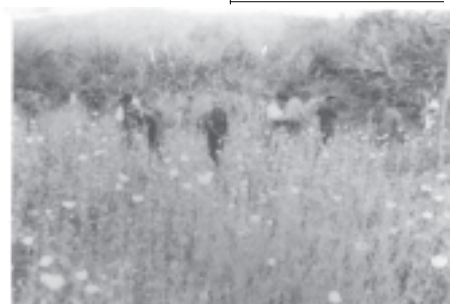
33.7 acres of poppy fields destroyed

YANGON, 10 March — A combined team comprising Tatmadaw members of the local battalion, members of Military Intelligence Unit, members of Myanmar Police Force, departmental personnel and local people destroyed 33.7 acres of opium

poppy plantations in the surrounding areas of Padumone and Nanpok Creek in Hkamti Township on 19 and 20 February. The teams are destroying the illegal poppy fields during the poppy cultivation season for 2003-2004. —MNA



33.7 acres of illegal poppy plantations being destroyed in Hkamti Township on 19 and 20 February.—MNA



Study finds Obesity could erase US health care gains

WASHINGTON, 10 March — The continuing epidemic of obesity in America could wipe out many of the recent improvements in health within the next 20 years, according to a new US analysis released on Tuesday.

If Americans continue to get fatter at current rates, by 2020 about one in five health-care dollars spent on people aged 50 to 69 could be due to obesity — 50 per cent more than now, the Rand Corporation study found.

In 2000, 14 per cent of money spent on health care for US men aged 50 to 69 went to obesity-related complications including diabetes and heart disease. In 2020, that could rise to 21 per cent, the researchers said.

"Improvements in medical care, public health and other health behaviours have dramatically reduced disability among older Americans in the past," Roland Sturm, a Rand Health senior economist who led the study, said in a statement.

"But the continuing increase in unhealthy weight has the potential to undo many of these health advances."

Obesity is defined as having a body mass index — a ratio of weight to height — of more than 30. That usually means being 15 kilos overweight for a woman and 17 to 20 kilos overweight for a man of average height.

More than 30 per cent of US adults are obese, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That translates to 59 million people.

Serious health implications, such as heart disease and diabetes risk, kick in at BMIs of 30 and above.

"The rise in obesity is particularly troubling given that obesity is associated with increased chronic physical illnesses and mortality; its negative consequences may even exceed those of smoking or problem drinking," Sturm and colleagues wrote in the journal *Health Affairs*, which published the study.

"If the obesity trend were to continue through 2020, without other changes in behaviour or medical technology, the proportion reporting fair or poor health would increase by 11.7 per cent for men and 14.1 per cent for women compared to 2000," they wrote.

MNA/Reuters



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets with local authorities and departmental personnel at TadaU Township. (News on page 1) — MNA

African nations meet in Uganda on sharing Nile water

KAMPALA, 10 March — Experts from 10 African countries that use the waters of the Nile River have begun a week-long workshop in Uganda to work out how nations can share the benefits of the huge natural resource.

The closed-door talks, which started on Thursday in Entebbe, 40 kilometres south of the Ugandan capital Kampala, are being held under the auspices of the Nile Basin Initiative, which was formed in 1999 to study how to manage the river for power generation, irrigation and transport.

The experts are planning to write a proposal on how to develop the resources of the Nile Basin. The meeting will also discuss a treaty drawn up in 1929 between British colonialists and Egypt that gives preferential treatment to the north African country.

Ugandan Minister of State for Environment Lieutenant-General Jeje Odong was quoted Tuesday by local media as saying that increased desertification and pollution levels of water resources were catastrophic if not handled with care.

Opening the Nile Basin Water Resources Management Project capacity-building workshop, Odong urged countries in the Great Lakes region and the Nile Basin to use their water resources carefully if they are to avoid a catastrophe.

The project aims to monitor the River Nile water levels and generate data for forecasting weather patterns in the region.

It also aims to monitor and control pollution levels in the river and the lakes that feed it.

The workshop, funded by the Italian Government and supervised by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, drew participants from Burundi, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, the Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. The White Nile, which begins from Lake Victoria, is joined in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, by the Blue Nile, which draws water from western Ethiopia highlands. The combined river flows through the northern part of the Sudan and Egypt until it empties into the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile Basin supplies water to about 300 million people. — MNA/Xinhua

Norwegian women take one-third of public sector positions

STOCKHOLM, 10 March — Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik said Monday that female accounts for 34 per cent among the 9,000 leading posts in the public sector across the country.

The Norwegian Government has set the goal that women take up 40 per cent of the posts in government agencies by June 1, 2006, the Prime Minister said at a meeting with three women's organizations of cooperative parties with the government.

Bondevik said the number of women leaders has increased by 6 per cent in the past two years, emphasizing "this is a fine development".

He added that women make up 42 per cent of the working force in the central government, and account for 45.7 per cent in the board of directors in enterprises. Bondevik also said the focus of government work on women will be to achieve equal employment with equal pay for women, and to reform the retirement system.

For years, the Northern European region has the highest proportion of women participating in politics in the world, with the 10 highest rate of female parliamentarians in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Norway worldwide. — MNA/Xinhua

PRC delegation arrives

YANGON, 10 March — A four-member writers' delegation of the People's Republic of China led by member of the panel of chairmen of PRC Writers Association Mr Wang Chonglu arrived here by air this evening.

The visit of the PRC delegation is to promote understanding between the writers of the two countries and enhance friendship of the two peoples.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information U Maung Hlaing (Maung Swe Nge) and officials and Cultural Counsellor of the PRC Embassy Mr Pan Feng and Embassy staff. — MNA



The PRC delegation being welcomed at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Garuda Indonesia to open new routes to Singapore

JAKARTA, 10 March — Beginning March 28, national flag carrier Garuda Indonesia will open three new routes linking two cities in Sumatra and two cities in Java to Singapore, a company spokesman has said.

Garuda Indonesia corporate communications vice-president Pujobroto said the new routes were the result of the company's focus on market expansion.

"They (the new routes) are part of this year's programme, which is to expand our network in the regional market," Pujobroto was quoted Tuesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

The first route will connect Pekanbaru in Riau Province and Padang in

West Sumatra with Singapore. The second route will link Semarang in Central Java with Singapore, and the last new route will provide direct flights from Yogyakarta, also in Central Java, to the island republic.

The Padang-Pekanbaru-Singapore route will operate four times a week, the Semarang-Singapore route also four times a week and the Yogyakarta-Singapore route three times a week.

All flights will be served by 110-seat *Boeing 737-300* aircraft, which include 16 business-class seats and 94 economy class.

Pujo said there were currently no direct flights from the three cities to Singapore, the top

destination in Southeast Asia, forcing travellers from the three cities to transit in Denpasar before continuing on to Singapore.

"Demand in the three cities is growing, which led us to the decision to open the new routes," he said.

He added that the airline would keep a close eye on the performance of the new routes.

"Should the demand from those cities stay stable, or even increase, we will probably add more flights," he said.

On February 21, Garuda Indonesia also launched a direct flight from Yogyakarta to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

MNA/Xinhua

South African Airways gets new "Airbus"

JOHANNESBURG, 10 March — South African Airways (SAA) got its first Airbus A340-300E jumbo jet Tuesday, the first of six to be delivered between now and 2005.

The 295-seat aircraft features several enhancements, including a

higher thrust-generating version of the CFM56 engine, which burns less fuel and ideally suited for the hot-and-high conditions at airports such as Johannesburg International Airport.

Tuesday's delivery sees national carrier SAA

move into the second phase of its fleet modernization programme which involves the acquisition of 41 new Airbus aircraft, including nine A340-600s and six A340-300Es for ultra-long and long haul flights.

MNA/Xinhua



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Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 10 March — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. — MNA



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

Vietnam to embark on biggest railway project

HANOI, 10 March — Vietnam plans to pour a record amount of money into constructing a railway which will allow trains to run at a speed of up to 120 kilometres per hour, a local newspaper reported Tuesday.

Construction of the route, which runs from Hanoi to northern Quang Ninh Province, will begin in 2004 and complete in 2008, with total investment of more than 3.2 trillion Vietnamese dong

ores, steel and goods are exported to and imported from China.

The route will have three sections: from Yen Vien in Hanoi to Pha Lai in northern Hai Duong

Province, from Pha Lai to Ha Long in Quang Ninh, and from Ha Long to Cai Lan in Quang Ninh. It is scheduled to be connected to railways in bordering localities. — MNA/Xinhua

Fifth Anniversary of Kaung Thant Literary House held

YANGON, 10 March — The 5th Anniversary of Kaung Thant Literary House founded by 1999 National Literary Award winner U Khin Maung Kywe (Kaung Thant) was held at Lawkanat Hall on Pansodan Street this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) formally opened the book exhibition.

Also present were Secretary of MWJA U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), CEC members, invited writers and guests. The exhibition will be kept open from 10 am to 5 pm daily up to 15 March. — MNA



MWJA Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) and party view round books exhibited on the occasion. — MNA

Delegation leaves for ROK

YANGON, 10 March — At the invitation of KOTRA, the 8-member delegation of MWEA (Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association) headed by MWEA President Daw Khin Myint Myint left here by air yesterday evening to attend Preview in Daegu International Textile Fair from 10 to 15 March in Daegu, Republic of Korea. The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by MWEA Advisor Prof Daw Yi Yi Myint, Vice-Presidents Daw Thet Yi and Daw Nu Nu Yi and Central Executive Committee members. — MNA



Myanmar women delegation headed by Daw Khin Myint Myint seen before departure at the Yangon International Airport. — UMFC/CI

Iran says it has not violated nuclear commitments

TEHERAN, 10 March — Iran's Foreign Minister said on Tuesday that Tehran had not violated its commitments under nuclear non-proliferation safeguards and any shortcomings in its cooperation with the UN atomic watchdog were in the past.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei criticized Iran on Monday for failing to declare advanced nuclear research and equipment that could be used to make atomic bombs.

But Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said the IAEA's Board of Governors, meeting in Vienna to discuss Iran's cooperation, should not conclude that Tehran was in violation of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as Washington has suggested. "It is a mistake to say that Iran has violated its commitments and Tehran will definitely not accept it," Kharrazi told the official IRNA news agency.

Kharrazi said it was wrong to compare Iran with Libya, which recently agreed to scrap a nuclear programme it had hidden

from inspectors.

"Comparing Iran and Libya is incorrect," he said. "Libya has officially announced that it was pursuing nuclear weapons and this is a violation of the NPT. But Iran has not been pursuing nuclear weapons and not violated the NPT."

He noted the IAEA's report on Iran mentioned shortcomings in Iran's declaration about its nuclear activities: "Shortcomings, which could have taken place in many countries, all belong to the past and most of them have been solved," he said.

Kharrazi said he was confident IAEA inspections in Iran would prove that "all the issues related to nuclear energy in Iran are transparent and are for peaceful purposes".

MNA/Reuters

NAM e-secretariat portal launched in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 March — Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar on Tuesday launched the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) e-secretariat portal in an effort to promote the movement.

Speaking at the launching ceremony in Putrajaya near here, Syed Hamid described the portal as Malaysia's modest effort in bringing NAM into the information and communications highway.

"We hope that this effort will be the beginning of many more concrete actions that could be taken by NAM to bring member states fully into the technological and electronic age which is so vital for our sustained development and modernization," he said.

Syed Hamid invited NAM members to assist

Malaysia in enriching the database by providing updated information about themselves and correcting inaccurate data or information.

The portal will be managed by Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Information and Communications Technology Division.

NAM was established in 1961 to signal the neutrality during the Cold War era.

Today, with a membership of 114 nations, NAM plays a significant role in the post-Cold War world as custodian of interests of south countries.

The 13th NAM Summit was held here in February last year and Malaysia has assumed the current chairmanship of NAM since then.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam hard hit by drought

HANOI, 10 March — Drought, caused by little rainfall during the dry season, is threatening the livelihood of Vietnamese farmers and their winter-spring rice crops, the Vietnam News reported Tuesday.

Some 1,000 families in the northern Son La Province now have no clean water for daily use, whereas 1,600 hectares of rice and maize in central highlands Gia Lai Province are withering due to drought.

The drought, which is forecast to last to the end of next month, has also posed great threat to forests.

Thousands of hectares of cajuput trees in several southern provinces are in risks of being on fire.

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“Return of the King” comes to home video in May

LOS ANGELES, 10 March — The home-video release of the Oscar winner “The Lord of the Rings: the Return of the King” is due May, its producer New Line Cinema announced Monday.

“The Return of the King,” which stole the show at the February 29 Oscar night with a sweep of 11 awards, will come to DVD and VHS on May 25, New Line Cinema said. That is about three months quicker than parts one and two of the fantasy trilogy, both of which hit video in late summer. “That is significant and valuable and adds to the imprimatur and pedigree of the trilogy, but the films have already achieved such high levels of acknowledgement and acceptance,” said Stephen Einhorn, president of New Line Home Entertainment. “I do not think it materially affects the demand for the films.”

New Line had held off until August for home-video releases of “The Fellowship of the Ring” and “The Two Towers” the last two years to feed into anticipation for the theatrical release of the next film in J.R.R. Tolkien’s epic. With the trilogy concluded, New Line decided to roll the conclusion out earlier on home video. New Line also plans an extended version of “The Return of the King” on home video around the holidays, similar to the longer cuts of the first two films. The three extended versions will push the saga’s running time to more than 11 hours. The initial DVD release will include the three-hour, 20-minute theatrical version, plus a range of behind-the-scenes material and trailers and TV spots for the trilogy. — MNA/Xinhua

Hollywood actor Pastorelli found dead at home

LOS ANGELES, 10 March — Hollywood actor Robert Pastorelli, who played the eccentric house painter on the CBS TV series “Murphy Brown,” was found dead in his Hollywood Hills home in Los Angeles, US authorities said Tuesday.

The body of the 49-year-old actor was discovered in the bathroom of his residence in the 2700 block of Hollyridge Drive early Monday afternoon by his personal assistant, said Ed Winter of the coroner’s office.

Drug paraphernalia was found at the site, and there was no sign of trauma to the body, Winter said.

An autopsy was pending, and the cause of death probably will be listed as “deferred pending the results of toxicological tests,” Winter said.

Los Angeles police Officer Sandra Escalante said no foul play was suspected in the death.

Pastorelli portrayed Eldin Bernecky from 1988-94 on the sitcom starring Candice Bergen, which ran until 1998.

MNA/Xinhua

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းမှု သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရောဂါမှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့တောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ကိုအား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Russian President names new Cabinet members

MOSCOW, 10 March — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday revealed the names of ministers making up his new Cabinet four days after the State Duma (Lower House of Parliament) overwhelmingly voted to approve Mikhail Fradkov, nominated by Putin, as Russia’s new Prime Minister, *Interfax* news agency reported.

Alexander Zhukov, co-leader of the pro-Putin United Russia Party and deputy speaker of the State Duma, was appointed Deputy Prime Minister.

Sergei Lavrov, Russia’s envoy to the United Nations, was named as new Foreign Minister, replacing Igor Ivanov, who was named as Security Council Secretary. Former Economic Development and Trade Minister German Gref and former Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin retained on their Cabinet posts.

Also from the former Cabinet members, Sergei Ivanov, Sergei Shoigu, Alexei Gorgeyev and Yuri Chaika retained their positions as Defence Minister, Emergency Situations Minister, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister and Justice Minister respectively.

Putin appointed Rashid Nurgaliev Interior Minister, Viktor Khristenko Industry and Energy Minister, Mikhail Zurabov Health and Social Development Minister, Andrei Fursenko Education and Science Minister, Alexander Sokolov Culture and Information Minister, Yuri Trutnev Natural Resources Minister and Igor Levitin Transport and Communications Minister.

Dmitri Kozak was appointed chief of the government staff with the rank of minister.

Putin, who made the announcement during a meeting with the leaders of the Kremlin Administration and several acting Cabinet members, said the new government will comprise 17 instead of 30 ministries.

The appointments came five days ahead of the country’s presidential poll, which is widely expected to result in a landslide victory for Putin. — MNA/Xinhua

Animal welfare groups urge world to stop whaling

OSLO, 10 March — Saying that harpoons mean unacceptable cruelty in slaughtering whales, animal welfare groups launched a global campaign on Tuesday to outlaw hunts of the biggest creatures on the planet.

“There is no humane way to kill a whale,” said Peter Davies, director-general of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), among leaders of a coalition of 200 groups in 58 nations behind a 150-page report on whaling. Titled “Troubled Waters”, it criticized a lack of international rules on hunts by major whaling nations — Japan, Norway, and Iceland. It estimated that whales died on average two minutes after they are hit by grenade-tipped harpoons.

“On grounds of animal welfare alone... all whaling operations should be halted,” it said, adding that about 20,000 whales had been harpooned since an International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium took effect in 1986. Another 1,400 would die in 2004.

Whaling nations say that stocks of some whales, especially the small minke whale, have rebounded and are plentiful enough for traditional catches. They say modern harpoons mean cetaceans die with no undue suffering. But British naturalist Sir David Attenborough wrote in an introduction to the report: “There is nothing in the body of a whale, which is of use to us, for which we cannot find equivalents elsewhere.”

“They are the largest animals that have ever existed, far larger than any dinosaur,” he wrote, arguing that whales were “highly evolved animals with all the sensitivities that statement implies.” The blue whale is the largest.

“In every other food production business there are rules. For whaling there are none,” Davies of the London-based WSPA told *Reuters*. He said farm animals like pigs or cows faced a more humane death in a slaughterhouse.

Norway says whaling should be compared to hunting — like elk or foxes — rather than to methods in a slaughterhouse. The report said the IWC lacked rules on the number of harpoons or bullets that can be fired at a whale, maximum pursuit times, upper limits on the acceptable time to death and laid down no reliable method for judging when a whale was dead.

It said Japan and Norway used similar hunting methods, for instance, but that Oslo said that 80.7 per cent of whales in 2002 were killed instantaneously while Japan recorded only 40.2 per cent as instantaneous kills in the Antarctic in 2002-03. — MNA/Reuters

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစားနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ဝိစိတ်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါ များဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —

၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်နိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလေးများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုးမွှားများ နွှာကိုင်ပေါ် ရွစ်ရွစ် သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ ခော်ကားမော်ကားသံ များကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinoses)၊

၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်မြန် ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)၊

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)၊

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)၊

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချိုယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)၊

၈။ မိမိ၏ခန့်ကို ထင်ထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆို ကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန်တိုက်တွန်း အပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

“သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရန်းအညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ဝေ ထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများ အတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင်ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များ သို့တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲ့တပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၃၉၉)
- (၂) ကြီးမဲကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး(ဖုန်း ၂၉၁၂၈၅/၂၉၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

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Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

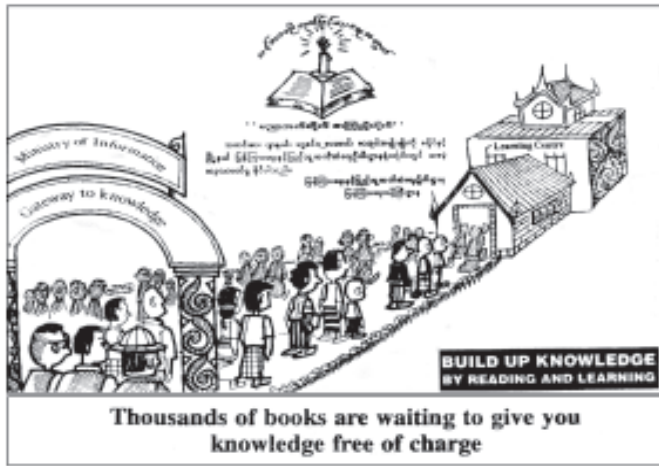
YANGON, 10 March— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce. One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000. Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Director (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-546577).

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Uganda earns more from exports

KAMPALA, 10 March — Uganda earned 279.5 million US dollars from exports in the first half of fiscal year 2003/04, 49.5 million US dollars more than the 230 million US dollars in the same period of fiscal year 2002/03.

The increase is attributed to good performance in non-

coffee exports in terms of both higher prices and increased volumes of shipments, according to a report from the Bank of Uganda.

The value of non-coffee exports for the first half of 2003/04 is estimated at 232 million US dollars up from 176 million US dollars realized in the corresponding period in 2002/03, an increase of about 31.8 percent.

Fish and its products was the largest export earner in this period, fetching a total of 57.22 million US dollars compared to 53.04 million US dollars in the same period of 2002/03.

Tea exports improved by 58.1 per cent from 13.6 million US dollars to 21.5 million US dollars while flower exports increased from seven million US dollars to 10.9 million US dollars.

Maize exports also grew tremendously during the first half of 2003/04 bringing in a total of 8.44 million US dollars compared to 4.06 million US dollars in the first half of 2002/03.

Tobacco exports generated 15.89 million US dollars, up from 14.96 million US dollars in the corresponding period of 2002/03.

MNA/Xinhua

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The Union of Myanmar Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Limited Price Quotation No. (06/2003-2004)

F.P.J.V.C Ltd Quotation Sale will be held as follows.

Commodity	Quantity (about Tons)	Location
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Total	1974	

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Hollywood Golden Age star Frances Dee dies

LOS ANGELES, 10 March

— Actress Frances Dee, widow of Western movie hero Joel McCrea and one of the last stars from Hollywood's Golden Age, has died at age 94 after a career in which she co-starred with the likes of Gary Cooper, Bette Davis, Frederic March, Katharine Hepburn and John Wayne.

Her family said on Monday that Dee died two days earlier in a hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut, after suffering a stroke while on a visit to one of her three sons. —MNA/Reuters

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Most Germans worried about EU enlargement

BERLIN, 10 March — Most Germans are worried about the negative results of European Union (EU) enlargement, showed a poll released Monday. The survey published by *Leipziger Volkszeitung* daily showed that 84 per cent of respondents across the country considered that more companies and investors would shift toward Eastern and Central Europe when the EU expands on 1 May. —MNA/Xinhua

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Zambia launches trade web site

LUSAKA, 10 March — The Export Board of Zambia has launched an interactive trade information web site known as TradeMap Zambia, in a bid to help local companies target export markets, independent newspaper *The Post* said Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Mount Everest, where China is planning to build the world's highest weather station.

INTERNET

Fujitsu-Hitachi joint venture to build new plasma display plant

TOKYO, 10 March—Fujitsu Hitachi Plasma Display Ltd. said Monday it will build a new plant for plasma display panels to increase monthly production by 150,000 panels. The plant will be built on a site next to an existing plant in southern Miyazaki Prefecture, with the start of construction set for early 2005, the company said in a Press release.

The company, set up by

Fujitsu Ltd. and Hitachi Ltd. in a fifty-fifty way, will invest 75 billion yen (669 million US dollars) in the project.

The new plant will start production at an initial pace of 50,000 units a month at the end of 2005 and raise maximum monthly output to 150,000 units in 2007.

Monthly manufacturing capacity at the existing plant will be doubled to 100,000 units by January 2005 from

50,000 units, the company said.

Global demand for plasma display panels is expected to grow to 10 million units in 2007 from 1.4 million units in 2003 because of the expansion of service areas for terrestrial digital broadcasting in Japan, as well as the growing popularity of high-definition TVs in North America, the company said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand starts second-round of war on drugs

BANGKOK, 10 March—The Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Monday declared the second-phase national operation against drugs to prevent scourge resurfacing after last year's war on drugs, local Press reported on Tuesday.

This year's campaign against drugs, from March 8 to June 5, was a follow-up action of last year's war on drugs and aimed at exploiting the weakness resulted from last year's operation, said the Prime Minister.

"Drug gangs are vulnerable and we must repeat the crackdown now to ensure they are completely destroyed," Thaksin was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

The capital of Bangkok and a few other provinces were listed as key regions to be given special attention in this year's anti-drug operation. Authorities would also strengthen watch over entertainment venue, restaurant, condominium, rented house, slum, and border villages for suspected people and movement.—MNA/Xinhua

Scientists say driving, pollution may cause lung cancer

SHANGHAI, 10 March — Driving, prolonged exposure to gasoline, vehicle exhaust and kitchen smoke, as well as an unhealthy diet, may all cause lung cancer, Chinese scientists have warned.

A group of researchers, headed by Professor He Yumin, of the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, reached the conclusion after a five-year survey of 2,276 lung cancer patients.

Of 343 patients aged 50 or below, 98, or 28.6 per cent, were full-time drivers, the research team found.

"The percentage is even higher among the younger group of patients," said He. "As 33.3 per cent of those under 40 years old had been driving for ten years or more before they were diagnosed with lung cancer."

The professor warned lung cancer occurred equally in men and women, as the male-female ratio was almost 1:1 for patients aged under 50, counter to the traditional assumption that male sufferers normally outnumbered females. Smoking remained the biggest cause of lung cancer in men, but not for women, He said.

"About 70 per cent of the male lung cancer patients are smokers, but only 18 per cent

of the women suffered secondary smoking or were smokers themselves," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

CPPCC member urges enactment of anti-drug law

BEIJING, 10 March— China should enact a law so as to beef up anti-drug drive as soon as possible, said a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) on the ongoing CPPCC session here Tuesday. He warned the growing number of young drug abusers against greater troubles and urged them to abandon drug addiction.

Last year, people under the age of 35 make up 72.2 per cent of China's 1.03 million registered drug addicts and the number keeps increasing rapidly.

Huang Jingjun, a member of the CPPCC National Committee, said more than 70 per cent of the money used to buy drugs come from illegal sources, leading many young abusers to committing crimes such as robbery, theft and prostitution to finance their addiction.

Meanwhile, drug addiction

proved to be a major cause of HIV infection. In 2003, 63 per cent of HIV infections in China was caused by drug addiction, and many of the infected victims are youngsters.

In some Chinese reform-through-labour centres, drug abusers under 25 account for over 60 per cent of the total number of detainees with the youngest abuser being only eight years old, said Huang. A dearth of social experience and a lack of education were, among other factors, have led to the rapidly increasing figure of young drug abusers.

The CPPCC member also attributed the grave situation of adolescent drug abuse to the drug-smuggling activities in the country. In 2003, Chinese police cracked some 90,000 drug-related crime cases and captured more than 60,000 drug dealers.

Some 9.5 tons of heroine, nearly 1,000 kilos of

opium, 5.8 tons of "ice", or methamphetamine hydrochloride, and 72 tons of drug-making chemicals were seized.

Many drug dealers employed youngsters to transfer and sell drugs, victimizing the youth and instigating them to victimize others, warned Huang, who called for arousing all the possible forces to inform the whole society, especially the young people, of harms of drug abuse and step up anti-drug efforts.

In addition, he noted, the Chinese society should take a more tolerant and caring attitude toward young drug abusers and even those involved in crimes by lessening their penalties and helping them rehabilitate both mentally and physically.

Huang also called for faster pace to tabling an administrative regulation on management of drug-making chemicals.—MNA/Xinhua

Scientists may have spotted British "Beagle" probe

LONDON, 10 March—*Beagle 2*, the British space probe which disappeared as it descended towards Mars, may have been detected on the surface of the Red Planet, scientists said on Monday.

No signal has been received from the craft since it was due to land on Christmas Day last year, despite various attempts by Mars orbiters and telescopes on

Earth to make contact.

But photographic images of the area where *Beagle 2* was to have come down show four bright spots, dubbed a "string of pearls" by scientists, which may be the remains of the probe.

"It could be the lander with its airbags and parachute," said Lutz Richter from the German Aerospace Centre, who helped plan the mission.

"But...it is nothing conclusive whatsoever."

Professor Colin Pillinger, the British scientist in charge of the *Beagle 2* project, told a conference at the Royal Society in London he doubted the image was in fact the probe and was more likely to be "system noise" — an error on the image.

The conference, which was called to discuss the lessons learnt from the *Beagle 2* mission, also heard that eight to 13 per cent of the probe's suspected landing area was littered with craters and hills, making a safe landing difficult.

But Pillinger defended the decision to land the craft there.

"We chose the best landing space we could within the constraints put on us. Scientifically it gave us the best chance," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Nami Terai, KDDI Corp spokeswoman displays the mobile carrier's new service GPS, or global positioning system, in Tokyo on 9 March, 2004. The EZ Navi Walk system, which uses satellites to find out where the user is at any time works like car-navigation equipment to guide people to their destination.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Leicester manager offered to resign

LEICESTER (England), 10 March — Leicester City manager Micky Adams said on Monday he felt let down by some of his players and had offered to resign after nine of them were arrested last week on allegations of sexual assault in Spain.

Five of the players were released pending further investigations, one was released and faces no further action and three have been detained by Spanish police after the allegations made during a training camp at La Manga.

Adams, speaking at a news conference after returning from Spain, said: "If I feel let down about anything it's the fact that it was a trip arranged to do specific work...if they've let themselves down, a small minority of them, it's for drinking to a certain amount of excess in the early hours in the morning."

Asked if he was convinced of the innocence of the trio detained in Spain, he replied: "Absolutely."

Adams also said: "Of the nine people that were arrested, some of them were not there." —MNA/Reuters

Roberto Carlos loses appeal against two-game ban

MADRID, 10 March — Real Madrid defender Roberto Carlos has lost his appeal against a two-match ban from UEFA and will miss Wednesday's Champions League game against Bayern Munich, the Spanish club said on Monday.

The Brazil full-back was handed the suspension last week for "improper conduct" after retaliating to a foul by Bayern Munich defender Martin Demichelis in the 1-1 draw in Munich in the tie's first leg.

Roberto Carlos gave evidence at a hearing in Nyon on Monday but Real Madrid said on their web site that his attempt to have the ban reduced or wiped out had not been successful.

He will miss the second leg of the first knockout round tie at the Bernabeu on Wednesday as well as the first leg of the

quarterfinal should Real make it through.

That leaves Real without both their Brazilian internationals for the match against Bayern after Ronaldo suffered a thigh injury in a league game at the weekend.

Spanish international striker Raul is also in danger of missing out as he looks to recover from an ankle injury.

Referee Terje Hauge missed the incident and said he had been unable to see the Brazilian's reaction to the foul because his view had been impeded by two players.

MNA/Reuters



From right, Deportivo La Coruna's Lionel Scaloni of Uruguay, Jose' Molina, Victor Sanchez and Jorge Andrade of Portugal celebrate after they beat Juventus 1-0 at the end of the second leg, second round Champions League soccer match between Juventus and Deportivo La Coruna at the Delle Alpi Stadium in Turin, Italy, on 9 March, 2004.

Deportivo La Coruna qualified for the quarterfinals. —INTERNET

Nemeth strike gives Middlesbrough win over Spurs

LONDON, March 10 — Middlesbrough striker Szilard Nemeth gave the newly-crowned League Cup winners a narrow 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Tuesday.

The Slovakian struck after 73 minutes as he evaded defender Dean Richards and took the ball around goalkeeper Kasey Keller before slotting home at the Riverside Stadium.

Nemeth's goal spared the blushes of Massimo Maccarone whose penalty kick on the hour was palmed around the post by Keller after Richards was adjudged to have brought down Joseph Job.

MNA/Reuters

Enyimba asked to explain using unregistered player

JOHANNESBURG, 10 March — African champions Enyimba have been asked to provide an explanation for using a player who belonged to another club during last year's Champions League final, officials said on Tuesday.

Enyimba face a possible three-year suspension from continental club competition for using a player who they initially registered but then sold to another team.

Egyptian club Ismaili, who lost 2-1 to Enyimba on aggregate in the final, are demanding that the Confederation of Africa Football (CAF) strips the Nigerian club of the title.

Officials said on Tuesday, however, that it was highly unlikely Enyimba would lose their crown.

Enyimba used Ahmed Garba as a substitute in the second leg of the final in Egypt in December.

Garba, 23, was registered for the Champions League by Enyimba before being sold to Kano Pillars during the 2003 season.

The Nigerian season finished several weeks before the Champions League final in December and Garba returned to help Enyimba in the deciding tie, where they became the first Nigerian side to win the top club prize in African football.

The practice of borrowing players from other clubs has been common in Africa, particularly in smaller countries, and poor record keeping at CAF has exacerbated the problem. — MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Louis Saha (L), of France, and John O'Shea (R) react after losing to Porto in their Champions League first knockout round, second leg soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, on 9 March, 2004. The match ended 1-1 on the night with FC Porto knocking Manchester United out 3-2 on aggregate. —INTERNET

Deportivo, Porto knock Juve, Man United out

LONDON, 10 March — Porto and Deportivo Coruna scored the biggest Champions League upsets of the season on Tuesday when they knocked Manchester United and last season's beaten finalists Juventus out of the competition.

Porto, last season's UEFA Cup winners, scored a heart-stopping equalizer at the death to draw 1-1 at Old Trafford and beat Manchester United 3-2 on aggregate while Deportivo became the first Spanish side to beat Juventus at home for 42 years to win 1-0 on the night and 2-0 on aggregate.

Chelsea and Olympique Lyon also reached the last eight with first knockout round aggregate wins over VfB Stuttgart and Real Sociedad. Chelsea went through 1-0 on aggregate and Lyon 2-0.

The most dramatic moment of a night of only four goals came in the dying seconds at Old Trafford after Manchester United appeared to have done enough to

squeeze into the last eight for the eighth successive year.

United took the lead against Porto with a 32nd minute Paul Scholes header which they held until the 90th minute.

That would have been enough to give them an away goals rule victory after losing the first leg 2-1 in Porto.

Scholes also had a close-range goal wrongly disallowed by a linesman's flag just before half-time which would have put United 2-0 ahead.

"That's proved vital, the referee or the linesman did not do his job properly," said disappointed United coach Alex Ferguson afterwards.

Porto, who had lost all six of their previous European matches in England, equalized in the 90th minute when a free-kick by Benni McCarthy, who scored both Porto goals in the first leg, was parried by American

goalkeeper Tim Howard straight into the path of Portuguese international midfielder Costinha.

Porto coach Jose Mourinho ran from his seat in the stands and more than 50 metres to embrace his players while most of the 67,000-plus fans inside the stadium were stunned into disbelieving silence.

Mourinho was ecstatic afterwards: "To play like this and get a result here was fantastic, not just for Porto and our supporters but the whole of Portugal," he said.

Deportivo became the first Spanish side to beat Juventus at home since Real Madrid won there in a European Cup quarter-final in 1962, when Uruguayan international Walter Pandiani struck after 12 minutes to earn a 2-0 aggregate win which put them into the quarter-finals for the third time.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal draw Manchester United in FA Cup semifinal

LONDON, 10 March — Holders Arsenal will play league champions Manchester United and First Division Sunderland will meet either First Division Millwall or Second Division Tranmere Rovers in the semifinals of the FA Cup on April 4.

Monday's draw gave Arsenal the hardest possible obstacle in their bid to become the first club since 1886 to win the FA Cup three years in succession and the first ever to reach four successive finals.

Sunderland were the last team from outside the top division to reach the final in 1992, while Millwall and Tranmere will replay next week in their bid to reach the last four.

The final will take place at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium on May 22.

MNA/Reuters



Angelika Roesch of Germany returns a shot against French opponent Stephanie Foretz during the qualifying round of the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, California on 9 March, 2004. —INTERNET

MRTV-3


**11-3-2004 (Thursday)
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Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 9:06 Ornamental Jewellery
of Outstanding De-
signs
- 9:10** **Headline News**
9:12 Pickled Herbal Tea
Leaves of Myanmar
- 9:15** **National News**
9:20 Making of Traditional
Lacquerware
- 9:25 Auspicious Glory
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Expedition of Rare
Crocodile Species In-
habiting in Fresh And
Seawaters (III)
- 9:40 Song "I'll remain in
Shwe Myaing"
- 9:45** **National News**
9:50 Myanma Ancient Or-
naments Showroom
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**11-3-2004 (Thursday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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- 15:36 Ornamental Jewellery
of Outstanding De-
signs
- 15:40** **Headline News**
15:42 Pickled Herbal Tea
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- 15:45** **National News**
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- 15:55 Auspicious Glory
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- 16:30** **National News**
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Gita Than (Welcoming
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- 16:40 Mosaic Painting of
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Myanmar Motion Pic-
tures
- 16:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 17:00** **National News**
17:05 Medicinal Plants at
Popa Mountain Park
Myanmar Modern
Song "Love that didn't
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- 17:10 Mogok Gem-mining
Enterprise
- 17:15** **National News**
17:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast (Yangon to
Mawlamyaing)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
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**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:32 Let's Talk About Lahu
Nationals
- 19:40** **Headline News**
19:42 Mazin Industry's
Wood Products
- 19:45** **National News**
19:50 Expedition of Rare
Crocodile Species In-
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- 19:55 An Exulting Male
Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
20:05 Myanmar's Pride &
Glory
- 20:10 Song "Ngwe Hsaung
Beach Resort"
- 20:15** **National News**
20:20 38 Modes of Auspi-
cious Conduct (An
Unseemly Scene)
- 20:25 Song "Land of Beauty"
- 20:30** **National News**
20:35 Kindness to Pet Ani-
mals
- 20:40 Indulge yourself with
Traditional gourmet at
Yangon's chic "Green
Elephant"
- 20:45** **National News**
20:50 Interview on Mar-
quetry Painting
- 20:55 Myanmar National
Races Cultural Dances
(U Shwe Yoe & Daw
Moe)

- 21:00** **National News**
21:05 Kengtaung Waterfall
21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Golden
Myanmar Golden
Welcome"
- 21:12 Inlay Blacksmith
Craftsmanship
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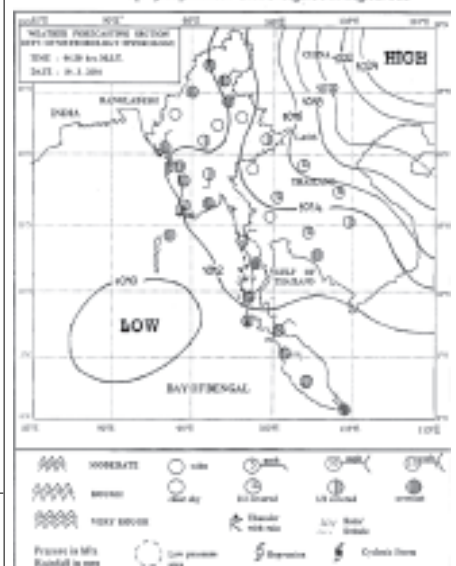
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Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
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- 03:32 Let's Talk About Lahu
Nationals
- 03:40** **Headline News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


WEATHER

Wednesday, 10 March, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in eastern Shan State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 9-3-2004 was 36.0°C (97°F). Minimum temperature on 10-3-2004 was 18.5°C (65°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-3-2004 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 9-3-2004 was (8.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 10-3-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from South-Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 9-3-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-3-2004: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin and Rakshine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-3-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon/evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-3-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).


**Thursday, March 11
View today:**

7:00 am

1. စာအုပ်ရှင် ပန်းကန်ဆရာတော်
တရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံသရာဟာ
ဘုရား အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်
အဘိဓမ္မာဟောသုတ် အဘိဓမ္မာ
မဟာသုတ္တံစာတော် တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မ
သတ္တဝါရိတ၊ ဆရာတော်သုန္ဒရီစိတ္တ
သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရဓမ္မသတ္တဝါရိတ၊ အဗ္ဗဟာ
ပဉ္စိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒသီရိဗျာဘိဝံသ
(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်
ဓမ္မဆောင်ရွက် တပည့်တော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am**
7. ရုပ်သံကြီးဆွဲမြင်ပုံ
- 8:20 am**
8. Dance variety

8:30 am

9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုခေတ်သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ
ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်)
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဆာသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား အင်းစိန်စာပေပရိ
(ရတနာ၊ သတ္တဗောဓိအထူးပြုများ)
(ရတနာ)

5:15 pm

6. Cute little dancers

5:35 pm

7. Musical programme
- 5:50 pm**
8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာတေး
- 6:10 pm**
9. Musical programme

6:30 pm

10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံတော်သံသရာဟာ
"မိုးတယ်" (ဆုပေး-၅)
- 7:35 pm**
13. (၅၅)နှစ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု
အခမ်းအနား
- 7:45 pm**
14. ဘာသာပြန်ရေးနည်း စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည်
ရန်တိုက်ပွဲ (ဆုပေး-၁)

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. ၂၀၀၃-၂၀၀၄ ပညာသင်နှစ် ရန်ကုန်
ပန်တော့ကျောင်း ဆင်တန်းဆင်ပွဲ
တင်ဆက်မှု အခမ်းအနား
19. The next day's
programme


Thursday, March 11
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Loving each day
(Ronan Keating)
-Feel (Robbie
Williams)
Special radio play in
honour of the 59th
Anniversary Armed
Forces Day
"Shinning Moon
Over The Rakshine
Mountain"
9.10 pm Article
9.20 pm Pourri
9.30 pm Favourite songs
chosen by music
lovers
-Baby what about you
(Crystal Gayle)
-If we hold on
together (Diana
Ross)
-Top of the world
(The Carpenters)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Commander inspects agricultural, regional development tasks in Thanlyin, Kyauktan Townships

YANGON, 10 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and departmental officials, inspected agricultural and regional development tasks in Thanlyin and Kyauktan Townships this morning.

On arrival at the construction site of the six-lane road project to link Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge-2 and the road to Thilawa Industrial

for ensuring contribution to development of agricultural tasks in Thanlyin and Kyauktan townships and timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard.

Next, the commander inspected progress in building Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge-2 and heard reports on construction of the bridge by officials. The commander gave necessary instructions.

The commander and party proceeded to the construction site of Ngasein Creek Bridge located on the road under construction to

and two furlongs long.

Afterwards, the commander and party arrived at the construction site of Bawt Creek Bridge on the six-lane road and completion of the tasks. The commander then inspected thriving summer paddy on both banks of Bawt Creek.

Next, the commander and party saw over completion of the six-lane road and construction of four box culverts on that road.

At Nyaungwaing agricultural educative camp in Kyauktan Township, the commander inspected 200



Zone, the commander and party were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Pyay and officials.

At the briefing hall, Superintending Engineer U Nyunt Maung San of Public Works reported on facts about the road construction project.

The commander gave instructions on the road construction project to be implemented systematically

link Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge-2 and the road to Thilawa Industrial Zone. Officials of Bridge Construction-16 reported on progress of works. The commander gave instructions on work site safely and timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard.

Then, the commander inspected construction of the six-lane earth road with the use of heavy machinery. The road will be 10 miles

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects 200 acres of thriving Pandaing high-yield strain of summer paddy at Naungwaing agricultural educative camp in Kyauktan Township.—MNA

acres of thriving high-yield summer paddy irrigated by Bantwogon Dam. After meeting with local farmers, the commander gave instructions on arrangements to be made for water availability so as to extend cultivation of summer paddy in Thanlyin and Kyauktan townships.—MNA



Armed Forces Day Special Features

The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day falls on 27 March 2004. The day is commemorated every year in recognition of and tribute to the relentless efforts and the spirit of sacrifice of the Tatmadaw in safeguarding independence and sovereignty.

In honour of the occasion, *The New Light of Myanmar* will feature articles, perspectives and poems of historical significance supported by the documentary photos as from 12 March 2004 under the programme “The Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) in perpetual service of the people”.

Yangon Command wins Defence Services C-in-C's volleyball trophy

YANGON, 10 March — Final matches of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's trophy Army, Navy, Air Force volleyball tourney was held at the gymnasium of South-East Command on 4 March.

In the women's match, Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) won the championship trophy, Yangon Command second prize, and Central Command third prize. In the men's match, Yangon Command won the championship trophy, Central Command second prize, and South-West Command third prize.

Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented the championship trophies to the winning teams.

Also present were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Myo Hla, staff officers of the command, local authorities, departmental officials, Tatmadaw members and families of Mawlamyine Station and athletes and managers of 23 teams that took part in the matches.

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Parade columns practise drills

YANGON, 10 March—Tatmadawmen, Myanmar Police Force members, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade members of Anawrahta, Kyansittha, Bayintnaung, Nawade, Aungzeya, Hsinbyushin, Bandoola, Myawady and

Aung San Columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Min Thein and Reserve Parade Commander Col Nyi Tun participated in the practising drills from Myoma Ground to the Resistance Park from 6 am to 10 am today.

Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Brig-Gen Nyan Win, senior military officers and officials inspected the drill practising of the columns.

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Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Brig-Gen Nyan Win inspect practising of drills by parade columns.—PUPR