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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



Economic and social indicators have greatly surpassed

The Tatmadaw and the people have been able to work hand in hand in constructing economic and social infrastructures in any direction you look all over the country. With the aim of constructing a comprehensive network of development that would cover the entire country, 24 Special Development Regions have been set up to promote the economic, education and health conditions and the advancement of the highly-qualified human resources. In addition, to ensure that there are no gaps in this development network, five rural development tasks are being vigorously implemented. As a result of these endeavours, economic and social indicators for the Union of Myanmar today show that the designated targets have greatly surpassed.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From address delivered at the parade of the 58th Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects full dress rehearsal of Armed Forces Day parade columns

YANGON, 23 March—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected full dress rehearsal of parade columns that will participate in the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade at the Resistance Park this morning.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Prime Minister Chief of Military Intelligence General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects exhibition booth on Twelve Objectives. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects full dress rehearsal of parade columns. — MNA

Observance Management Committee Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the Mayor and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, arrived at 5.45 am at the Resistance Park where the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade is going to be held.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 24 March, 2004

To translate Armed Forces Day objectives into action

The Armed Forces Day, a day of significance in the history of our country, is observed with full political essence every year. The 59th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day is going to be observed soon with the following 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"

The Tatmadaw Government is taking step-by-step measures to ensure a smooth and systematic transition to a genuine multi-party democracy suitable to our country and people. In line with the seven-step road map, the entire national people are to join hands with the Tatmadaw Government in striving for emergence of a new constitution and a new nation through the convening of the National Convention.

Nowadays, the neo-colonialists are instigating internal and external destructive elements and attacking the nation in political and economic spheres through various means with the purpose of installing a puppet government into power. For ensuring stability of the State, the Tatmadaw alone cannot wipe out all the internal and external destructive elements. The national people are to participate earnestly in this endeavour. Similarly, the participation of the people is also needed in defending the nation if there occurs alien intrusion. For a developing nation like Myanmar, the internal and external destructive elements plotting to disintegrate or to attack the Union should be crushed through people's militia strategy.

The Tatmadaw today is making earnest endeavours for the national development. In so doing, efforts are being made to develop all the regions of the Union harmoniously. The special development projects are now being implemented with might and main in border areas which lagged behind in development due to internal insurgencies. As a result, the border areas where the national races are residing are achieving rapid development. Likewise, five rural development tasks are also being carried out by the Tatmadaw and the people for accelerating the development momentum in rural areas where the majority of the people live. We believe that the Tatmadaw with good traditions will successfully translate the above-mentioned objectives of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day into action.



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Myanmar Federation of Women's Affairs
 Plenary Meeting of State/Division
 Organization for Women's Affairs
 Yangon 28-29 March 2004



Attorney-General U Aye Maung and wife being welcomed by Charge d' Affaires at Pakistani Embassy Mr Habib-Ur Rehman and wife to the reception to mark the anniversary of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 23-3-2004. — MNA

U Aye appointed as Ambassador to Canada

YANGON, 24 March — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Aye as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Canada. — MNA

10-day vipassana session at Shweminwun meditation centre

YANGON, 23 March — A 10-day session will be conducted at Shweminwun meditation centre in Mingaladon Township here from 9 to 19 April. Vipassana sermons will be delivered by Sayadaws in line with Kathitwaing Sayadaw. Those interested can get themselves registered not later than 8 April. — MNA



Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) visit the Sarpay Beikman Book Fair. — MNA

Hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Book Fair

Sarpay Beikman
 # 378,384 Upper Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon
 (former PPE head office)
 19 to 28 March 2004 (from 9 am to 5 pm)

Tiger-Myanmar Amateur Open held

YANGON, 23 March — Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open-2004 organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation was held this morning at Yangon Golf Club, Danyingon, here.

President of Myanmar PGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing and Deputy Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Aung teed off to open the match and the first day

18-hole round of the event took place.

After the first day of the event, Myo Min Aung led the event with 72 strokes followed by Htay Aung Htay with 73 and, Aung San and Hla Myo with 74 each. The event will continue tomorrow morning at Yangon Golf Club.

Tiger Invitational Match-2004 was took place yesterday afternoon at Pun Hlaing Golf Club and officials gave away the prizes after the match. — MNA



Mr David Teng tees off the Tiger Myanmar Open. MGF

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

List of prize winners announced

YANGON, 23 March — The list of prize winners for the 2003 Myawady colour photo competition as well as for the best manuscript award of Myawady and Ngwetay magazines was released today. In the Myawady colour photo competition, Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) and Ko Ko Sonny (Theingi Shweyi) stood second and third respectively. The best cartoon award for the 2003 Myawady annual magazine went to Soe San, the best poem award to Myinmu Maung Naing Moe, the best article award to Ye Tun (Military Science), the best short story award to Shwe Thinda, and the best novel award to Maung Yi Thway. The best cartoon award for Ngwetay annual magazine went to Aung Chan Myae (Minbu), the best poem award to Maung Hayma, the best article award to Tin Tun Oo (Culture), the best short story award to Win Nwe (Forestry), and the best novel award to Mudon Thumon. The prize-presentation ceremony will be held at Tatmadaw Television Broadcasting Unit, Hmawby, at 6.30 pm on 29 March. The winners are requested to contact Myawady Publishing House (# 181, 32nd Street, Pabedan Township, Tel: 282674 & 642203) not later than 6 pm on 28 March. — MNA

MoU signed for teaching Japanese

YANGON, 23 March — UMFCCE Education Work Committee Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing and President of Koeki Shoji Co Ltd Mr Masumaru Tsuchino signed memorandum of understanding on teaching of Japanese language this morning at the UMFCCE head office here. UMFCCE President U Win Myint spoke on the occasion. The two year course on reading, writing and speaking skills of Japanese language will begin on 24 April. The graduates will get chance for further studying in Japan. — MNA



The MoU being exchanged by U Sein Win Hlaing and Mr Masumaru Tsuchino. — UMFCCE

Two Myanmar golfers leave for India

YANGON, 23 March — Soe Kyaw Naing and Aung Win left here by air for India yesterday evening to take part in Royal Challenge Indian Open 2004 Golf Tournament to be held in Delhi Golf Club from 25 to 28 March. They took part in Myanmar Open 2004 Golf Tournament sponsored by Rothsman of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd from 12 to 15 February and were invited to the Royal Challenge Indian Open. To launch the new Yangon-New Delhi air route, the professional golfers were sponsored by MAI. — MNA



Soe Kyaw Naing and Aung Win seen before departure for India. — MGF

14 British soldiers hurt in Iraq protests

BAGHDAD, 23 March—Fourteen British soldiers have been injured in clashes with demonstrators in southern Iraq. Thirteen were injured by explosives during the protests in Basra. The Ministry of Defence said three were seriously injured.

The attack happened at 13.46 local time. British troops fired baton rounds in self-defence after the trouble erupted. But the MoD denied reports live rounds or tear gas was used.

There were reports of demonstrators shouting slogans in support of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein and denouncing the killing by the Israelis of the spiritual leader of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

The MoD said there was no evidence the incident was terrorist related. It said the demonstrations centred on demands for further jobs with the new police and security forces.

An explosive device and a number of petrol bombs detonated close to British troops.

The injured troops were taken to British military hospital at Shaibah. The situation was this evening described as "calm but tense".

Major Tim Smith, the British military spokesman in Basra said: "Thankfully none of the soldiers is in a life-threatening condition. I want to commend their restraint under enormous pressure in dealing with the situation with the minimum of force."

"There is no evidence whatsoever to link this incident with any other, or with political events elsewhere. We are treating it only as a public order matter."

Major Smith said such incidents were "extremely rare" in Basra.—Internet

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A British soldier is covered by flames from a fuel bomb thrown during a violent protest in Basra, Iraq, on 22 March, 2004. Two explosions in the southern Iraqi city of Basra wounded 14 British soldiers on Monday, in an attack that followed the demonstration by Iraqi youths, the British military said. — INTERNET

578 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 March—As of Monday, 22 March, 2004, 578 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq a year ago, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 390 died as a result of hostile action and 188 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

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

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 440 US

soldiers have died—275 as a result of hostile action and 165 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

Since the start of military operations, 2,910 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. Non-hostile injured

numbered 433. The latest deaths reported by the military:

—Gunmen killed two Finnish businessmen as they drove in Baghdad on Monday and 14 British troops were wounded in two explosions during a demonstration in Basra.

The latest identifications

reported by the military:

—Marine Cpl David M Vicente, 25, Methuen, Mass.; died Friday due to enemy action near Hit, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. Internet

Spain's withdrawal from Iraq all but inevitable

MADRID 23 March—Spain's withdrawal from Iraq is all but inevitable, Prime Minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said in an interview on Sunday, one day after Spanish protesters sent him a stark message to bring troops home.

Zapatero, whose Socialists ousted the centre-right government in a shock election victory a week ago, has vowed to stand by his pre-election pledge to withdraw 1,300 troops from Iraq, unless the United Nations takes control by mid-year. His election came three days after the March 11 suspected al-Qaeda-linked bombings, which revived anti-war sentiment. "A lot would have to change (in Iraq). The return of Spanish troops is a decision that will be difficult to avoid," Zapatero told *El Pais* newspaper.

Zapatero said he believed the UN could take charge of Iraq by the June 30 deadline for a planned US handover of sovereignty to Iraqis.

"The only viable form of occupation would be for the UN to take political control, for more multinational forces including many Arab countries led by the Arab League to be involved," he said. Demonstrations on Saturday across Spain demanding the return of Spanish troops were a reminder to Zapatero that voters' expectations are high. He now faces a difficult juggling act over Iraq as pressure mounts on him at home and abroad.

His promise to withdraw troops has drawn criticism from US President George W Bush and other political leaders who have urged Madrid to stay the course and suggested withdrawal would hand victory to the guerrillas.

MNA/Reuters

Two Finnish businessmen shot and killed in Iraq

HELSINKI, 23 March—Two Finnish businessmen were shot and killed in Baghdad early Monday, a government spokesman said. They are the first Finns to die in Iraq since the US-led invasion a year ago.

The men, part of a Finnish technological delegation visiting the Iraqi capital, were shot outside the Ministry of Electricity, said Markus Lyra from the Finnish Foreign Ministry.

"The men were on their way to the Ministry of Electricity to make business contacts as part of a larger group," Lyra said. He did not identify the victims.

The ministry had no information about who shot them, Lyra said.

The delegation, which arrived over the weekend to renew prewar contacts in

Iraq, likely will cut short its visit and return to Finland, Lyra said.

Neutral Finland, which opposed the invasion of Iraq, has no troops in the country.

Last week, Wartsila, a leading manufacturer of ship turbines and heavy engines, said it had signed a deal to supply the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity with two power stations, a contract worth \$450 million US.

Wartsila officials on Monday said the two killed men were not their employees.

Internet

Ex-adviser says Bush ignored terror threats

NEW YORK, 23 March—A former White House anti-terrorism adviser has accused US President George W Bush of ignoring terrorism threats before the September 11 attacks and of making America less safe.

Richard Clarke, Bush's top official on counter-terrorism who headed a cybersecurity board, told CBS "60 Minutes" in an interview to be aired on Sunday he thought Bush had "done a terrible job on the war against terrorism".

"I find it outrageous that the President is running for re-election on the grounds that he's done such great things about terrorism. He ignored it. He ignored terrorism for months, when maybe we could have done something to stop 9/11," Clarke told CBS.

Clarke, who was an adviser to four presidents, says in a book to be published next week that the Bush Administration should have taken out al-Qaeda and its training camps in Afghanistan long before the attacks of September 11, for which the militant network was blamed.

"I think the way he has responded to al-Qaeda, both before 9/11 by doing nothing,

and by what he's done after 9/11, has made us less safe," Clarke told CBS.

CBS said Clarke asserts in his book, *Against All Enemies*, that Bush ignored ominous intelligence "chatter" in 2001 about possible terror attacks, but Bush's National Security Counsel, Stephen Hadley, said Bush did hear those warnings and was impatient for intelligence chiefs to develop a new strategy to eliminate al-Qaeda.

"All the chatter was of an attack, a potential al-Qaeda attack overseas. But interestingly enough, the President got concerned about whether there was the possibility of an attack on the homeland," Hadley told CBS.

He said "the President put us on battle stations. He asked the intelligence community: 'Look hard. See if we're missing something about a threat to the homeland.'"

MNA/Reuters



Anti-American demonstrators burn US flags outside United States Embassy in Mexico City, on 20 March, 2004, during a rally marking the first anniversary of the US-led war in Iraq and calling for the removal of American troops from the Middle Eastern country.—INTERNET

British minister voices concern over Parliament security

LONDON, 23 March—A senior British Cabinet minister on Sunday voiced concern over security at the British Parliament, urging an investigation into how anti-war demonstrators breached security control to climb Big Ben during protests on Saturday.

"It is a huge embarrassment, both to the House authorities and the policing arrangements," Peter Hain, leader of the House of Commons, said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

"Twenty or 30 years ago an audacious protest like that by Greenpeace would have been seen for exactly that. But what if these had been suicide bombers," Hain said.

Two Greenpeace protesters on Saturday morning scaled Big Ben, the famous landmark near the British Houses of Parliament, unfurling a banner saying "Time for Truth" on the first anniversary of the Iraq war.

Hain said he had been very concerned about security in the Commons, and had held a detailed planning meeting to review security measures to protect the House only last week.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in Iraq blast

BAGHDAD, 23 March—A US soldier and an Iraqi interpreter were killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad overnight, and nine soldiers were wounded in attacks in the Iraqi capital, the military said yesterday.

"A Task Force 1st Armoured Division Soldier and an Iraqi interpreter were killed and three other soldiers were wounded during an IED (improvised explosive device) attack March 21," a statement said.

"The incident is under investigation." Added to an official Pentagon tally, the latest death raises to 281 the number of US soldiers killed in action since US President George W Bush declared major hostilities in Iraq over on May 1.

Another six soldiers were lightly wounded in attacks from a rocket-propelled grenade, small arms fire and

homemade bomb, while sweeping for insurgents and weapons in Baghdad, the army said, adding that they had returned to duty.

An Iraqi judge was killed when his car blew up over the weekend in the city of Hilla, 100 kilometres (miles) south of Baghdad, a spokesperson from the regional Babylon court said yesterday.

"On Saturday at 6:30 pm (1530 GMT) the judge, Abdel Amir al-Rubaie was killed when his car blew up after he started the ignition," said the spokesman, Khaled al-Feyhan.

Internet

Former British Foreign Minister slams Blair over Iraq

LONDON, 23 March — Former British Foreign Secretary Lord Owen on Sunday criticized the "highly personalized" decision-making by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, arguing that serious mistakes over the US-led war against Iraq could have been avoided.

Blair should have opted for wider consultation before the war on Iraq, Owen, British foreign secretary from February 1977 to May 1979, said in an interview with GMTV's Sunday Programme.

"I heard the other day that there was no meeting of the defence and overseas policy committee for six months before Iraq (war)," Owen said, stressing the need for wider consultation with Cabinet and senior defence officials.

"Iraq is far from being a success... In fact it has been disastrously handled," Owen said, adding that the aftermath of the military intervention in Iraq was among the worst ever seen.

Mistakes had been made by the Americans, but the British were responsible for "serious mistakes" and British intelligence had been "grossly faulty", Owen told the programme. One year after the United States and Britain launched war against Iraq, Blair is still unable to shake off the public resentment over his Iraq policy. — MNA/Xinhua



A British Army soldier is helped by a comrade after being hit by a rock during a violent protest by Iraqis, in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 22 March, 2004. — INTERNET

Philippines, Russia to co-host transport safety meeting

MANILA, 23 March—The Philippines and Russia will co-host in Manila at the end of this month a regional meeting focusing on transport security in relation to counter-terrorism.

The 2nd Inter-session Meeting on Counter-terrorism and Transnational Crime would be held on March 31, Philippine Foreign Undersecretary for Policy Sonia Cataumber-Brady said Sunday, without releasing more details about the event.

"Transport safety is a major concern for the Philippines. We have to ensure that our transport systems are safe from terrorist attacks," Brady said.

In December 2000, a station of the Light Rail Transit in Manila was bombed, along with four other sites, which left 20 people killed and scores wounded.

In March and April 2003, the Davao International Airport and the Davao Seaport were both bombed, causing scores of casualties.

The 2000 bombing attack was later traced to the Indonesia-based Jemaah Islamiyah, a terror group allied with the al-Qaeda network of Osama bin Laden, while the latter were blamed on local rebels.

Abu Sayyaf, another terror group linked with al-Qaeda, has also claimed responsibility for the explosion that half-sunk the *Super Ferry 14* on Manila Bay last month, killing at least 100 people.

Russia, meanwhile, saw attacks on its rail system perpetrated by the Chechen secessionist rebels, with a commuter train in Stravopol near Chechnya bombed for the second time in December 2003, killing at least 36 people and wounding more than 100 others. And several bombing attacks mounted in the troubled region's capital Grozny as well as in the Russian capital Moscow.

The safety meeting was fixed at the 9th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum in Brunei in July 2002 to provide a venue for the interaction and networking among law enforcement officials as well as tackling the practical concerns of counter-terrorism.

The inaugural meeting, co-chaired by Malaysia and the United States, was held in Karambunja, Sabah, Malaysia on March 21-22, 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopia, South Africa to further enhance cooperation

ADDIS ABABA, 23 March — Ethiopia and South Africa have reiterated their commitment to enhancing their cooperation in various fields, the *Ethiopian News Agency* reported Sunday.

A joint communique, issued here on Saturday at the end of South African Minister of Foreign Affairs Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma's visit to Ethiopia, indicated that the two countries would enhance cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, agriculture, education and capacity building.

During a four-day visit to Ethiopia, Zuma had held discussions with Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs Seyoum Mesfin on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The two foreign ministers underlined the mutual benefit that both countries could draw benefits from the deepening of their bilateral ties.

The two ministers signed a general cooperation agreement and an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation.

The ministers exchanged views on the outcomes of the deliberations of the fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union (AU).

MNA/Xinhua



Thousands of anti-war protesters march through the streets of Vancouver, British Columbia on 20 March, 2004. Anti-war protests are taking place in many cities around the world on the anniversary of US-led war in Iraq. — INTERNET

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Syria says sanctions would hurt US interests

DAMASCUS, 23 March — Syrian Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam said on Sunday the United States would only be hurting US interests if it went ahead with planned sanctions against Damascus.

Legislation signed by US President George W Bush in December authorizing sanctions against Syria "has no impact on Syria whatsoever", Khaddam told reporters in Damascus. "No one can punish Syria. There is no country that can punish another. 'This country (the United States) can take measures but these measure at the end of the day would be against the interests of those who take them,'" he said. — MNA/Reuters

UAE, Iranian firms jointly win \$66.7m contract

ABU DHABI, 23 March — The joint alliance of Abu Dhabi-based Gulf Piping Co (GPC) and Iran's Petrochemical Industries Design and Engineering Co (Pidec) has won a 66.7-million-US-dollar contract from the Iranian Offshore Oil Company (IOOC), reported the newspaper *Gulf News* on Sunday.

The contract involves engineering, procurement, fabrication, testing, pre-commissioning, transportation to offshore, installation, hook-up and commissioning of the Kharg Island Gas Gathering and NGL Recovery Project in Iran, the report said.

The project includes a new gas compression platform (B-GCP) with a bridge link to the existing oil production platform in the Bahregansar offshore production complex, located 113 kilometres northwest of Kharg Island, and a new Aboozar AB gas compression platform (AB-GCP) with a bridge link to the existing Aboozar AB oil production platform, 75 kilometres west of Kharg Island. — MNA/Xinhua

Baghdad cemetery finds no peace in postwar Iraq

ABU GHRAIB (Iraq), 23 March — In Iraq's biggest Sunni Muslim cemetery, the dead may rest in peace, but tension between Iraqis and their US occupiers flares even here.

A dozen US soldiers in armoured all-terrain vehicles drove into the sprawling desert graveyard on Baghdad's western outskirts on Saturday and began searching cars and checking identities.

The patrol's activities delayed the burial of 65-year-old Tareq Hashimi, shot dead by US troops on Thursday when his car struck an American military vehicle at a checkpoint.

"Where's the hearse?" a US commander, apparently keen to have all vehicles searched, asked through a translator. Cemetery workers said there was not one.

"They are the occupiers. Who can tell them not to come here?" muttered Ahmad Zubai, a cemetery worker.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier, interpreter killed in Iraq attack

BAGHDAD, 23 March — Anti-American guerillas killed a US soldier and an Iraqi interpreter with a roadside bomb as they were carrying out a patrol west of Baghdad, the US military said on Monday.

The incident took place on Saturday evening as a group of soldiers were moving through the volatile district of Abu Ghraib on the western outskirts of the capital.

"A Task Force 1st Armoured Division soldier and an Iraqi interpreter were killed and three other soldiers were wounded during an (improvised explosive device) attack on March 21," a statement from the US military said.

The deaths raise to 396 the number of US

soldiers and Marines killed in action since American forces invaded Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein a year ago.

Improvised explosive devices, in which explosive charges are hidden in soft drink cans, animal carcasses or other disguises and wired to a simple detonator, have become the most common and deadly technique used by guerillas to attack US forces. —MNA/Reuters

Iraqi children with heart problems treated in southern India

CHENNAI, 23 March — Twenty Iraqi children, operated upon for complex congenital heart problems free of cost at a private hospital in this southern Indian city during the past few days, are ready to leave for their homes on Sunday, having recovered fully.

Tamil film actor Kamal Hassan and actress Lakshmi separately visited the International Institute of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Medicines and distributed medicines and gifts to the children and their mothers.

"It is a proud moment for India. All the Iraqi children were successfully operated on and have returned to normalcy," well-known cardiac surgeon and chief of the hospital, Dr K M Cherian, who

had performed over 27,000 open-heart surgeries in the past 30 years, said.

Film actor Kamal echoed the view, saying the surgeon had brought fame and pride to the country by undertaking the complex surgeries free of cost.

These children, all blue babies, had undergone surgery at the rate of two per day from March 1. They have been convalescing in the hospital for the past 10 days. —MNA/PTI

ECOWAS sets up Elders' Committee on peace

ABUJA, 23 March — The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has established "an Elders' Committee" in a bid to stem conflicts in the region, Nigerian President's special adviser Ralph Uwechue said at the weekend.

Uwechue told reporters at the Sokoto Airport on his return from Accra, Ghana, where he accompanied President Olusegun Obasanjo to a special ECOWAS summit, that the 16-member committee inaugurated on Friday comprised "former heads of government, top judicial officers and respected technocrats" of member countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Protesters burn a US flag in front of La Moneda presidential palace during a rally for the 1st anniversary of the war in Iraq, in Santiago, Chile, on 20 March, 2004.

INTERNET

Chinese Vice-Premier vows to boost sustainable development

BEIJING, 23 March — China would make efforts to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development based on a scientific concept of development, Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan vowed here Sunday.

Zeng made the remark when addressing the opening ceremony for the 2004 China Development Forum.

He said China would actively establish a new concept for sustainable development and continue improving the economic structure for the socialist market-oriented economy.

China would take effective and decisive actions to boost rural development and

increase farmers' income, stressed Zeng, adding that promoting the economic and social development in China's vast west region as well as the northeast area is also among the top agenda of the Chinese Government.

China would be firm on the path to the new industrialization era and promote eco-friendly production and consumption, Zeng noted.

Zeng said learning the

lessons and experience of other countries on national development was of special importance for China to follow the development path with Chinese characteristics toward future prosperity.

He expressed the hope that the Chinese and foreign experts who attended the forum could make valuable contributions to China's social and economic development. —MNA/Xinhua

Germany pushes for better anti-terror coordination

BERLIN, 23 March — German Interior Minister Otto Schily said on Sunday Europe needs to penetrate guerilla groups and improve the coordination of anti-terror police work to prevent attacks like the Madrid bombings.

"We need as much information in advance as possible, we've got to be able to gather intelligence from inside these groups," Schily told German television. He said better cooperation on tracking the movements and contacts of guerillas was vital.

"We have a great interest in where suspected terrorists are moving about and whom they are in contact with," Schily said.

Schily also said that Europe's anti-terror police work would benefit from greater sharing of intelligence across borders.

"We need to better compare the findings of various security forces, from police to domestic intelligence and foreign intelligence agencies, in order to get a clearer picture of what is going on in terror cells," he said. "It's a complicated process in

Europe but we've made some progress." German crime-fighting agencies have had some success in the past in infiltrating far-right neo-Nazi groups and the left wing extremists Red Army Faction.

Over a week after more than 200 people were killed in bombings in Madrid, EU ministers agreed on Friday at an emergency meeting in Brussels to improve intelligence-sharing. —MNA/Reuters

China values military ties with neighbouring countries

BEIJING, 23 March — The Chinese Army is committed to consolidating military exchanges and cooperation with neighbouring countries and these kinds of relations maintain good momentum, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan here Sunday.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and a state councillor, made the remarks in an interview with Xinhua before starting his official goodwill visit to Pakistan, India and Thailand later this month at the invitation of the three countries' defence ministers.

He said the visit is in line with China's diplomatic efforts to build a good neighbourly relationship and partnership with neighbouring countries, and aims to consolidate and develop mutual understanding and trust, as well as deepen friendship and

cooperation between China and the three countries.

"China is willing to actively create a harmonious, stable and peaceful regional political and security environment with all Asian countries, including Pakistan, India and Thailand," Cao said.

He said he will meet with government and military leaders of the three countries, and exchange views with them on issues of common concern.

China and Pakistan signed a joint declaration on bilateral cooperation last November, and when asked to com-

ment on the relations between China and Pakistan and their Armed Forces, Cao said the Sino-Pakistani friendship has maintained continuous growth since the establishment of diplomatic relations despite the fast-changing international situation.

The Chinese Government appreciates Pakistan's unswerving support in international affairs, he said, adding that China is ready to further deepen the bilateral cooperation with Pakistan in various fields, so as to inject new vitality into bilateral friendly relations. —MNA/Xinhua



A policeman inspects a railroad car, on 18 March, 2004, in Lille, France, as security measures were tightened following the Madrid train bombings. —INTERNET

Iraq in the aftermath of US invasion

Monthly US fatalities in Iraq

US and allies invaded Iraq starting from 20 March 2003. The Iraqi guerillas have resisted the intruders and as a result the Americans have suffered a heavy toll of casualty in Iraq.



US soldiers stand next to the remains of a car destroyed in a bomb blast in the suburbs of Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 16 February, 2004.



US army investigators survey the scene in front of the bombed Iraqi army recruitment centre in Baghdad on 16 Feb, 2004. A suicide car bombing killed 36 people.



A US military tank guards the road next to flaming SUV in Baghdad on 15 Feb, 2004. Gunmen opened fire on a US convoy on a Baghdad highway, setting one of the vehicles ablaze, and witnesses said three foreigners were hurt.



Iraqi guerilla opened fire on a US convoy on a Baghdad highway on 15 Feb, 2004, setting one of the vehicles ablaze, and witnesses said three US soldiers were injured. Photo shows a firefighter tries to extinguish the burnt car.

Military Fatalities: By Month:

Period	US	UK	Other	Total
3-2003	65	27	0	92
4-2003	73	6	0	79
5-2003	37	4	0	41
6-2003	30	6	0	36
7-2003	47	1	0	48
8-2003	35	6	2	43
9-2003	31	1	1	33
10-2003	42	1	2	45
11-2003	82	2	27	111
12-2003	40	0	8	48
1-2004	47	5	0	52
2-2004	20	1	2	23
Up to 22-3-2004	29	0	0	29
Total	578	60	42	680



A US soldier stands guard on 18 March, 2004 at the site of an explosion that tore apart a five-storey hotel catering to foreigners in the heart of Baghdad. The attack killed 27 people, just days before the anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.



Iraqis walk past a crater created by an explosion in central Tikrit that killed two US soldiers while on patrol on 13 March, 2004, about 112 miles (180 km) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq. The roadside bomb which also wounded three others was, is the first casualties suffered by a US Army regiment taking over security in Saddam's hometown as part of a giant troop rotation in Iraq.

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Nation-building undertakings jointly carried out by the Tatmadaw and the people



The government is placing great emphasis on tasks for eradication of narcotic drugs which pose danger to the entire mankind. The Tatmadaw has played a key role in the process. Local people and members of Myanmar Police Force are jointly launching operations for elimination of narcotic drugs in the nation.

Drugs eradication tasks jointly carried out by the people and the Tatmadaw

Drugs eradication tasks	1988	2003
Destroyed poppy plantation	-	over 150000 acres
Destroyed opium refinery	-	21
Incineration of seized drugs	-	3 times
Deterred poppy sown acre	-	72700



Narcotic drugs prevention and control tasks are being carried out as one of the national tasks. The people and Tatmadaw members destroying poppy plantations in Pinlaung Township, Shan State.



Combined teams comprising Tatmadawmen of local regiments and units and members of Myanmar Police Force found out and destroyed poppy plantations in 2002-2003 poppy cultivation season. A combined team seen destroying poppy plantations in Kyaukme Township, Shan State (North), in February 2003.



The people and Tatmadaw members jointly carry out drugs elimination tasks.

Poppy-substitute measures taken by the people and the Tatmadaw

Measures	1988	2003
Poppy-substitute crop acre	-	over 24000
Entrusted poppy seed	-	62047 small baskets
Poppy-substitute perennial crop acre	-	2353
Poppy-substitute seasonal crop acre	-	64108
Poppy-substitute perennial crop saplings	-	1726468

The Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) in perpetual service of the people



Whenever I see the scars on my left forefinger, they remind me of my childhood days. When I was registered for my national registration card, I could not describe distinct marks on my body to the registration officer immediately. Having no patience any longer, the registration officer suddenly took hold of my left hand and counted the scars on my finger and then wrote down on the card. Seven scars on the left forefinger!

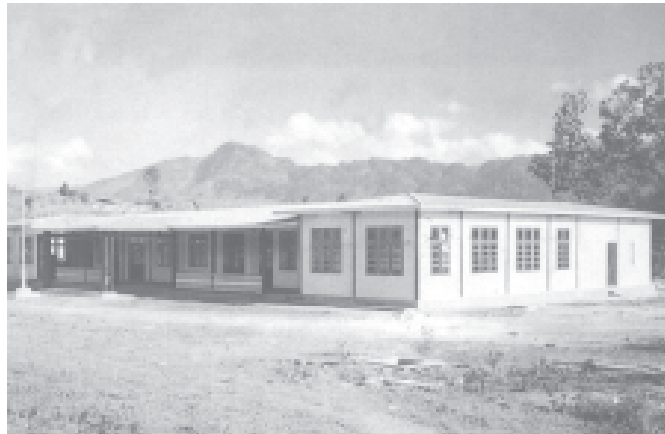
When I was young, I liked the sound of gunfire,

especially the Bren-gun. I was also fond of playing the game with toy guns. So, I often made a toy gun with the use of a knife. Firstly I drew a picture of a gun on a timber plank, then I shaped it into a toy gun. Whenever I did so, I always cut my left forefinger accidentally. In this way, I got scars on my left forefinger one after another. So, my grandpa often scolded me for taking his timber planks every now and then.

I did not know myself why I had a passion for

playing this game. The movies I had even seen at that time did not feature battles at all. Why I took interest in that game, then? The answer should be that I had often seen scenes of battles near my village. At that time, Tatmadaw members and insurgents were often active and exchanged fire near the village.

Being too young, instead of getting afraid I was happy when I heard the sound of gunfire. One evening, my brothers and sisters and I got out of our house through the escape hatch to get the snack sold at Daw Gadonma's house next to ours. Hearing the sound of gunfire suddenly, we rushed back to our house. While getting into the house



Chinshwehaw Hospital in Kokang region, Shan State (North) built for development of border areas and national races.

killed. Only bullock carts arrived back at the village without owners.

Later, I was aware of the Tatmadaw columns marching towards the village through the plain area

dience and loyalty. I think I began to emulate and respect the Tatmadaw then and there. But, one thing beyond my reach at that time was: -For what they (the Tatmadaw and insurgents)

ure to give information of the insurgents to them. Like Tatmadaw members, the insurgents blamed them too. At last, he said to me "Well! You Tatmadaw members and insurgents should stay

Passing through decades

through the escape hatch, one treaded on another's back accidentally. But, we were pleased. However, as for the adults, the sound of gunfire was always followed by undesirable consequences.

The insurgents at-

and coming to the village, their activities when they were stationed, their operations launched in cooperation with the people and the people's militia. Once, in an operation jointly carried out by the Tatmadaw and

fought each other?

-How long would they keep on fighting?

-When could we lead a peaceful life?

When I grew up, I joined the Army. Then, I came to realize why we national races attacked each other. But, how long would the attacks go on? When peace could be restored? These questions were still out of my reach. Honestly,

when I was newly-graduated from the Defence Service Academy, I was keen to fight. And my concept was that I had to fight the nation's enemies at risk to my life for the motherland and the people under the single command. So, I had never thought of the question as to when peace would prevail. I was sure the insurgents' concept would be the same as ours. Thus, the Tatmadaw and the insurgents kept on fighting each other across the nation for 40 years.

Indeed, the ones who suffered most the undesirable consequences of the battles between the Tatmadaw and the insurgents were national brethren. The word of a village elder on front line is still with me.

He said that when the Tatmadaw members were stationed at the village, they blamed the villagers for fail-

in the village and we villagers will move somewhere".

I did not blame him at all for his expression, but I sympathized with his feeling based on instability in the region. There were a huge number of illiterate old persons. During the 40-year period, many villages in the region became deserted ones or those to exist in secrecy. There were no health care services for the people. It took the villagers a long time to reach the hospital because of poor transport. Local people did not enjoy any fruitful results in 40 years.

A thorough study of all the armed conflicts occurred throughout the history of the Union of Myanmar will show the instigators. At last, they had to grant Myanmar's independence, but they had plotted schemes for more than 100 years in advance to cause disintegration of national solidarity. As a result, Myanmar has suffered evil consequences of disintegration of national solidarity for over 40 years. They drove a wedge, created instigations and sowed discord and hatred among the national races.

Who has removed those walls of suspicion and rebuilt national solidarity in Myanmar?

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Myint Soe (Na Ta La)

Previous governments had made endeavours to build up national re-consolidation, but they could not achieve success as much as the present government has done. In 1989, the government launched the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, which has never been laid down in other nations up to now. The government could win greater trust of national races through implementation of the project, which indicated the government's loving-kindness, compassion and goodwill.

tacked the people's militia camp and set La-la-tha-tha shop (co-operative shop) and tractors on fire. At that time, co-operative shops were called Pa-pa-ka and La-la-tha-tha shops. If there was sound of gunfire from a distance at night, we would hear bad news the next morning that there was murder at a nearby village committed by the insurgents. Villagers who had gone up the West Yoma mountain range for cutting down trees or bamboo were

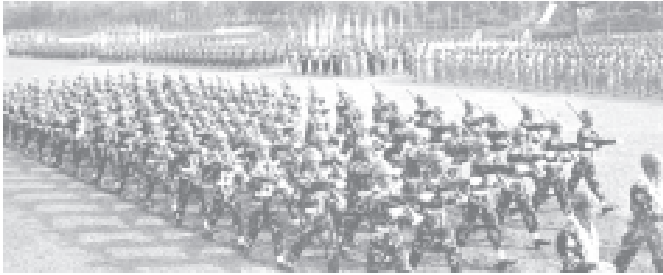
the people's militia, militiaman Ko Tin Win managed to kill a Burma Communist Party member with his rifle. Then, the villagers regarded him as a hero and he became popular in the village.

When I got in touch again and again and familiar with the Tatmadaw members stationed in the compound of the village monastery, I noticed their good discipline, mutual respects between officers and their subordinates, and their obe-



Poppy-substitute pigeon pea plantation in Kaung Ka region, Shan State (North).

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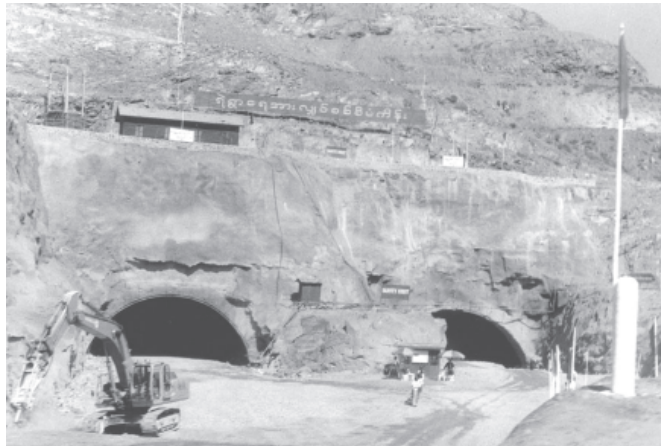
It is the Tatmadaw.

After its assumption of the State's responsibilities, the Tatmadaw Government gave the top priority to national re-consolidation. It is sure that normal trust could not persuade the armed groups to give up their armed opposition that they had stuck to for about 40 years. What did they trust in, then? They trusted in the national policies without exception being practised by the government upholding "Our Three Main National Causes". Therefore, so far altogether 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold so as to carry out tasks hand in hand with the government for national and regional development.

Previous governments had made endeavours to build up national re-consolidation, but they could not

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by

the government is growing year by year. In the entire nation, self-reliant roads, schools, clinics and hydropower plants have emerged one after another.



Yeywa Hydro-electric power project that will fulfil the electricity needs of the State.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, region-wise work committees and subcommittees have been formed in order to accomplish this

It means the armed group members have been repaying their regions and local people for their destructive acts committed in

substitute businesses. Consequently, Myanmar could announce some of the regions as opium free zones to the world.



In the past, children in Mongla region had to pursue their education in a small school. But now they can attend their classes at a grand basic education high school built in the region.

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The Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races chaired by Head of State

project. Moreover, the government established the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, which reflected the government's genuine goodwill to national races.

From 1989 to 29 February 2004, the government has spent K 54,186.87 million on the projects for development of border areas and national races.

In implementing border areas development projects, participation of the region-wise organizations that have made peace with

the past 40-year period. I still remember a word of Rakhine BCP Leader U Saw Tun Oo. At that time, he arrived to ask for assistance for the Saingtin Creek Hydropower Plant Project.

He said that their region really needed more electricity. He added that once, foreign experts made a feasibility tour of their region for a hydel-power project. Their group members committed destructive acts on the project by firing guns and it led to the withdrawal of the project. He expressed his regret for his misdeed.

The national groups gave up armed insurgency and have been making efforts with might and main for regional development. They have also given up production and trafficking of narcotic drugs. In the past, this industry was the source of income of some armed groups. But, now the government is providing tremendous assistance for accomplishment of poppy-substitute agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. Simultaneously, it is also placing great emphasis on running poppy-

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Poem

Heroic Son

- * For the nation... Sacrifice life
For defence... Make a vow
Like repeating Gospel... the duties
Must dutifully discharge... with this aim
We enlisted... We soldiers.
- * Cold, hot or moist... natural danger
Must go confront... Must compete
The hard... journey's way
Cross unhesitating... Not afraid of death
Do good to nation... We soldiers.
- * For Independence... With a belief
It has emerged... The Tatmadaw
Twelve Traditions... Held steadfastly
Morale, discipline... Correct faith
Three capabilities... Be harmonized
Five Qualities... Must be possessed
Will keep us shining... We Soldiers.
- * Nation and race... For their interests
To flourish... With added strength
Must try hard... And work together
In a way... May look forward
To modernization... And progress
We soldiers.

Saw Aung (Tikyit) (Trs)

We all are passing time through one decade after another. We put our experiences on record for each decade. It is incumbent upon all of us to perform good deeds throughout our lives. We have passed through the decades of bitter experiences. Whenever the country suffered bitter experience, the Tatmadaw always stood by the nation and the

people.

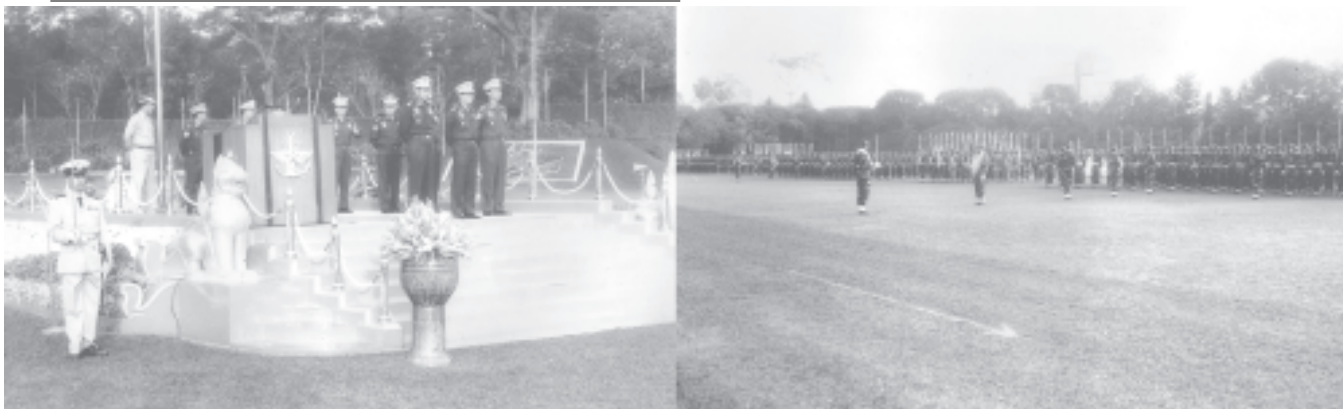
Thanks to the noble traditions and genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw, the nation has enjoyed unprecedented fruitful results of peace and stability. Therefore, let us the Tatmadaw and the people go on joining hands in marching forward in order to shape the brighter future of the nation.

(Translation: MS)



Once, people living in Takawet region had to rely on ferry to cross the Thanlwin river.

To overcome the natural barrier, the government has built Thanlwin Bridge (Takawet). The photo shows the beautiful scenery of Thanlwin Bridge (Takawet).



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress rehearsal of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade columns. — MNA

Vice-Senior General ...

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Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected full dress rehearsal of Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Kyansitha Column led by Column Commander Col Thein Tan, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Col Than Win, Nawaday Column led by Column Commander Capt Aung Thaw, Aungzeya Column led by Column Commander Col Tint Way, Sinbyushin Column led by Column Commander Col Oo Kyaw, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Myint Ko Ko, Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Kan Nyunt and Aung San Column led by Column Commander

Col Maung Maung Than under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Min Thein, who arrived from Myoma Grounds to Resistance Park.

After giving necessary instructions to officials, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left Resistance Park at 8 am.

After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party proceeded to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, where they were welcomed by members of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition Committee and officials.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected the booths on the 12 objectives of the State to be displayed in commemoration of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed round the booths of the

ministries, booths of the Ministry of Defence, booths of the military commands, Tatmadaw (Navy) and Tatmadaw (Air) and gave necessary instructions. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road where they were welcomed by members of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Exhibition Organizing Committee and the work committee members.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Exhibition booths to be displayed in commemoration of 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. After giving necessary instructions, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party left there in the morning.

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Mongseik-Kaunghsai and...

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It also means translation of the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe into reality — narrowing the development gap between rural and urban areas, and upgrading the transport sector of the regions which lagged behind in development.

In its attempt to build up a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government has been striving for all-round development of every part of the nation by implementing the 24 development regions in States and Divisions.

It has constructed Panglong University, Government Technological College, Government Computer College and a 500-line auto exchange in Panglong region, a 200-bed hospital in Loilem, an airport in Namhsan Township and

hydropower plants in Kengtawng Township.

On completion, Daseik Water Pumping Station in Langhkio Township will irrigate some 3,000 acres. So, good education, health and economic foundations have been laid in Shan State.

Combined efforts of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, local people and Tatmadaw members have resulted in emergence of Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Phamon-Banyin-Hsaikhaung-Pyinthra railroads in Shan State (South).

Furthermore, the 19.19-mile Namhsan-Mongseik Railroad was opened on 21-7-2002, and 31-mile Namhsan-Mongnai Railroad on 1-5-1995. Continued efforts are being made for earlier completion of 52.48-mile Htiri-Kaunghsai railroad through Pon Creek-crossing bridge for direct



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects production process at the 50-ton rice mill. (News on page 16) — MNA

link of Shwenyaung-Taunggyi and Namhsan by train.

With the emergence of new railroads, local people have enjoyed fruitful results of smooth transport and fast

commodity flow in a short time with less expenses.

Realizing the goodwill of the Head of State in facilitating more and more schools, universities, degree colleges, hospitals and clinics

for raising the living standard, local people are to collectively maintain the facility for its durability. Namhsan-Mongseik road will be upgraded into a tarred one soon.

Next, the minister said that in 1988, the total length of railroads was 1976.35 miles and it has increased to 3,011.98 miles. The 52.48-mile Htiri-Kaunghsai section of Shwenyaung-Namhsan Railroad, 26-mile Yawmyetni-Kyaw section of Chawung-U-Pakokkugangaw-Kale Road, 3.33-mile Okposu-Thanyin University railroad and 3.3-mile Kyayni-Chauk railroad are being built.

The commander and the minister formally opened Mongseik-Kaunghsai section and posed for a documentary photo together with local people. The com-

mander, the minister and the deputy minister together with local people took the first trip of the train along the section.

The opening of Pyithaya-Htiri section was held yesterday morning in front of Pyinthaya Station. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally delivered a speeches on the occasion and cut the ribbon to open the section. They posed for a documentary photo together with local people. The commander, the minister, the deputy minister, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people took the first trip along the section. A total of ten small and large bridges had to be constructed to complete the 4.30-mile Pyinthaya-Htiri section. — MNA



The inauguration of Mongseik-Kaunghsai section of Shwenyaung-Namhsan Rail Road in Shan State (South). — MNA

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Plan coordinated to run private industries with advanced machinery

YANGON, 23 March — Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected the proposed site to build a sub-power station in Mandalay Industrial Zone-2 in Mandalay on 20 March.

Accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, deputy commander of Central Command and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Secretary-1 viewed production of auto parts at a factory of Asia-Myanmar Group at the zone.

Officials of the company reported to the Secretary-1 and party on the installation and use of a 250-ton machine and other equipment for manufacturing of auto parts. At Golden Triangle Industries, the Secretary-1 and party inspected food dryers, turbines and parts and other machines. The Secretary-1 inspected the chosen sites to build a foundry plant and a machine plant and gave instructions to officials concerned.

In Mandalay Industrial Zone 1, he inspected assembling of 10-ton trucks and designs of passengers buses at MTO Automobile Producers; 42-seater buses assembled by Mandalay Industrial Zone 1 Auto Production Committee; and pumps and compressors manufactured by Nyan Yin and Brothers Industries.

At Kanaung Hall, the Secretary-1 met with heads of the industrial zones in Mandalay and industrialists. A local authority reported to the Secretary-1 on the accomplishments in trying to realize the guidance and instructions given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and State level officials during their tours of the zones, the use of automation and computerized machines to further improve the quality of goods and the extension of import substitute goods. The commander explained plans to raise power supply to the zones and setting up of industries run through CMP system.

The Secretary-1 said that the Government has already built infrastructures in various sectors for all-round development of the nation. It has already developed the agricultural sector, the basic economic pillar of the nation to a certain degree.

It has also set up industrial zones, and rendered assistance to the private sector phase by phase for its development. A modern and developed nation can be built only if there is development in the agricultural sector and industrial sector.

The ratio of the industrial sector's contribution to the gross domestic production is increasing in accord with the target of the annual plans. But efforts are still needed to raise the industrial sector's participation in the GDP in accord with the aim of the 30-year long-term plan. In this regard, the Government has been giving extra impetus to the progress of the industrial sector since the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Coordination has been made with entrepreneurs to run their industries with advanced machinery. The Government is providing assistance for the industrial zones in Mandalay to set up factories installed with 13 kinds of advanced machinery including smelters, press machines, cutting machines and lathe machine. The Ministry of Industry-2 is also providing technical and other assistance for the zone. The State and the entrepreneurs will have to make harmonious efforts for the development of the nation's industrial sector. Words alone will not develop the sector.

In addition to the advanced machinery, the State is also providing assistance to produce skilled workers and supply raw materials. Projects are being implemented to supply enough power as electricity is an essential requirement for industries and to raise the living standard. There will be rise in power generation as the Paunglaung Hydel Power Project, Mone Creek Hydel Power Project



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects the products of private industrialists at Mandalay Industrial Zone. — MNA

and Tikiyt Coal-Burn Power Project will be completed soon. Industrialists will have to develop their industries with skill, efforts, innovation, sincerity and straightforwardness. If the industrialists give too much priority to self-interest, they will not achieve long-term development. They will have to work with goodwill and efficiency for development of Mandalay Industrial Zone. The Government will eagerly provide all necessary

assistance.

Officials and industrialists presented requirements for development of the zone. The Secretary-1 looked into the requirements.

Later, he inspected powered trailers, fire engines, furniture, finished wood products, parquets and manufacturing machines.

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Information Minister tours Sagaing and Magway Divisions

YANGON, 23 March — Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan went to the townships and villages of Sagaing and Magway Divisions and met with USDA members from 19 to 22 March.

On 19 March morning, the minister met officials of USDAs from Sagaing, Myinmu and Myaung townships at the office of Sagaing Division USDA and gave instructions on opening of summer courses for youths. He next donated K 50,000 each for the three townships.

Next, the minister paid homage to Monywa Hsutaungpyi Pagoda and donated K 20,000 to the funds of the pagoda. Shopkeepers of Myathala Market also donated K 250,000 for the pagoda. At 1.30 pm, the minister met officials of USDAs from Monywa District, Monywa township and Salin townships at the office of Monywa District USDA and presented officials with K 450,000 for opening of summer courses. The minister then gave instructions on opening of courses such as culture and moral lesson course, music course, painting course and computer application course.

The minister went to Kyaukhmaw village in Yinmabin township where he paid homage to Aung Bawdi Monastery Sayadaw U Panna Jota, supplicated on religious affairs and presented offertories. At the Dhammayon of the monastery, the minister met with 700 people of eight villages, and said with the concerted efforts of the State, there have been fruitful results in education, health, transport and communications and agriculture in Sagaing Division and Monywa District. He added that in a bid to implement the seven-point policy programme of the State, all the people are urged to actively cooperate in the drive.

Next, the minister presented K 500,000 for Kyaukhmaw village library, exercise books, school text books and journals and magazines to the chairman of Village Peace and Development Council and officials. Then for the library, Sagaing Division USDA Secretary U Htay Aung donated K 10,000, Monywa District PDC Secretary Major Ye Tun journals worth 15,000, and Monywa District Information and Public Relations Department Staff Officer U Tin Than Win and Monywa

District USDA Secretary U Tin Win Myint various publications.

Afterwards, the minister paid homage to Sayadaw U Sobhana in Sone Creek village in Yinmabin Township and donated offertories.

In meeting with about 800 people of eight villages of Sone Creek Village-tract at Saddhama Jotika Dhammayon, the minister briefed them on State's development projects and rural development projects. He next donated school text books and exercise books, journals and magazines for the library and K 50,000 for opening of courses for the youth. Next, Sagaing Division USDA Secretary U Htay Aung donated K 10,000, Monywa District PDC Secretary Major Ye Tun journals worth 15,000, and Monywa District IPRD Staff Officer U Tin Than Win and Monywa District USDA Secretary U Tin Win Myint books. At 8 pm, the minister met with Gangaw District USDA Secretary U Aung Myint and officials at Taw Yeiktha in Yinmabin Myothit and gave instructions on opening of youth's courses and donated K 1 million for the implementation of the self-reliant hydel power project in Htanbingon village in Htilin township in Gangaw District. The project will generate 15 kilo watts of electricity.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, on 20 March morning attended the meeting of local people held at Lattaunggyi Village BEHS (Branch) in Pale Township and made a speech. He next presented officials with K 1 million for construction of a new building of Pale BEHS, K 1 million for construction of a new building of Lattaunggyi Village BEHS (Branch), K 200,000 for renovation of Pale Township USDA office, K 50,000 for opening of USDA's courses, text books and exercise books for schools in Pale township and journals and magazines for village libraries. Monywa District IPRD and USDA also donated books on various subjects for the libraries.

The minister then inspected Pinyin Alin Library of Pale Township IPRD and construction of a two-storey building of Pale BEHS. The minister next headed for the project site of Monkyaing Village self-reliant hydro-electric power station and attended to the needs.

In meeting the rural people, the minister said owing to efforts of the State for the development of the country and the people, major construction tasks have been carried out. And the people are now enjoying the fruitful results. Based on these already-achieved results, the State is striving for the emergence of a peaceful and developed democratic nation in conformity with the seven-point policy programme of the State. Therefore, all the national people are to actively participate in the task. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address in meeting with local people at Kyaukhmaw village of Yinmabin Township. — MNA

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၁။ ဆက်သွယ်ရေး၊ စာတိုက်နှင့်ကြေးနန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်-

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ၊ အီလက်ထရွန်းနစ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၂၀ နေရာ	

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ခ) ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်) ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၆/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသောရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လစ်လပ်နေသောစာရင်း**ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ **ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့** များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှစ်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၈-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၉-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၆-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့်မြို့နယ်အဆင့်များ၊ သာယာရေးနှင့်ပို့စွန်းရေးကောင်စီရုံးများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာန ရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၈၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

China to launch lunar probe satellite on "Long March III A"

BEIJING, 23 March — China has decided to use a Long March III A carrier rocket to launch the satellite in its lunar probe project, said sources with the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT).

The Long March III A was chosen for this mission because it enjoys the highest success rate among the Long March series of launch vehicles, according to the CALT.

Cen Zheng, chief commander of Long March IIIA, said that some technological improvements need to be made to this type of carrier rocket so as to meet the demands of the lunar probe satellite for a successful launch.

The rocket, improvements of which expected to be completed in two years, is now being further developed

and some modules and its main body have been put into production.

China's lunar probe project, also known as the Chang'e Programme, referring to a goddess who reached the moon in an ancient Chinese fairy tale, will be divided into three phases.

The first phase of the programme, with funding of 1.4 billion yuan (about 170 million US dollars), has got underway for sending a satellite to orbit the moon by 2007.

It would be followed by the landing of an unmanned vehicle on the moon in the second stage by 2010 and collecting samples of lunar soil with an unmanned vehicle by 2020 in the third phase.

The satellite would obtain three-dimensional images of the lunar surface, analyze the content of useful elements and materials, and probe the depth of the lunar soil and the space environment between the Earth and the moon.

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**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၁၂/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ မတ်လ ၁၆ ရက်)**

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်၊ စာတိုက်နှင့်ကြေးနန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်-

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
ဦးစီးအရာရှိ	တိရစ္ဆာန်ဆေးသိပ္ပံပညာရပ်(သို့မဟုတ်) သိပ္ပံပညာရပ်(သို့မဟုတ်) (ဆေးဝါးကျွမ်းကျင်)ဖြစ်စေ (ဓာတ်ခွဲကျွမ်းကျင်)ဖြစ်စေ	၁ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ခ) ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်) ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက် စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၆/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသောရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လစ်လပ်နေသောစာရင်း**ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။
၅။ **ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့** များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။
၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှစ်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၇။ ၈-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၉-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၆-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။
၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့်မြို့နယ်အဆင့်များ၊ သာယာရေးနှင့်ပို့စွန်းရေးကောင်စီရုံးများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာန ရုံးများတွင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၈၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

Official says China should boost development of service sector

BEIJING, 23 March — China should focus on the development of the service sector in its effort to shift from extensive to intensive growth, said a senior Chinese official Sunday at a forum on China's balanced development.

Ma Kai, Minister-in-charge of the National Development and Reform Commission, said that China's economy grows still in an extensive way, featuring high investment, high energy-consumption and low efficiency. Energy shortage and employment pressure are both problems hindering China's current development.

China has determined to increase its economic growth in an intensive way. Large capital-intensive companies tend to save energy and natural resources while labour-intensive small- and medium-sized enterprises could provide more jobs. At present it is still necessary for China to develop labour-intensive businesses, Ma said.

Ma said the problems could be addressed simultaneously only by boosting the development of the service sector, which is generally labour-intensive and consumes less energy and natural resources than other industries.

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ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ကိုအားပေးပါ

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India's exports to ASEAN could reach \$30b

NEW DELHI, 23 March — India's exports to ASEAN can reach the desired level of 30 billion US dollars by 2007, according to the Paper on Enhancing India-ASEAN Trade issued by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Monday.

The paper says that the potential sectors for investment and trade in India are drugs and pharmaceuticals, healthcare, engineering goods, auto components, leather, gems and jewellery, processed food items, textiles and apparel and plastics.

The paper also states that the services sector has also great significance.

ASEAN-India trade in the 2002-03 fiscal was about 9.78 billion dollars, about four times the 1993-94 trade figure of 2.5 billion dollars.

India's exports to ASEAN include oil meals, gems and jewellery, meat and meat preparations, cotton yarn, fabrics, makeup, engineering goods, transport equipment, machinery and instruments, electronic goods, marine products, fruits and vegetables, rice, drugs and pharmaceuticals and chemicals.

India's imports mainly consist of artificial resins, plastic material, natural rubber, wood and wood products, electronic goods, non-ferrous metals, metalliferous ores and metal scrap, organic chemicals, edible oils, coal and fertilizers. The paper observes that India's trade with the world in 2003 stood at 114.13 billion dollars, with ASEAN accounting for 8.5 per cent of India's global trade.

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Rise in “superbug” infections in British children

LONDON, 23 March—Infections caused by a drug-resistant “superbug” have risen steadily over the past decade in British children and steps must be taken to curtail it, researchers said on Monday.

They called for better controls in hospital paediatric wards because cases of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), an antibiotic-resistant strain of bacteria, climbed from 1 per cent in 1990 to 13 per cent in 2000 in youngsters under 15 years old. “Although MRSA amongst adults has been increasing steadily since the early 1990s, we are now seeing for the first time evidence of an emerging problem in children,” said Dr Georgia Duckworth, St George’s Hospital in London.

Patients in hospitals are

especially vulnerable to the infection.

Although children are usually already sick when they are infected with MRSA and it is difficult to track the route of infection, Duckworth and her colleagues said better controls in hospital could limit its spread.

“The levels of MRSA infection in children are still very low relative to older age groups, but we must take steps to ensure that MRSA infection in children does not increase to the same levels as adults,” Duckworth said in a statement.

Deaths involving the “superbug” in adults increased 15-fold between 1993 and 2002.

Duckworth, who reported the findings in the journal *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, said 53 per cent of the 376 cases reviewed in the study were in babies less than a year old.

“We recommend an urgent national review identifying the risk factors for MRSA acquisition in neonatal and paediatric units, and the infection controls measures in place,” she added.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese bullet trains halted by security scare

TOKYO, 23 March—Several Japanese bullet trains were halted on Monday after a suspicious object was found on one of them amid heightened security on the nation’s sprawling railway network.

Police and railway officials said bullet trains bound for Hiroshima from Tokyo were stopped for several minutes after the object was found on a train in the city of Atami.

Several police officers rushed to the scene and found a small anti-theft alarm tag going off in a trash can, they said.

The false alarm comes at a time Japan

has tightened security around railways and subways nationwide after a letter purportedly from al-Qaeda mentioned Japan as a possible target last week.

Japan, a key US ally in Asia, has been on full alert since late last year after deciding to send troops to rebuild Iraq, but bomb attacks on trains in Madrid earlier this month and reports of new al-Qaeda threats have raised tensions. Japan has sent hundreds of troops to Samawa in southern Iraq for a humanitarian mission that could eventually involve up to 1,000 military personnel in Iraq and the nearby region. —MNA/Reuters

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၁။ လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့် ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့စွယ်စုံကျမ်းတိုင်းရင်းစာရင်းဌာန၊ လက်လုပ်လက်ကိုင်အောက်စီဂရပ်၊ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလို့ရှိပါသည်။

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၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့သို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည်နှင့် လမ်း၊ ရေဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှု အတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်သောအချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသောရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင် ရေဖြေစာမေးပွဲစစ်ခွဲများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေဆိုင်လိုသောစာမေးပွဲခွဲကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရင်းလင်းတိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတောဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ နှစ်ပြုချက်တင်ပြရန် ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့သို့ ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူတင်သွင်းရမည်။ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၈-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၉-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၆-၅-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့သို့ တိုက်ရိုက် ပြောဆိုခွင့် ကတိပြုချက်များကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း၊ ခရိုင်နှင့်မြို့နယ်အဆင့်၊ သာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှီများ၊ ပြည်နယ်/တိုင်း မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာန များတွင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ ဤအဖွဲ့သို့ လူကိုင်ယံတိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၈၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။



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Egypt wants treasure from British Museum

LUXOR (Egypt), 23 March—First it was the Greeks wanting their Elgin Marbles back. Now Egypt wants the British Museum to return one of its ancient treasures too.

Egypt’s antiquities chief said on Sunday he wanted the British Museum to return the carved face of pharaoh Ramses VI, now that his smashed stone coffin has been largely reassembled.

The tomb of Ramses VI, who ruled around 1156 to 1145 B C, was robbed within 100 years of the pharaoh’s death, like most burial chambers hewn into the rock of Egypt’s Valley of the Kings, and his sarcophagus was broken into hundreds of pieces.

A project funded by the

US Agency for International Development gathered about 250 pieces to reassemble much of the sarcophagus. But the team had to use a cast of the face because the original has been in the British Museum since 1823.

“We were able to bring a cast from the original face to put here but I hope that the British Museum, one day, will be able to return to us the original, and take the cast back,” said Zahi Hawass, chief of Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities.

He was speaking at the

unveiling of the stone coffin rebuilt by the American Research Centre in Egypt. The cast of the face is displayed in Ramses VI’s tomb which lies at the end of an ornate 330-foot shaft dug into the hillside.

“I really believe that it is good for the British Museum to send the original here, because the value of it is in the original tomb. It doesn’t have any value at the British Museum,” Hawass said. No formal request has been made yet, he added.

MNA/Reuters

Police launch campaign to prevent London attack

LONDON, 23 March—British police on Monday urged citizens to report individuals they suspect of being terrorists to help prevent an attack on London.

As Britain’s top policeman, Sir John Stevens, called for a more coordinated European security effort in the wake of the Madrid train bombings, the public was asked to register any suspicious activity by calling a hotline.

Stevens has already said an attack on London was “inevitable”, urging people to report unattended bags on trains, in pubs and other public places.

But the “Life Savers” campaign goes further by asking people to consider whether the behaviour of those they encounter, through work or socially, gives them reason to suspect they might be involved in planning terror attacks.

“We want to make London one of the most hostile environments for anyone committed to providing financial or logistical support to terrorists, or carrying out terrorist attacks themselves,” Assistant Commissioner David Veness said.

The head of the anti-terrorist branch,

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, urged landlords, hoteliers and motor traders to report suspicions about customers who might seek short-term accommodation or pay lots of money for vehicles.

He also said people should watch out for individuals being unusually secretive about their identity or anyone paying an unusual amount of attention to security measures at public buildings, shopping centres or train stations. Banks should be on alert for people trying to set up a bogus bank account or using cloned credit cards, Clarke said.

Stevens said last week British police were investigating a “definitive link” between the bombers that killed 202 people in the attacks on Madrid trains this month and al-Qaeda supporters based in Britain.

Anti-terrorist detectives and M15 intelligence officers are trying to establish whether Islamic militants based in Britain gave money and logistical support to the Madrid bombers.—MNA/Reuters

Russia seizes China-bound truck with 800 bear paws

Moscow, 23 March—Russian Customs seized a truck heading for China after agents uncovered a load of animal parts, including nearly 800 severed bear paws prized for exotic dishes, Russian media reported on Saturday.

NTV television showed footage of agents unloading bags on Friday full of the

paws, which fetch high prices in Chinese restaurants.

It said the illicit cargo, concealed beneath piles of used car batteries and boxes of food, also included assorted antlers, pelts of fur-bearing animals and dried sea cucumbers.

Poaching is rampant in many parts of Russia, particularly in poorer Siberian

and far eastern regions.

Twelve years after the collapse of Soviet rule, widespread poverty often overshadows ecological and environmental concerns, a low priority in public opinion and in government policy.

NTV said the Chinese driver of the truck had been detained pending further investigation.—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Portsmouth gain vital win in south-coast derby

LONDON, 23 March — Portsmouth gave their Premier League survival hopes a huge boost on Sunday with a 1-0 victory over bitter rivals Southampton at Fratton Park.

Nigeria's Aiyegbeni Yakubu was the match-winner, pouncing in the 68th minute to steer home a pinpoint low cross from former England international Steve Stone.

The goal was enough to clinch the first south-coast derby at Fratton Park since 1987 and hand Portsmouth their first home win over Southampton since 1963.

Portsmouth now have 27 points, the same as fourth-from-bottom Leicester City, although they stay in the relegation zone on goal difference.

Leeds United, who play Manchester City on Monday, are bottom with 22 points, with Wolverhampton Wanderers on 24.

Portsmouth displayed more urgency throughout a scrappy game but looked as though they would rue first-half misses by striker Yakubu and veteran Teddy Sheringham.

Southampton offered precious little in attack but seemed set for a draw until wide midfielder Stone galloped into space down the right and crossed perfectly for Yakubu to touch in from close range.

In a frantic finale striker Kevin Phillips was twice denied an equalizer by Portsmouth goalkeeper Shaka Hislop and then struck the inside of the post in the last minute.

On Saturday, unbeaten Arsenal maintained their nine-point lead at the top with a 2-1 victory over Bolton Wanderers, second-placed Chelsea overcame Fulham 2-1 and third-placed Manchester United beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-0. — MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Thierry Henry (L) vies for the ball with an unidentified Bolton player during their FA Premier League football match at Highbury in London on 20 March, 2004.—INTERNET

Inter end winless streak as Ancona equal record

MILAN, 23 March — Inter Milan ended their five-match winless run with a 2-0 victory at Ancona which put Serie A's bottom club into the record books.

Second half goals from Alvaro Recoba and Daniele Adani gave Inter victory and condemned Ancona to their 28th consecutive game in Serie A without a win -- equalling Varese's record from the 1971-72 season. Ancona have just seven points.

Giuseppe Signori was on target for Bologna in an impressive 3-0 win at home against Brescia while strugglers Reggina and Perugia picked up away wins at Modena and Lecce respectively.

Later on Sunday second-placed AS Roma meet Lazio in the Rome derby. Roma trail leaders AC Milan by 10 points after the European champions beat Parma 3-1 on Saturday.

Third-placed Juventus slipped further off the pace with their goalless draw at Udinese on Saturday leaving them 11 points behind the leaders with just eight games remaining.

Inter's title bid finished long ago but Albero Zaccheroni's side hope they can still take something out of their season in the UEFA Cup.

After a goalless first leg Inter face Benfica in the fourth round return on Thurs-

day. With an eye on that game Zaccheroni opted to rest striker Christian Vieri and give a recall to Uruguayan Recoba.

The enigmatic forward responded with a sweetly struck shot in the 61st minute to put Inter ahead before setting up his team's second, nine minutes later.

Recoba's precise free kick from the right found defender Adani who headed home to ensure the three points.

Promoted Ancona's last Serie A win was on 23 May 1993 when they beat Pescara 5-3. Since then they have recorded seven draws and 20 defeats in the Italian top flight.

Roberto Baggio and Brescia were outdone by familiar faces at Bologna, who are coached by former Brescia boss Carlo Mazzone.

Baggio's old strike partner, Albanian forward Igli Tare, put Bologna on their way to a comfortable win with a fine 40th minute header.

After Carlo Nervo had made it 2-0 in the 70th minute, Signori, who partnered Baggio in the Italy team of the 1990s, made it 3-0 with an excellent solo goal on the break.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, celebrates after defeating Andre Agassi, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, as they walk off the tennis court after their semi final match of Pacific Life Open on 20 March, 2004, in Indian Wells, Calif. INTERNET

Valencia one point behind Real after 5-1 win

MADRID, 23 March — Valencia's in-form striker Mista grabbed a hat-trick as they blasted their way to a 5-1 victory over Real Mallorca that took them within a point of leaders Real Madrid in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Mista put his side in front at the end of an evenly balanced first half but Valencia took complete control after the break and ended up crushing the islanders as they struck four more goals in the space of 10 second-half minutes.

Real Madrid, who lost Wednesday's King's Cup final against Real Zaragoza, ended a miserable week with a morale-sapping 4-2 defeat at an inspired Athletic Bilbao on Saturday.

Real have frittered away their comfortable eight-point lead in the space of just three games. MNA/Reuters

Athens pool roof scrapped due to time pressure

ATHENS, 23 March — Plans to build a roof over the main swimming pool for the Olympics have been abandoned because it would not be finished in time for the start of the Games in August, Athens Olympics organizers said on Saturday.

Organizers said work on the roof for the outdoor pool was stopped after consulting with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

"We have come to the conclusion that the timely completion of the roof was not guaranteed and this could jeopardize the running of the competitions," Athens organizers said in a statement.

"The IOC has been informed and immediately asked the Greek Government and ATHOC to work on contingency plans... to ensure there will be no negative effects for athletes, the sport and broadcasters," it said.

The roof had been planned to shade swimmers from Athens' searing summer temperatures and allow high-quality broadcasting of

events.

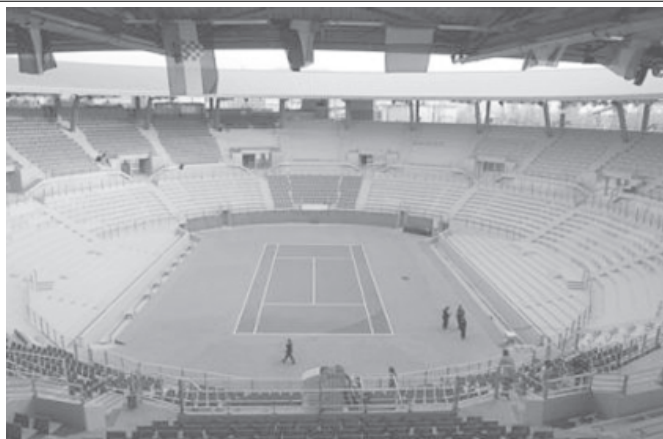
While the roof was not an Olympics-related project, it was important for broadcasters because swimming and water polo competitions

have been scheduled for midday when the light is brightest.

But according to officials, the swimming events were likely to be shifted to early

morning and late afternoon to avoid direct sunlight hitting the pool allowing athletes to compete in cooler temperatures.

MNA/Reuters



A general view of the main tennis field is seen at the Olympic complex in Athens on 20 March, 2004. Tennis test event will take place ahead of the Aug 13-29 Olympics.—INTERNET

Crowd trouble flares as West Ham lose 4-1 to Millwall

LONDON, 23 March — Crowd trouble marred an English First Division match between Millwall and West Ham United on Sunday.

Mounted police were needed to restore order at Millwall's New Den Stadium as trouble flared in the second half of the crucial promotion battle between the London rivals. According to BBC radio, West Ham fans tried to invade the pitch when Millwall, leading 3-1, were awarded a penalty and West Ham goalkeeper Stephen Bywater was sent off.

The match had attracted a massive security operation, with a reported 1,000 police officers on duty in and around the stadium close by the River Thames. FA Cup semi-finalists Millwall, who missed two penalties, won the game 4-1 to boost their chances of reaching the promotion playoffs.

The south London club are now seventh in the table with 59 points, level with Sunderland and Ipswich and just one behind fifth-placed West Ham with two games in hand. — MNA/Reuters

Mongyai-Namlaung special development road opened in northern Shan State

YANGON, 23 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and officials, attended the opening ceremony of Mongyai-Namlaung special development road held at the Pyidaungsu Hall in Mongyai on 21 March morning.

In delivering an address at the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that the Government is making all-out efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation for of ensuring the country to keep abreast of other nations, strengthening the national economy and promoting the living standard of the entire national people. Hence, efforts are being made to develop all the regions in the Union harmoniously, he stressed. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has designated six special development roads in northern and southern Shan State during the four-year plan from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006. In fact, these roads are to be built within three years, he disclosed. The six roads are the 24-mile Mongyai-Namlaung; the 155-mile Loilem-Hsipaw road; the 55-mile Tangyan-Mongkawn-Mongshu road; the 77-mile Kholan-Wansin-Mongnawng-Mongshu road; the 46-mile Leikha-Mongnawng road and the 52-mile Namlaung-Keshi-Pankayut road.

Of the six special development roads, the Loilem-Leikha-Mongkaing-Pankayut-Tonglaw-Namlan-Hsipaw road linking northern and southern Shan State has been upgraded by Tatmadawmen and opened on 26 March 2003. He continued to say that better transportation is required for regional development and promotion of socio-economic life of the national people. In other words, the better transportation will increase contacts and dealings among the national peoples so as to further strengthen the unity and solidarity among the national brethren. While the Government is making efforts for development of all the regions in the Union, the local populace on their part are to participate enthusiastically.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing ex-

plained matters on the upgrading of the Mongyai-Namlaung road. Then, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented gifts and cash award of K 300,000 to Tatmadawmen who built the road. Col Khin Maung Myint of Tangyan Station accepted them. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also presented gifts and cash award of K 100,000 for staff of Public Works. Shan State Chief Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein accepted them.

Next, national race leader U Loi Mawng spoke words of thanks. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and U Loi Mawng then formally opened the new road by cutting a ribbon.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to the briefing hall of the Mongyai-Namlaung road project. Officials concerned reported matters on the construction of the road. Along the road, 13 bridges which can bear 60 tons of weight have been built and plans are under way to build five more such bridges. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also inspected construction of Namlaung bridge on the road section. **MNA**

Minister arrives back from Vietnam

YANGON, 23 March — A delegation headed by Minister for Science & Technology U Thaung and comprising Rector of Yangon of Computer Studies University Dr Paik Tin and Rector of Mandalay University of Technology Dr Aung Myat Kyaw as members, arrived back here by air yesterday evening after visiting Vietnam from 18 to 22 March at the invitation of Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Science & Technology Mr Bai Manh Hai. The delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Science & Technology Dr Chan Nyien, officials and relatives. — **MNA**

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening of 25-ton bran oil mill ...

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The bran oil mill was built with the assistance of Veendeep Oiltek Exports Co of the Republic of India experts of MAPT and the rice mill was built by local experts.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye said the region gets technology and the construction of the mills creates job opportunities for local people. Secretary of Shwebo District USDA U Tun Ko Ko spoke words of thanks.

The Secretary-1 presented a fruit basket to Managing Director of Veendeep Oiltek Exports Co Mr P.M Bhandari and cash award to construction in-charge U Aung Thwin Oo.

Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented gifts to the Secretary-1 and party and souvenirs to Mr P.M Bhandari.

Commander and Maj-Gen Tha Aye and the minister formally opened the bran oil mill. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the production at the mill.

Next, the commander and the minister formally opened the rice mill. The Secretary-1 and party inspected milling of rice at the mill.

The bran oil mill produces 2.5 tons of oil. The rice mill produces export quality rice.

The Secretary-1 and party attended the opening of the members of the Sangha ward in Shwebo Hospital.

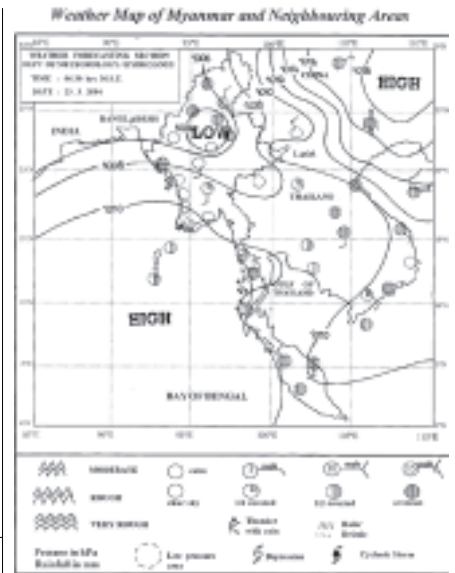
Present on the occasion were local authorities, specialists, doctors and guests.

Chairman of Shwebo District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Naing, Head of District Health Department Dr Mya Thein and U Taikiy Maung formally opened the ward.

The Secretary-1 and party formally unveiled the sign-board of the 15-bed ward and inspected it.

The ward was built with the contribution of K 8 million by wellwishers and K 10 million by the District Peace and Development Council. — **MNA**

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 23 March, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were about normal in Rakine State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperatures were (42°C) each in Minbu and Magway.

Maximum temperature on 22-3-2004 was 38.5°C (101°F). Minimum temperature on 23-3-2004 was 18.8°C (66°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-3-2004 was 70%. Total sun shine hours on 22-3-2004 was (9.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 23-3-2004 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 10 mph from Northwest at (13:30) hours MST on 22-3-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-3-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-3-2004:** Fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-3-2004:** Fair weather.

ကမ္ဘာတိုက်ရောဂါတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့ (24 March 2004)

“Every breath counts, stop TB now”

တိုက်ရောဂါ ပပျောက်ရေး၊ အသက်ရှူတိုင်းသတိပေး။

- * ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃)ပတ်ကျော် ရောဂါဆိုလျှင် နှိပ်စပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေးပါ။
- * တိုက်ရောဂါများအား အစွမ်းထက်မြက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသပေးနေပါသည်။
- * တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့် ကုန်ဆုံးဖြင့် ကုသလျှင် တီဘီရောဂါ ပျောက်ကင်းပါသည်။



တီဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး

- (က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ
 - ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီ ဖြောင့်မြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
 - အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
 - အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
 - ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။
- (ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ
 - ရက်ရှည်ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
 - ရောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
 - သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
 - အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
 - ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
 - ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချခြင်း။
 - ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။
- (ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း
 - ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မစက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
 - အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
 - သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
 - ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်တိုင်ပုစိကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
 - သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း
 - တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုနည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။
 - ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်အထောင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း ဖြစ်သည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China arrives on official visit

YANGON, 23 March — At the invitation of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China HE Madam Wu Yi arrived at Yangon International Airport this evening on an official visit to the Union of Myanmar.

Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Madam Wu Yi and party were welcomed at the airport by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and officials of the PRC embassy.

The visiting Chinese Vice Premier was accompanied by Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Wang Yi, Deputy Secretary-General of the State Council Mr Xu Shaoshi, President of the Export & Import Bank of China Mr Yang Zilin, Vice Governor of the Yunnan Province Mr Shao Qiwei and responsible officials of the PRC.

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State Peace and Development Council

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win welcomes

Chinese Vice Premier HE Madam

Wu Yi at the airport. — MNA

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win greets

Chinese Vice Premier HE Madam

Wu Yi at the airport. — MNA

Mongseik-Kaunghsai and Pyinthaya-Htiri sections of Shwenyaung-Namhsan Railroad inaugurated in Shan State (South)

YANGON, 23 March — As a gesture hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the inauguration of Mongseik-Kaunghsai section of Shwenyaung-Namhsan Railroad was inaugurated in Shan State (South) at Mongseik railway station on 20 March morning. It was constructed by Tatmadaw members of local regiments and units under arrangements of the Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and supervision of the Eastern Command Headquarters.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, senior military officers, officials, local authorities, local organizations and others totalling over 20,000.

On the occasion, the commander delivered an address. In his address, he said that the inauguration is part of Shwenyaung-Namhsan Railroad Project, and it links Mongseik and Kaunghsai stations in Loilem District.

The State Peace and Development Council has been implementing projects in all sectors to enable the nation to catch up with the world nations, to improve national economic life, to uplift the living standard of the people and to build up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The purpose of the opening of 10.23-mile Mongseik-Kaunghsai section is to ensure better transport in villages south of Taunggyi and Loilem District in southern part of Shan State.

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The 25-ton bran oil mill of the Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading in Shwebo, Mandalay Division.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening of 25-ton bran oil mill and 50-ton rice mill

YANGON, 23 March — The 25-ton bran oil mill and 50-ton rice mill of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading of the Ministry of Commerce built near the Maha Nanda Lake in Shwebo was opened on 21 March, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were member of the State Peace

and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments of the Ministry of Commerce, heads of

departments, local authorities, service personnel and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and local people.

First, the Secretary-1 formally unveiled the stone inscription of the mill.

Next, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone made a speech. He said new bran oil mills

were built in the areas where paddy is grown in upper Myanmar in accord with the guidance of the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. He said the Ministry of Commerce built 50-ton bran oil mill, 10-ton bran oil mill and two 25-ton rice mills in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division in August 2002 and they started operation.

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