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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



## Join hands with the people to repulse courageously whatever dangers that threaten the nation and its people

We Tatmadawmen are the offspring of the people. Therefore, I would like to remind you to participate wholeheartedly in the activities that promote the welfare of the public wherever you are assigned and to join hands with the people to repulse courageously whatever dangers that threaten the nation and its people, even at the risk to your own lives.

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 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

## Mass of Myanmar women to strive for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation

### Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends plenary meeting of delegates of state and division organizations for women's affairs

YANGON, 28 March — A plenary meeting of delegates of state and division organizations for women's affairs of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at 9 am today at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township here. Honorary Patron of the MWAFF Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe, attended the meeting, and MWAFF Patron Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt spoke on the occasion.

The meeting was also attended by MWAFF Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San, wife of State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Yangon Mayor and members of panel of patrons, MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and vice-presidents, the general secretary, the joint-general secretary, secretaries, CEC members, advisers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, officials, state, division, district and township delegates of MWAFF and guests.

First, MWAFF patron Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addressed the meeting. He said:

Emergence of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, which will lead the mass of Myanmar women to the goal of emerging consolidated national force

while nurturing them to be more brilliant, is a milestone in the history of the development of Myanmar women's sector.

In the course of Myanmar history, Myanmar women have enjoyed rights equal to that of the men and have been able to take part in efforts for progress of own family, society and the State and people keeping

abreast of men. This is the pride of Myanmar women. Therefore, all Myanmar women need not to feel inferiority complex of being a woman. As they have full self-confidence and are equipped with manageable skill, it can be seen in the history that they have been able to carry out the duties the same as men for the nation and the people in

times of emergency.

Compared to other countries, the Union of Myanmar is flourishing with the spirit of giving priority to women and helping them with kind heart and thus it is the pride of being a Myanmar woman.

Therefore, in the time of the present government, encouragement has been given to the development of the

women sector which is flourishing in line with the historical and cultural traditions for its further progress.

In encouraging the development of the women sector, efforts are being made for the women to enjoy women's rights fully, to ensure that women are not losing their opportunities and to gain more opportunities.

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, cordially greets delegates to the meeting of MWAFF and State and Division Organizations for Women's Affairs.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Towards industrial development

As the industrial sector plays a key role in national development the State is making arrangements for the nation to become an industrialized one.

Boosting export, reducing import by promoting industries that produce import-substitute items and striking a balance in foreign trade are today's economic aims of the State.

New factories and workshops are being built and industrial zones established wherever possible for industrial development. At the same time, the Government is encouraging industries to promote exports of industrial and other sectors including the agriculture sector. Moreover, import-substitute industries are also being encouraged to boost their products.

On 21 March, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected Monywa Industrial Zone in Monywa, Sagaing Division.

In meeting with industrialists there, the Secretary-1 gave instructions, saying that as Monywa Industrial Zone is the one having good prospects for development, the State is fulfilling requirements of it and that factories and workshops in the zone are to manufacture products with full capacity.

As foundry plant and mould factory will be built in Monywa Industrial Zone with the assistance provided by the State, arrangements are to be made for running the factory and the plant. On completion of these plants, import-substitute industries and industries that produce farm equipment will make more progress.

In Monywa Industrial Zone, light vehicles, propellers for water crafts, speedboat, farm implement and foodstuff are being produced.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is endeavouring for producing consumer goods to meet the demand of the people and to boost the production of the State. In Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, the ministry has been establishing new factories and workshops. In Kyaukse Industrial Zone, cement plant, candy factory, vest factory, footwear factory, sewing machine factory, bicycle factory and plastic ware factory are in operation. Moreover, in Ingon of Kyaukse Township, Agricultural Mechanization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is running farm equipment factory. The factory is producing power tillers, harvesters and other spare parts.

Industrialists and those who are engaged in the industrial sector are urged to establish more factories and workshops to produce consumer goods and import-substitute items with full capacity to promote the manufacturing sector.

## Myanmar Trade Fair 2004 to be held

YANGON, 28 March — The Myanmar Trade Fair 2004 will be held from 2 to 5 April at the Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road here by the Quartz International Co. Various kinds of textiles, garments, stationery, foodstuff, electric and electronic appliances, construction materials, plastic wares, traditional medicines, cosmetics, etc will be put on display. — MNA



“အမျိုးသမီးတစ် ဖွဲ့ဖြူဖြူ၊ ဝိုင်းဝန်းကြိုပမ်း ဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့”

Myanmar Federation of Women's Affairs

Plenary Meeting of State/Division

Organization for Women's Affairs

Yangon

28-29 March 2004

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## 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

## Plenary meeting of State/Division Organizations for Women's Affairs held

YANGON, 28 March — The plenary meeting of delegates of State/Division Organizations for Women's Affairs of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township this morning.

Present were Chairperson of Leading Committee for Organizing the meeting President of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Professor Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, Adviser Daw Khin Than Nwe, General Secretary Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win and members of the central executive Committee, officials and guests.

President of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Professor Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin



The Panel of Chairpersons at the plenary meeting. — MNA

Khin Win acted as members of the Panel of Chairpersons at the meeting.

President of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe spoke on the occasion.

General Secretary Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win reported on work done by MWAFF. The delegates

of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin State reported on work done from January to March 2004.

In the afternoon session, the delegates from Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Shan (North) Organizations for Women's Affairs reported on work done.

Next, the delegates of Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi and Bago Divisions took part in the discussions.

The members of the Panel of Chairpersons also took part in the discussions. The meeting continues tomorrow. — MNA



Vice Premier of the PRC Madame Wu Yi and delegation visit Myanank Sankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay. MNA

## Chinese Vice Premier of State Council visits Bagan-NyaungU, Mandalay

YANGON, 28 March — Visiting Vice Premier Madam Wu Yi of the State Council and party of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and officials, left here by air on 25 March and arrived at NyaungU Airport in the afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and officials.

Accompanied by Col Zaw Min and officials, the Chinese guests arrived at Pyathadgyi Pagoda in Bagan archaeological zone where they were welcomed by , Director-General U Nyunt Han of Archaeology Department and officials. After viewing scenery of Bagan region, the guests together with Minister U Soe Than and party posed for documentary photos.

On 26 March, they visited Ananda Pagoda and Shwezigon Pagoda. Next, they left for Mandalay by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt and officials, PRC Consul-General Mr Li Xuelin and staff and USDA members.

At 4 pm, the Chinese State Council Vice Premier and party, accompanied by Minister U Soe Tha and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun, arrived at Myanank Sankyaw Golden Palace in Nanmyo, Mandalay. Officials of Archaeology Department welcomed them and explained facts about the Myanank Sankyaw Golden Palace. Next, the Chinese guests viewed buildings of the palace decorated with Myanma handicraft.

They also visited Shwenandaw Museum and signed in the visitors' book. At Hsutaungpyay Pagoda on Mandalay Hill, the Vice Premier paid homage to the pagoda and offered flowers. They enjoyed the scenery of Mandalay. They signed in the visitors' book and donated cash towards the funds of the pagoda. Later, they viewed round the wall and moat of the Nanmyo by car. The guests who had paid five-day goodwill visit in the Union of Myanmar from 23 to 27 March left Mandalay International Airport by the special aircraft. The Chinese delegation was seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister U Soe Tha, Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun, authorities at different levels, departmental officials and social organization members. Before their departure, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint presented souvenirs to Madam Wu Yi. — MNA



# Two killed in rocket attack in Iraq's north; 21 people killed in last two days

BAGHDAD, 28 March—Rebels fired a rocket at a government building in northern Iraq on Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding 14 others, officials said. The attack brought the number of people killed in two days of explosions and shootings across the country to 21.

The rocket launcher was hidden inside a wooden cart that was wheeled up to a bomb-blast wall surrounding the three-storey main government building in the northern city of Mosul, police Sgt. Jassim Mohammed said.

The rocket struck the top of the wall before falling into the building's courtyard and exploding, he said. The assailants fled the area after the attack.

The dead and wounded were taken to Mosul General Hospital, doctor Ragheed Ghanim said.

In southern Iraq on Saturday, a gunman shot and killed the Iraqi driver of a civilian truck carrying supplies to Japan's military, Japan's *Kyodo News* agency said. The attack was an apparent robbery attempt, it said.

Japan's Defence Agency said a civilian truck hired to transport supplies to Japanese troops in Samawah was attacked, but had no

other details. Tokyo has dispatched about 1,000 naval, air and ground forces to help with Iraq's reconstruction.

In central Baghdad on Saturday, a bomb exploded on a street as a convoy of sport utility vehicles passed, wounding five Iraqis, US army Lt-Col Peter Jones said. It was not clear who was in the cars. US troops sealed off the area after the blast.

Fighting on Friday in the city of Fallujah, about 55 kilometres west of Baghdad, left one US marine dead and seven wounded, a US spokesman in Baghdad said. The marines and guerillas fought for hours in the alleys of the city, which has resisted American efforts to pacify it since the ouster of Saddam Hussein a year ago.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force issued a statement saying it was "conducting offensive operations . . . to foster a secure and stable environment for the people."

It went on to say that "some have chosen to fight. Having elected their fate, they are being engaged and destroyed."

A freelance cameraman for the US network ABC television, Burhan Mohammed Mazhour, 34, was shot in the head and killed while filming the clashes. It was unclear who killed him.

Four other Iraqis were killed and six wounded in the fighting, said a doctor at Fallujah hospital, Diyaa al-Jumalee. Witnesses said the dead included a shop owner, a customer and two bystanders.

This week, US marines took over authority in Fallujah and surrounding areas from the US army. The city on the banks of the Euphrates River is in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where support for Saddam was strong and rebel attacks on American forces are frequent.

Earlier Friday, four

members of the US-trained Iraqi Civil Defence Corps, or ICDC, also were killed while raiding a hideout near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit with US soldiers, the American military said. Three suspected rebels also died and 21 were captured in the raid.

In the town of Shwan, near the northern city of Kirkuk, four people en route to a wedding died when the vehicles they were riding in struck an anti-tank mine. The explosion injured 12 other people, police said.

Gunmen shot and killed an Iraqi police officer late Friday while he was walking home in Kirkuk, Fhadila Rashid, an official at the city's morgue, said Saturday.

Also Friday, *Time* magazine said Omar Hashim Kamal, an Iraqi translator who worked in its Baghdad bureau, died of wounds sustained Wednesday. Kamal was shot by unidentified assailants.

A UN electoral team, which will look at technical aspects of selecting Iraq's interim government in the lead-up to the June 30 transfer of sovereignty, arrived in Baghdad on Friday. The team, which includes security personnel, is led by Carina Perelli, a UN expert on Iraq, spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York. A second UN delegation, headed by top envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, is expected in early April.

The team was expected to hold informal meetings with members of the Governing Council on Saturday, council member Mahmoud Othman said.—Internet

## Iraq oil exports delayed from north and south

DUBAI, 28 March—Iraq is facing difficulties in exporting oil from both its northern and southern fields, the Middle East Economic Survey reports in its Monday edition.

Exports of Kirkuk crude through the Turkish port of Ceyhan will be delayed until mid-April, the industry specialists say. "Technical problems in Kirkuk, mainly rising water cut, have delayed pumping to Ceyhan for the time being," MEES says.

Iraq auctioned six million barrels of Kirkuk crude in March (200,000 per day for the month) and was planning to have a back-to-back sale of a monthly average of 270,000 bpd in March and April, MEES notes.

And plans to export around 250,000-300,000 bpd of Basrah Light from Khor al-Amaya are also in trouble.

"The major international firms are reluctant to send their vessels to the offshore facility in the northern Gulf, despite the fact that SOMO (State Oil Marketing Organization) has offered a 0.10 cents a barrel discount for crude loaded during March and April," says the weekly newsletter.

"SOMO is considering asking a specialized firm to survey the route and the safety of the infrastructure of the old export facility to reassure the international oil companies."

Only five vessels have loaded so far from the Khor al-Amaya facility which has been open for around a month. Exports in March have averaged only about 100,000 bpd, with the crude destined mainly for India, MEES says.

On Thursday, an explosion set ablaze a major oil well west of Kirkuk that feeds exports through Turkey.

Oil-rich Iraq has been struggling to reopen its export pipelines, which have been repeatedly attacked, particularly in the north, by insurgents fighting the continuing US-led occupation.

And on Wednesday officials said Iraq's main oil export pipeline from the southern town of Basra to the Faw peninsula was on fire due to a technical fault.—Internet

## China to consume 270 million tons of crude-oil in 2004

BEIJING, 28 March—China, the world's second largest oil consumer, is expected to consume 270 million tons of crude oil in 2004, according to a Ministry of Commerce report on production material on Friday.

The report expects China's net oil imports to exceed 100 million tons in 2004. Official statistics show that in 2003, China's net oil imports amounted to 97.39 million tons, including 82.99 million tons of crude oil, up 30 per cent or so over the previous-year level.

Last year the country's oil product demand was shored up by 11.4 per cent mainly by the combination of a 9.1-per-cent economic growth and oil-fired power generating caused by an acute electric power shortage in the eastern and southern parts of China and a significant increase in car population. MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi guerilla aims his rocket propelled grenade launcher at US forces in the town of Fallujah on 26 March, 2004. —INTERNET

## Japanese govt told to compensate Chinese WWII workers

TOKYO, 28 March — In a landmark ruling, a Japanese court ordered the government and a transport firm on Friday to pay 88-million-yen (830,300-US-dollar) compensation to a group of Chinese who were forced to work in Japan during World War II, *Kyodo* news agency said.

Ten Chinese former labourers and two relatives of a deceased worker had demanded that the government and regional transport firm Rinko Corp pay 275 million yen in redress. The ruling by the Niigata District Court in northern Japan was greeted by a roar of applause from the plaintiffs and their supporters, *Kyodo* said.

Court officials were not immediately available for comment.

But an official at Rinko said: "We do not think that the ruling by the Niigata District Court is appropriate. We will consider whether to appeal after studying the details

of the ruling with our lawyers."

The company is listed on the second section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Dozens of wartime compensation suits have been filed against the government and companies related to Japan's aggression in the first half of the 20th Century.

Most have been rejected by Japanese courts, and Friday's ruling is the first say the state should pay compensation.

The landmark ruling comes as and Beijing are engaged in a diplomatic feud over ownership of a cluster of tiny islands in the East China Sea.

According to the suit, the plaintiffs in the case were brought forcibly to Japan from China in 1944 and made to work in the coal transport business in Niigata, *Kyodo* said. They were subjected to abuse and received no wages, it said.

MNA/Reuters



US Army soldiers attend the scene where a truck and another car crashed on 26 March, 2004 next to an unlit military checkpoint on a highway outside Baghdad in the early morning. —INTERNET

## Three US soldiers killed in ambushes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 March—Two US soldiers were killed and four wounded in two separate attacks on convoys in Iraq on Thursday, the US military said.

In the morning, a roadside bomb exploded near the town of Baquba, 40 miles north of the capital, killing one US soldier and wounding two.

In the afternoon, insurgents attacked another convoy east of the restive town of Falluja, 32 miles west of the capital, killing one Marine and injuring two with a combination of a roadside bomb, rocket-propelled

grenades and small arms.

A US Army spokesman also announced that on Wednesday insurgents had killed a soldier and wounded another in a gun battle just north of Baghdad. US soldiers returned fire and killed three attackers.

The clashes brought to 399 the number of US troops killed in action in Iraq since the start of the US led war

just over one year ago.

Iraqi insurgents most often attack US patrols and convoys using what are called improvised explosive devices—small amounts of explosive hidden in a soft drink can or similar disguise and wired to a simple detonator.

The roadside bombs have increasingly been followed by small arms fire or grenade attacks.—Internet



Iraqi guerillas load a mortar shell before firing it at US forces on 26 March, 2004, during intensive fighting in the town of Fallujah.—INTERNET

## A year later, soldiers still live with effects of Iraq accident

RICHMOND, 28 March—The muscles in Sgt Kenneth Dixon's legs twitch sometimes, small spasms he can't control. They're the only flickers of life in the paralyzed legs that sit limp in his wheelchair. Still, he thinks he might walk again.

Pfc. David Mahlke peers into his bathroom mirror in Winona, Minn., through his remaining good eye every morning to see a moon-shaped scar across his forehead, his daily reminder of the moment he nearly died.

When the piercing migraines haunt Spc. Don Beckwith, he remembers the searing pain from his shattered jaw, hears the screams of injured men piled on top of him.

And he relives the agonizing wait for someone to pull him from

the crashed Bradley fighting vehicle he thought would be his grave.

The men are among six who were in the back of the Bradley last March 28 when it plunged into what they call "the hole" in the Iraqi desert. Five survived.

They're also among more than 3,200 men and women who have been injured in Iraq since the war began a year ago.

For many, life will never be the same.

They form a steady stream through military hospitals amputees taking cautious first steps on prosthetic limbs, paraplegics adjusting to life without the use of their legs, soldiers whose daily routines revolve around rigorous physical therapy sessions.—Internet

## "Triangle partnership" urged to ensure environmental sustainability

BEIJING, 28 March—An Indonesian expert urged here Friday that governments, businesses and civil society should cooperate and forge a "triangle partnership" to ensure environmental sustainability.

Emil Salim, chairman of the Sustainable Development Foundation, said during an international conference on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), that to cope with the shortcomings of conventional development, which is focussed on economic development, it is important to develop a mechanism to correct market failures. This mechanism must be able to register the preference scale on social and environmental demands by revealing it through the "triangle partnership", he said.

Salim, also economic adviser to the Indonesian Government, said to create such a cooperative arrangement

is not easy. "The development of a triangle of partnership requires a degree of trust and understanding," he said.

He said this will be stimulated if the partners share a common goal and objective. It is in this context important to focus efforts of sustainable development on a mutually accepted objective for the three partners of government, business and civil society. Through this triangle of partnership, it becomes feasible to reach for poverty alleviation through sustainable development that ensures sustainability of the economy, society and environment, said Salim.

Salim, in his speech, gave a five-step suggestion to en-

sure environmental sustainability, saying that "by implementing these five steps in the course of time toward 2015 can ensure environmental sustainability".

The MDGs includes eight items that most countries aimed to complete by the year 2015. They are: to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, to achieve universal primary education, to promote gender equality and empower women, to reduce child mortality, to improve maternal health, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, to ensure environmental sustainability, and to develop a global partnership for development.

MNA/Xinhua

## China, Kenya to enhance cooperation in mass media

NAIROBI, 28 March—China and Kenya enjoy warm and cordial relations in the field of mass media, and such relations is bound to be further enhanced through joint efforts from both sides, a senior Chinese official said here Thursday.

"With the steady development of Sino-Kenyan relations, cooperation in the field of mass media between our two sides has been strengthened in recent years and has yielded fruitful results," Chinese Ambassador Guo Chongli said while addressing the embassy's gathering held for the Kenyan media community.

He cited that the headquarters of the African Bureau of Xinhua news agency, the official news agency of China, were set up in Kenyan capital Nairobi and China Radio International also has its resident journalists in Nairobi.

Meanwhile, Kenyan news media has increased their coverage of China, especially on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries in 2003, Guo said.

He expressed hope that media communities of both countries will further promote exchange of visits and communications.

Guo's words were echoed by the Kenyan Minister for Tourism and Information Raphael Tuju, who also addressed at the gathering.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Iraq struggling with devastating violence, economic hardship

BAGHDAD, 28 March—On June 30, 2004, the United States plans to return sovereignty to the Iraqis. As this critical threshold approaches, CNN's Senior International Correspondent, Nic Robertson, travels through Iraq to find a nation struggling with devastating violence, economic hardship, and religious and ethnic tensions.

In CNN Presents "Hope and Fear: Journeys in the New Iraq," Robertson follows six very different individuals, and hears their hopes and fears for the future of Iraq.

They include a major in the Baghdad police force who faces the risk of assassination every day and a Shia woman who has seen her husband murdered and her house bombed and is torn between loyalty to her homeland and emigrating for the sake of her six children.

He also spends time with a US Army Colonel trying to bring security to one of Iraq's toughest districts with a mixture of aggression and conciliation; and he meets with a Shia cleric who wants Islam to have a far bolder role in politics and daily life, even if that means eroding the rights of women.

Robertson also travels north to Kurdistan, where a businessman, who until recently lived in exile, is weighing the prospects for investing in Iraq, only too aware that the Kurds have been betrayed before.

The last of the six profiles is of the heir to the Iraqi throne, who wants to mediate between the country's rival groups and bring the insurgents into the political process, but who also fears that civil war may not be far away and accuses the coalition of naiveté and arrogance.

"Once again Robertson has documented the human strife and daily hardships of Iraq in a way that few other journalists can.

"His ability to engage with ordinary Iraqi citizens and military personnel enables CNN's viewers to gain a better understanding of how everyone involved in the future of Iraq is coping with the on-going altercations and state of uncertainty in the country," says Rena Golden. Internet

## Survey shows jobs, deficit pose immediate threats to US economy

WASHINGTON, 28 March—The lackluster of job market and a massive budget shortfall posed the biggest immediate threats to the US economy, showed a survey released Thursday by the National Association of Business Economists (NABE).

Both unemployment and the deficit topped the list of short-term risks, each picked by 25 per cent of a panel of NABE's 203 members.

Data released by the government showed that payroll employment increased only 21,000 in February, defying economists' expectations and meaning the country has gone through a record 44 months without a single month of job creation exceeding

250,000. The unemployment rate was stuck at 5.6 per cent in February. And the Labour Department in its economic report said on Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 339,000.

Further clouding the outlook, the US Administration is tipping an unprecedented budget shortfall of 521 billion dollars in fiscal 2004.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi youths look at damage on a street caused by a roadside bomb which targeted a passing US Army envoy in the northern city of Mosul on 26 March, 2004. A roadside bomb exploded earlier on Friday next to a passing Stryker armoured vehicle in Mosul.—INTERNET



## CONTINUING IRAQI GUERILLA ATTACKS INFLICT RISING US CASUALTY



The remains of a wrecked vehicle in Fallujah.  
The car was destroyed by guerillas on  
26 March. — INTERNET



Guerilla rockets slammed into a government building in the northern city of Mosul on 27 March, killing two civilians and wounding 14 others. An explosion rocked central Baghdad in a roadside bomb attack on a convoy, wounding five Iraqis.

INTERNET

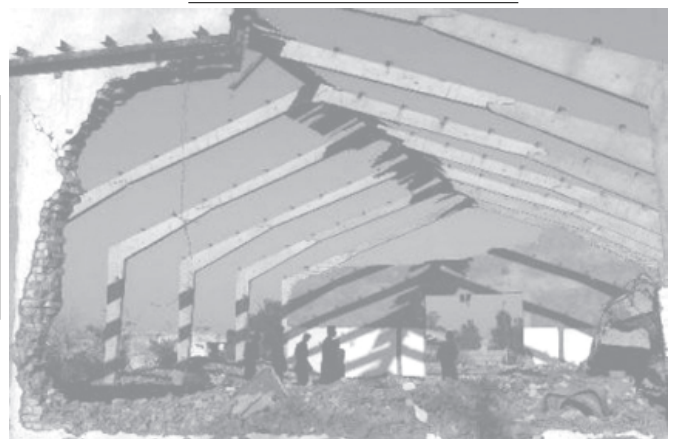


An Iraqi security guard for Iraq's electrical authority at a Baghdad hospital after being treated for his wounds. He was among 17 Iraqis injured when a roadside bomb exploded in central Baghdad recently.  
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A man walks through the debris outside Baghdad's Mount Letana Hotel on 18 March, the morning after a powerful bomb detonated in front of the building.— INTERNET



The scene where a roadside bomb exploded in central Baghdad early Saturday on 27 March, 2004, badly damaging the four-wheel drive vehicle, and smashing windows in nearby buildings. — INTERNET



Iraqi men search through the rubble of an old Iraqi army camp, which was bombed during the war, near Baghdad, on 26 March. — INTERNET

## EU presses for UN role in Iraq, resolution

**BRUSSELS, 28 March** — The European Union called on Friday for the United Nations to be handed a “vital and growing” function in postwar Iraq’s political transition and a Security Council resolution endorsing that role.

“A strong UN role in this political process is an element for its success,” leaders of the EU’s 25 current and future member states said in a statement after a two-day summit.

“The European Council (of leaders)...looks forward to the UN playing a vital and growing role endorsed by the UN Security Council in the run-up to transition and beyond.”

The 25-member Iraqi Governing Council has sought UN help to form an interim government and has said it will ask the United Nations to pass a resolution legitimizing a planned handover of power from US-led authorities to Iraqis.

The United States has also urged a UN role to give credibility to the transfer of sovereignty, planned for June 30.

Spanish Socialist leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, whose shock election

victory earlier this month was due in part to voters’ resentment at Madrid’s support for the US-led war in Iraq, has said Spain’s 1,300 troops will return home in June.

Zapatero has, however, left open the possibility that a new resolution passing control to the United Nations from the US-led coalition could change his mind.

Washington has responded that it is willing to consider a new resolution before the handover of sovereignty but has not said how much authority it would give the United Nations over foreign troops.

French President Jacques Chirac, one of Europe’s fiercest critics of the Iraq war, told a news conference on Friday that a UN resolution would help define the way ahead in Iraq.

“But to tell you in this respect that I am very optimistic would be an exaggeration,” he said. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Migratory birds via China find peaceful nest

**HOHHOT, 28 March** — With the arrival of spring, thousands of white swans, swan geese and other migratory birds are enjoying their sojourn at the Yellow River side in China on the way to their northern summer abode.

The birds, destined for China’s northernmost province of Heilongjiang and Russia’s Siberia and Baikal, are expected to stay a month or two in the riverside area in the Tumd Left Banner of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in north China.

Local people and environmental officials said this year the area saw much more birds of passage than before thanks to the expansion of forests and grassland near the riverside area.

Environmental officials said local residents were asked to keep away from the birds on their way to and back from work. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Mine kills woman and child at Iraq wedding party

**KIRKUK (Iraq), 28 March** — A landmine killed a child and a woman during a Kurdish wedding party in scenic countryside near the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Friday, police said.

Kirkuk police chief Shirko Shaker said 13 other guests were wounded when the mine exploded about six miles north of Kirkuk. He said the mine was probably left over from former wars and that the explosion was

not a deliberate attack.

Kirkuk residents said the mountainous area was popular for weddings, with parties heading out of the city to dance and celebrate out of doors.

— *MNA/Reuters*

## China to help SOEs go public by injecting funds

**BEIJING, 28 March** — The supervisory agency of China’s state-owned assets will withdraw capital from certain sectors and inject the withdrawn assets into some state-owned enterprises (SOEs), in order to speed up their steps of going public.

Bai Yingzi, official in charge of SOE reform with the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC), made the remarks during an interview with *Xinhua* Friday.

Going public was

proved an effective way for SOE reform, but capital shortage increasingly became an obstacle for the SOEs’ listing on the stock market, especially for those enterprises with a longer history, Bai said.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



The medal winners of the Ice Dancing competition at the World Figure Skating Championships in Dortmund, western Germany, on 26 March, 2004, present their medals after the Free Dancing. From left, silver medalists Alben Denkova and Maxim Staviski, from Bulgaria, gold medalists Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov, from Russia, and bronze medalists Kati Winkler and Rene Lohse, from Germany. — *INTERNET*

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## US troops kill three-year-old boy in Iraq

**TIKRIT (Iraq), 28 March** — US forces fired on a civilian car in Tikrit, killing a three-year-old boy and wounding six women and children as well as their male driver, Iraqi police and relatives said on Saturday.

Police said US soldiers based in Saddam Hussein’s hometown, 110 miles north of Baghdad, shot at the family’s red car in the town on Friday night.

“There was a family; four children, three women and their driver,” an Iraqi police major said. “The US forces fired on them and all of them were injured. One child was killed.”

A *Reuters* reporter at Tikrit hospital saw a US officer visiting the wounded in hospital on Friday night.

A US military spokesman in Tikrit said on Saturday he had no information about a child being killed. Major Neal O’Brien said he knew of one incident in which four Iraqis were injured after their car ran a checkpoint.

“At about 7:15 (1615 GMT) last night a patrol engaged a civilian vehicle that refused to stop at a checkpoint,” he said. “Four Iraqi civilians were injured and evacuated by Iraqi ambulance.”

He said there were two cars involved in

the incident.

*Reuters* Television footage showed a red car full of bullet holes. The seats were covered with shattered glass and stained with blood.

Iraqi police heard the gunfire and came out to the scene with an ambulance. Doctors said the three-year-old died in hospital from severe wounds to his stomach.

“The Americans are criminals,” his mother May Qahtan said from her hospital bed on Saturday. “Saddam is the only terrorist? The Americans are the ones killing all these people, all these children. Isn’t that terrorism?”

US troops have a major base in Tikrit, and regularly carry out patrols and raids in the town and villages nearby.

In January, the US Army said it was investigating the death of at least three people shot in their car near Tikrit, an incident which stoked anger against US forces in the already tense area. — *MNA/Reuters*



A US marine monitors a luggage search by Iraqi border police (2nd L) at the Trebil border crossing into Jordan. — *INTERNET*

## China to develop diversified medical services

**BEIJING, 28 March** — China’s Executive Vice-Minister of Health Gao Qiang said here that China will diversify its medical services by relying both on the government and the market.

Gao said at the three-day UN High-Level International Conference on the Millennium Development Goals that China’s health and medical services have, for a long time, totally depended on government investment.

“But China’s fiscal revenue accounts for less than 20 per cent of its total GDP, which makes it impossible to maintain China’s huge medical care system,” he said.

According to statistics released by the Health Ministry, home to 22 per cent of the world’s population, China only enjoys 2 per cent of the world’s total medical

resources, of which 80 per cent were concentrated in cities.

Gao said the primary goal of China’s reform in its health and medical care system is to promote public health especially the sector of disease control and prevention. “Government investment will be used to secure people’s basic demand for medical services and to set up a generally available medical care system for people in rural areas.”

For those who have high incomes and are not satisfied with basic medical services, China will look to the market to meet their demands, Gao said.

“We will try to attract financial resources from both home and abroad to develop high-quality medical services, and those who enjoy these kind of services can withdraw from the public medical care system and thus reduce the government’s burden,” Gao said.

Policies for the two types of medical services should also be different, Gao said, adding that agencies providing basic medical care for the public can be tax-free or enjoy subsidies and those targeting the high-income group should pay tax as other ordinary enterprises do.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



# Tatmadawmen who are combating the menace of narcotic drugs

Soe Nyein San

(Continued from yesterday)

Owing to the launch of the Twelfth Phase of Operation Moe Hein, drug smugglers lost not only their opium refineries and paraphernalia but also their manpower, arms power and morale.

With the aim of eliminating narcotic drugs, Tatmadaw launched operations — from Operation Moe Hein Phase One to Phase Twelve from April 1976 to April 1988. Moreover, the Tatmadaw also launched other military operations in addition to these Moe Hein Operations. They were Operation Ngayepan and Operation Taungyanshin.

Operation Ngayepan Phase One was carried out in 30 townships in Eastern Command area in Shan State for four months from 25 October in 1980 to 24 February 1981. A total of 6813.93 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in the operation.

Operation Ngayepan Phase Two took place in 25 townships in the regions of North-East Command and Eastern Command. The operation lasted from 12 December 1981 to 25 February 1982. A total of 10,997.56 acres of poppy plantations had been destroyed.

Besides, 7,455.36 acres of opium poppy plantations were destroyed thanks to the Operation Ngayepan Phase Three in 26 townships in Eastern Command and North-East Command from 6 November 1982 to 15 March 1983.

Operation Ngayepan Phase Four was launched in 27 townships in Eastern Command and North-East Command areas. It lasted from 17 January to 20 March 1984, and 11,077.76 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed.

The Fifth Phase of Operation Ngayepan Phase Five was launched in 32 townships in Eastern Command and North-East Command areas from 5 December 1984 to 5 April 1985. A total of 21,048 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed. Operation Ngayepan Phase Six and Operation Taungyanshin Phase One were launched in 29 townships of North-East Command and Eastern Command areas from 26 December 1985 to 26 February 1986. In the operations, 24,246 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed by spraying from the airplane and 9,352.84 acres by other means. As a result of launching Operation Ngayepan Phase

Six along with Operation Taungyanshin Phase One and Operation Taungyanshin Phase Two, a total of 33,598.84 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed.

Operation Ngayepan Phase Seven and Operation Taungyanshin Phase Three were also launched in 25 townships of Eastern Command and North-East Command areas. About 22,630 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed by aerial spraying and 17,595.20 acres by combined teams.

In 27 townships of Eastern Command and North-East Command areas, Tatmadaw launched Operation Ngayepan Phase Eight and Operation Taungyanshin Phase Four from 7 December 1987 to 22 February 1988. A total of 25,494 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed by aerial spraying and 15,661.42 acres by combined teams. Therefore, from Operation Ngayepan Phase One to Phase Eight, and from Operation Taungyanshin Phase One to Phase Four, altogether 72,370 acres of opium plantations were destroyed by aerial spraying and 100,002.07 acres by combined teams. The Tatmadaw, by launching localized operations besides Operations Moe Hein, was able to wipe out the cultivation and production of poppy and trafficking of opium. In launching military operations to eliminate narcotic drugs, 335 major fights broke out between the Tatmadaw and drug smuggler insurgents.

In the battles, together with the Tatmadaw members, 109 members of Myanmar Police Force sacrificed their lives while 542 MPF members were wounded. Owing to their sacrifices, production of 100,40.38 kilos of heroin had been prevented. Tatmadaw fully participated in the drug elimination drive risking their lives, blood and sweat. They have carried out the tasks not only for their country and the people but also for entire humanity.

Since the assumption of duties by the Tatmadaw in 1988, continuous measures for elimination of narcotic drugs have been taken, and the figures of narcotics seized are shown in the following table.

Meanwhile, Myanmar is undertaking the drug elimination task by laying down projects. It is cooperating with her neighbours, regional countries and international organizations as well as UNDCP.

Sr No	year	opium		heroin		stimulant pills		ephedrine		marijuana	
		case	kilo	case	kilo	case	pill	case	kilo	case	kilo
1	1988	595	1505.9200	756	118.9489	-	-	-	-	263	283.9330
2	1989	640	924.6250	1256	239.6956	-	-	-	-	506	657.2700
3	1990	967	2302.9960	2234	220.0837	-	-	-	-	1495	2564.1730
4	1991	733	1502.8639	1804	181.1559	-	-	-	-	703	723.8330
5	1992	654	2264.4658	2021	338.1984	-	-	-	-	507	292.7609
6	1993	669	2487.1049	2077	358.3145	-	-	-	-	553	599.1847
7	1994	591	1759.5945	2058	304.8164	-	-	-	-	483	306.6240
8	1995	409	1060.7178	1507	72.6093	-	-	-	-	405	245.7655
9	1996	446	1300.0020	1306	504.6033	13	1906555	-	-	390	263.7860
10	1997	507	7883.9749	1551	1401.0787	59	5028600	6	2420.0233	361	288.0345
11	1998	410	3593.6293	1425	403.8048	172	16026688	13	3819.0988	337	380.9704
12	1999	311	1473.0297	1728	245.3537	497	28887514	90	6485.1638	758	274.2828
13	2000	312	1528.3923	1241	158.9207	490	26759771	45	2670.3050	601	601.5085
14	2001	393	1629.0691	1028	96.7442	613	32438981	11	3922.1687	258	284.3868
15	2002	390	1863.2753	1025	338.8877	541	9399794	10	1723.5369	232	281.9884
16	2003	396	1481.4978	968	568.1827	472	4002524	4	307.9322	194	85.2016

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(Translation: ST)  
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## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## All this needs to be known

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

## ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးလုံခြုံမှုအသုံးပြုရေးအသေးစာအုပ်၊ အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ အသုံးပြုကိရိယာ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများစသည့်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်စီးခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူစေရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။  
၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။  
၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

## 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition

Defence Services Museum  
on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon.  
26-3-2004 to 4-4-2004 (Free admission)

## အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါတွင် နေရာသီရောက်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ရွှေးထွက်လွန်ပြီး ခန္ဓာကိုယ်အတွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်နင့်ယားဖုများထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ဖန်း နှမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေးခြောက်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် စိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေ အထိဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန်အောင်ပါအချက် အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

(၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီးခေါင်ပြင်း၊ မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆိပ်စသည့်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။

(၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။

(၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

(၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်ပါ။

(၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။

(၇) ဖွပ်ချောင်ချောင် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။

(၈) ရွှေးထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည် သောက်ပါ။

(၉) ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။

(၁၀) ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုရောဂါ အစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများ အနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။

(၁၁) မိတ်ဖယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါး လိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။

(၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ဖန်းနှမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ် နှီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, attends the plenary meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and State/Division Organizations and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address.—MNA

## Mass of Myanmar women to strive for the emergence ...

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Need not to call for the women's rights like in other countries, Myanmar women are enjoying their rights as the inborn right. With the aim of enabling Myanmar women to take part in international women's movement, a Myanmar delegation was sent to the Fourth International Women Conference held in Beijing.

In 1996, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed to ensure that Myanmar women are fully enjoying their rights and that women's rights are developing in all sectors in accord with times.

It can be seen that the committee, after forming work committees and various groups, was able to make efforts for development of Myanmar women in all sectors such as education, health, economy and culture. As regards the women sector, tasks such as violence against women, trafficking in person, environmental conservation, development of young women and education on reproductive health, on which the international community is placing emphasis but not a delicate problem for Myanmar, have been able to carry out the task.

Due to the encouragement of the government, the efforts of MNCWA and political, economic and social development of the State, Myanmar women sector has developed significantly.

Nowadays, women entrepreneurs, the ones who are taking a leading role in education, health, science and technology and information and communication technology sectors and those who are outstanding in sports, culture and social sectors have emerged continuously and thus it can be said that the women sector has entered its new era.

At such a time, MNCWA was transformed into MWAFF with the aim of preserving the development momentum of the women sector, fulfilling the political, economic and social needs of the State in conformity with development in international community and carrying out the affairs of the mass of Myanmar women covering the whole country.

Therefore, MWAFF is the one that will lead the Myanmar women to take part unitedly in efforts for development of Myanmar women sector and national development.

Myanmar women are to make united efforts for emergence of the federation which will cooperate with international women organizations and international social organizations which have a positive attitude on Myanmar representing the mass of Myanmar women.

For the emergence of MWAFF according to rules and regulations, basic principles, aims and objectives, policy and organizational setup of the federation have been discussed and laid down.

MWAFF was formed with the following objectives:

- to promote the role of women sector in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to safeguard women's rights
- to raise economic, health and education sectors of women and to safeguard their social security
- to nurture women to cherish and value the traditional culture and customs of the national races,
- to systematically implement the tasks for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation
- to launch campaign, as a national duty, on elimination of trafficking in women and children, and
- to cooperate with international, regional, internal and external organizations in carrying out matters on women's rights in accord with the traditional culture and customs of the national races.

In translating these objectives into action, the follow-

ing principles are to be followed:

- the basic national principle— to serve only the national interest with the united strength of the entire nation based on Our Three Main National Causes
- the basic principle relating to national races— giving serious attention to love, friendship, respect and unity of the national races
- the basic social principle— contributing to the community peace, food, clothing and shelter needs, welfare tasks, education, health and culture development and
- the basic principle relating to women's affairs— promoting the women's sector and ensuring a secure live for the womenfolk.

MWAFF was formed with Central Panel of Patrons comprising officials at State level, Central Women Committee comprising delegates of states and divisions organizations of women's affairs, Central Executive Committee comprising one president, four vice-presidents, one general secretary, one joint-secretary and secretariat members plus deputy ministers and departmental heads.

He said the work groups on various affairs were formed under the central executive committee. There were only ten work groups under the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and now there are 16 work groups on various sectors.

The executive committees at state, division, district, township, ward and village tract levels have been formed throughout the country. Moreover, those in charge of stated and divisions were included in the central executive committee, he said.

A significant point is that MWAFF is not like the committees at different levels. It is a social organization and there is no limited number of membership and anyone can join the organization out of their own volition. It is an opportunity for every Myanmar woman with nationalist spirit and patriotism who is interested not only in women's affairs but also in national and social activities to join the organization as members, he added.

He said MWAFF is a systematic organization formed with Myanmar women in order to actively carry out State and women's affairs in unity. Arrangements are to be made for the organization to carry out the tasks with correct, speedy and effective management and systematic implementation, he added.

He said the work groups at central level have their objectives on the respective sectors and are responsible for implementing the tasks and projects laid down by the central executive committee. Therefore leaders of the work groups and members themselves are to undertake the tasks. In order to do so, advisers in the work groups are to put suggestions and to hold coordination.

He said in discharging their duties, the tasks and projects laid down by the central level must reflect the policies and attitudes of the federation. After realizing this, it is necessary for the leaders of the work groups and members to discharge their duties with all their might, he said. If there are any tasks in some sectors to be carried out, the work group will have to undertake the tasks after the permission of the central level, he said.

He spoke on supervision of the tasks at township and village tracts, working in conformity with the respective levels, coordination, exchange of information and cooperation. He said women's affairs executive committees at different levels are to implement the tasks laid down by the federation in accord with the rules and regulations.

He said the federation has been formed with women from all walks of life—scholars, businesswomen, service personnel, peasants, staff national races, ordinary people and members of social organizations. He urged them to work together to realize the common objectives.

He said as MWAFF is a social organization that can undertake the tasks for development of women sector in Myanmar, it is necessary for MWAFF officials and members to accept the fact that the federation has greater and wider functions.

He said the federation is to make efforts for development of opportunities of the entire Myanmar women and job opportunities of women, progress of economic life, security and happiness of their life and raising of their living standard.

The primary task of the federation is the duty of organizational matters and dissemination of knowledge that can bring about spiritual development of the entire Myanmar women. After realizing this, officials are to educate Myanmar women especially young girls for their spiritual development. It is important for the women not to deviate from the correct national path. He stressed the importance of avoiding the persuasion of unscrupulous persons and destructive elements.

Steps are to be taken for enabling Myanmar young women to be imbued with the spirit to cherish and safeguard own culture and traditions and with patriotism and Union Spirit. Moreover, the federation is to lead Myanmar young women to stay away from foreign character that is contrary to Myanmar traditions and culture and to preserve and safeguard their mode of dress and life-style which is based on fear and shame.

Myanmar Women Affairs Federation are to strive for enabling Myanmar young women to have a sense of thinking highly of and respecting own nation and own people and for inculcating them with the habit of cherishing and safeguarding national prestige and integrity while making efforts for propagation of nationalistic spirit among them.

Arrangements are to be made for nurturing Myanmar young women to become outstanding women leaders, to become those who are outstanding in education of international level and to become typical Myanmar women.

In striving for development of Myanmar women sector, systematic measures are to be taken to be in conformity with efforts for development of international women sector.

Myanmar Women Affairs Federation is an organization in which every patriotic Myanmar woman regardless of standard and strata can participate and tasks to be implemented by the federation are seen as the ones that benefit every Myanmar woman regardless of race and religion, rich and poor.

Being a social organization which will serve the interest of the State and the people, women leaders at different levels who are going to take different roles of the federation, are to try to become good leaders or models in terms of spirit, morale and capability.

Every woman member of the federation is to strive in unity for successful realization of the federation's objectives by doing their bit while abiding by rules and regulations of the federation and keeping the codes of conduct of the federation.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister said that the seven-point future political programmes have been laid down and are being implemented to be able to build a modern developed democratic nation, which is the goal of the entire national people, on self-reliant basis and called on the mass of women to participate in the tasks for successful realization of the goal.

Moreover, the Prime Minister also urged the mass of Myanmar women and officials at different levels to strive for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation and for enabling the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with the world community, incorporating the might, the nationalism and the fine traditions of Myanmar women into a national force.—MNA



## Prime Minister meets trainees of Regional Development Special Refresher Course No 3

YANGON, 28 March — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with trainees of Regional Development Special Refresher Course No 3 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on Pyay Road here at 4 pm today and gave instructions.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General and the Deputy Chief Justices, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, social organizations, trainees of the course and guests.

First, the Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said that the meeting with officers who are going to discharge duties at border areas and far-flung areas is to enable them to implement the national objectives after realizing them and to discharge their duties with correct concept.

In the past, border areas lagged behind in development in the absence of peace and tranquillity. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, peace and tranquillity prevailed in the regions and the government has been able to forge the national con-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address in meeting with trainees of the Regional Development Special Refresher Course. MNA

solidation. Meanwhile, the regions are meeting with success as projects for development of border areas and national races have been implemented.

At a time when equitable and harmonious development has been brought about across the nation, systematic measures are being taken for regional development in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, calling for enhancing the socio-economic life of local people while engaging in regional development tasks.

Special refresher courses on development, organization and social sectors needed for officers who are going to discharge duties in the regions are being conducted and the present course was No 3.

For the Union of Myanmar, home to over 100

national races, it is required for the national races to be in oneness for national development and perpetuation of sovereignty while striving for fostering the national unity.

Armed conflicts broke out due to evil legacy of colonialists who had sown dissension and driven a wedge among the national brethren after the independence was regained, making the local national races to have various life-styles and concepts.

He said the government rebuilt national solidarity among the national races of various forms and concepts and carried out the tasks for rapid development of border areas. Efforts are to be made for achieving the same social relations forms and outlooks and bringing about spiritual development.

He said the government made arrangements for improvement of socio-economic life of national people in the regions inside the country, harmonious development of border areas and the Union and spiritual development of the people.

He said the officials are responsible for preventing exploitation of the national races economically, illegal trade in some regions and smuggling of natural resources from the country.

The officials are responsible for development of the region where they are discharging duties and utilization of natural resources systematically. He spoke of the need to take preventive measures on and control.

The Prime Minister also spoke on working for uplift of dignity of the country and its people, trust on the government and all-round

development of various sectors.

In order to realize these objectives, the officials are to build three national sectors— social, development and moral affairs, he said.

He urged them to make endeavours for regional development and raising of living standard of local people with goodwill and diligence in accord with the tasks assigned by the State.

He called for cooperation with the USDA, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross

Society which are national forces on which the State relies for regional development.

In conclusion, he urged them to make efforts for political, economic and social development of the respective regions, to lead the local people for flourishing of national solidarity spirit, the Union spirit and the spirit of preserving traditional customs and to safeguard the sovereignty and national interests.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the trainees.

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### Myoma Bridge and Tein Bridge in ...

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He continued to say that previously, if one travelled from Monywa to Kalaywa, one had to go along Monywa-YeU-Taze-Thetkeyin-Kalaywa road through Maha Myaing forests, and transport is difficult in the rainy season.

That is why the Head of State gave guidance to build Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road with a view to speeding communication between the western bank region of the Chindwin River and Kalay region, the door to Chin State (North).

The new road is about 115 miles long, and it is 45 miles shorter than the road in YeU-Thetkeyin. Now, it will not take long to travel from Monywa to Kalaywa-Kalay-Tamu or Kalay-Haka-Tiddim.

There are 174 bridges, small and big, along Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road including the two bridges opened today and four 180 feet and above ones. Of them 153 are wooden bridges. Others are eight bridges of iron beams and frames and 13 concrete bridges.

This new Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road is linking Sagaing Division and Chin State and will benefit the villages of Kani and Mingin on the road.

Under the supervision of the office of Quartermaster-General, military engineers have built Myoma Bridge and Tein Bridge day and night within a year. In doing so, the bridges were built of quality local-made iron frames produced at the State-owned Steel Plant.

According to the guidance that efforts are to be made for manufacturing frames for the bridges by the Head of State, it is a technological victory of the entire nation that Myanmar engineers drew the design of bridge frames and successfully manufactured it.

The government has been building bridges and roads with the aims of ensuring development of States and Divisions and narrowing economic and social gaps among

regions. In addition, airports were upgraded as well as new airlines were opened. As Monywa Airport has been opened recently, Sagaing Division gains better transport. Similarly, border trade will be promoted thanks to the new Monywa-Kalaywa Road.

In the road and bridge construction sector of the country, there were 13,635 miles of tarred, gravel and earth roads in 1987-88 and there are 18,112 miles of roads this year. So far, 182 bridges which are 180 feet and above long—169 bridges built by Public Works, six by the Ministry of Rail Transportation and seven by the Tatmadaw including Myoma and Tein bridges opened today—have been constructed. The Tatmadaw, on its part, built seven bridges — Hlaingbwe River Bridge (Dawlan) on 13 March 1999, Ngamoeyek Bridge on 15 January 2001, Pathaung Bridge on 7 December 2001 and Pahtolon and Lapin bridges on 3 January 2004 including Myoma and Tein bridges. And, there are many bridges under construction. The roads being constructed by the Tatmadaw are 115 miles long Monywa-Kalaywa Road, 41 miles long Kholan-Kengtaw Road, 46 miles long Mongpan-Kengtaw Road, 45 miles long Monei-Kengtaw Road, 78 miles and four furlongs long Panli-Namhai-Boshi-Tachilek Road and 25 miles long Mongkhok-Mongtwam Road.

Construction of dams, roads and bridges are essential for national development. So, the Government constructs buildings of transport infrastructure one after another with the lofty aims in politics, economic and social sectors. Thanks to development of the State economy, construction tasks are being carried out on self-reliant basis.

On completion of bridges on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa Road, rural and urban areas in Sagaing Division and Chin State will achieve progress in social and economic sectors year after year.

As all-round development tasks are being undertaken in the nation, there exist many barriers imposed. The government and the people have made concerted efforts for

implementing a project as well as laying a foundation.

Nowadays, all the people are to continue carrying out of construction tasks for development of the State on self-reliant basis. All are to safeguard sovereignty for perpetual existence of the State based on nationalist spirit and Union Spirit. In conclusion, he said as almost all the regions of the Union including Sagaing Division and Chin State are in the transport network due to emergence of new roads and bridges, all the national races forging Union Spirit are to strive for development of the State based on Union Spirit, to stand tall for perpetual existence and to safeguard the bridges for durability in the long run.

Next, the commander and the director of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence gave speeches.

Afterwards, a local resident thanked the government for the inauguration of the Myoma bridge and Tein bridge.

Director of the Military Engineers Maj-Gen Tin Tun handed over the documents relating to the bridges and Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road to Brig-Gen Myint Thein.

At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Tin Tun and Brig-Gen Myint Thein formally opened the Myoma Bridge.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party had a documentary photo taken together with local people.

The reinforced concrete type Myoma bridge is 540 feet long and 28 feet wide and flanked by four-foot-wide pedestrian lanes. It can withstand 60 tons of load and its clearance is 90 feet wide and 10 feet high.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha Tura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party went to the Tein bridge. Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Tin Tun and Brig-Gen Myint Thein formally opened the bridge and Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription. The Tein bridge is 360 feet long and 28 feet wide and its clearance is 90 feet wide and 10 feet high. There are four feet wide pedestrian lanes on each side of the bridge which can withstand 60 tons of load. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of bridges, roads in Kalewa, Mawlaik

YANGON, 28 March—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station, inspected construction of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) Project in Kalewa Township on 24 March morning.

Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) is being built on 115 miles long Monywa-Budalin-Yagyi-Kalewa

Road. In the past, the road from Monywa to Kalewa was 160 miles long. On completion of the bridge, the road will be 45 miles shorter than the old road.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the axis road of Kalewa-Mawlaik road. At Yawsu Village, Col Htay Win of Kyikon Station reported on construction of Kalewa-Mawlaik earth Road and upgrading of it into the gravel one. Lt-Gen Ye Myint next met with local people and explained the purpose of the construction tasks. They also saw over progress in construction tasks on the road.

Kalewa-Mawlaik axis

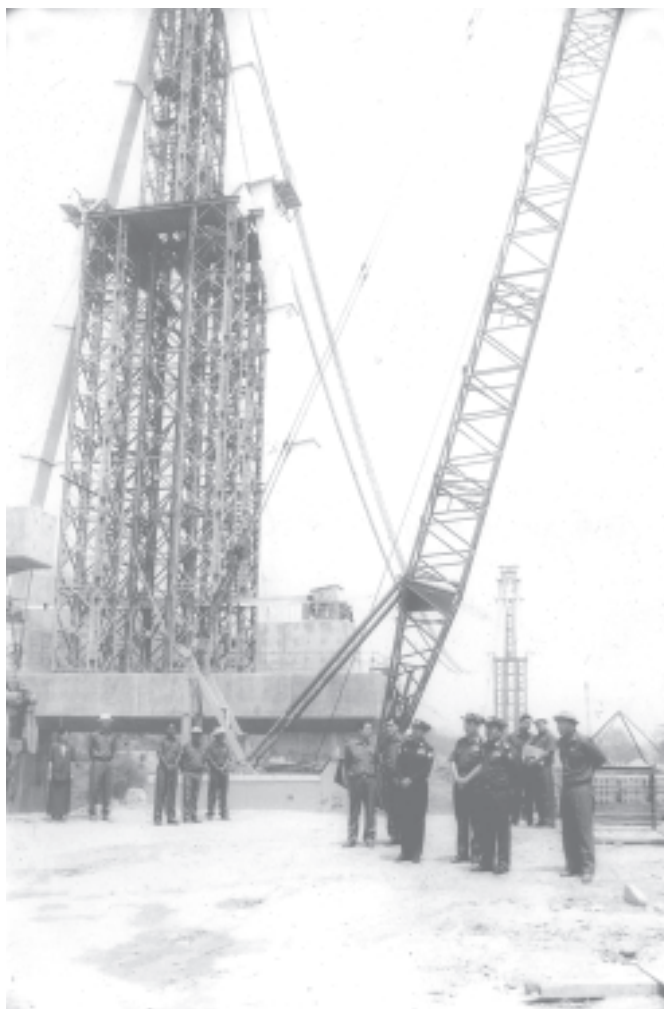
road, 36 miles long, have been constructed.

On completion, the road will be 41 miles shorter than the old road as well as 41 miles shorter than Kalewa-Thetkeikyin-Tanan-Mawlaik Strategic Road.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental officials, social organizations and local people at the meeting hall of Mawlaik District Peace and Development Council.

He heard reports on matters related to the district and townships in the district and gave necessary instructions.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the construction of Myittha River (Kalewa) Bridge — MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening of Kadoe station hospital in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 28 March — Honouring the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence attended opening of Kadoe station hospital donated by wellwisher U Tin Hla and wife Daw Kyin Ngwe on 26 March. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, doctors and nurses, members of social organizations, local people wellwishers and guests.

Next, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Secretary of Mon State USDA U Tin Soe Moe Naing and wellwishers formally opened the hospital. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung formally opened the signboard of the hospital and Lt-Gen Maung Bo formally unveiled stone inscription of the hospital. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wellwishers sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the hospital. The donors handed documents related to the hospital to Director of Department of Health (Treatment) Dr U Tin Win Maung. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and officials accepted K 2,745,000 donated by wellwishers. Dr U Tin Win Maung spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party and wellwishers posed for documentary photo in front of the hospital worth K 65 million.

In Katoekawhnat Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected religious edifices at pagodas in the village and presented K 3 million donated by wellwishers to Chairman of Mawlamyine Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Thein. —MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo accepts cash donation for the Kadoe station hospital from wellwishers. — MNA

## Book Fair concludes

YANGON, 28 March—Honouring the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the Book Fair, organized by Sarpay Beikman of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, was held at the PPE Building (former Head Office) on Bo Aung Kyaw Street from 19 to 28 March.

The closing ceremony of the Book Fair was held at the venue. PPE Managing Director U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) spoke words of thanks. Next, Managing Director U Myint Thein and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepted books donated by book stalls. Over 6,000 people visited the fair and purchased books worth over K 1 million on the final day. During the period of the Book Fair, various kinds of books worth K 8.1 million were sold. The book stalls and literary houses donated over 400 magazines and books to rural libraries. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win delivers an address at the meeting to review works for observing the Armed Forces Day. MNA

## Works of Leading Committee for Observance of 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day reviewed

YANGON, 28 March—The Leading Committee for Observance of 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day held the review meeting at the Myoma Grounds, here, this evening, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

Also present were Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chief of Staff (Navy) Col Nyan Tun, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers, deputy ministers, the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force and departmental heads, officials, the Parade Commander, the Reserve Parade Commander, column commanders, commanding officers, company commander and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade was successfully held.

The parade of the columns was better than the previous years. Similarly, all the committees were able to perform their duties. So, all the committees are to report strong and weak points of the respective sectors of the work for ensuring better observance of the Armed Forces Day Parade in the coming year.

Next, Joint-Secretary Lt-Col Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence reported on expenditure for observance of the Armed Forces Day and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe on tasks of the management committee.

Similarly, officials of the respective sub-committees, the parade commander, officials of MPF, Fire Services Department and Myanmar Red Cross Society participated in the discussions. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended to their needs. — MNA





Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects the Manaung People's Hospital. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Rakhine State, Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 28 March—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station and officials, inspected Manaung People's Hospital in Manaung on 24 March morning. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected operation theatre, wards, X-ray unit and medical store and gave necessary instructions. Next, he comforted the patients.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party looked into TV retransmission station of the Ministry of Information in Manaung. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

Next, he met with Chairman of Kyaukpadaung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Tint and members, local authorities, departmental officials, service personnel, social organizations and local people at the meeting hall of Manaung Township Peace and Development Council Office and gave necessary instructions.

First, the Chairman

of Manaung Township Peace and Development Council reported on location and area of the Township, weather condition, rainfall, land utilization, monsoon and winter crops, oil crops, pulses and beans, kitchen crops, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, self-sufficiency in rice, livestock breeding, education, health and regional development.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech, saying that the seven-point future political programme had been laid down and is being implemented for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation; that in the process, peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, sound national economy, human resources development are imperative.

Moreover, projects for development of agriculture and livestock breeding have been laid down and are being implemented, he noted. Service personnel, on their part, are to engage in their tasks with goodwill and local people are to strive together with departmental officials for regional development, he stressed.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present on the occasion.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Myoma Kyaungtaik in Yanaungmyin Ward and presented offertories to Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Zayat Konkhin Tawya Kyaung Bhaddanta Yasa and committee member Sayadaws.

After meeting with members of social organizations, officials and local people, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party left Manaung and arrived in Taungup at 12.10 pm.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected upgrading of Padaung-Taungup motorway and arrived at the project site of No 8 Special Construction Group-8 of Public Works at Myaya in Taungup Township where they were welcomed by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council (West) Col Hla Min and members and officials.

At the briefing hall, Senior Engineer U Aung Htay reported on upgrading of Padaung-Taungup motorway to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, who gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected upgrading of the road and arrived at the coffee plantations of Nyaungkya Station. First, the Bago Division Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on cultivation of coffee in Nyaungkya region, Padaung Township, Bago Division (West) and arrangement made for extended cultivation of coffee to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, who gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected coffee plantations and gave instructions on timely completion.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than left Nyaungkya region in the evening and stopped over for the night in Pyay.

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## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agricultural tasks in North-East Command area

YANGON, 28 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and departmental officials, on 24 March inspected the perennial mixed crop plantation and the fish pond of the command.

Afterwards, they saw over the research plantation of Hsinshweli hybrid paddy strain and sunflower plantations cultivated by the local battalions under the command. After hearing reports presented by the officials, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also inspected the research plantation of high-yield paddy strain and fish ponds of the local battalion. Later, they went to model perennial Hsinshweli orange plantation of the command and gave instructions. — MNA

## Consolation prizes presented to winners of Armed Forces Day commemorative literary, art contests

YANGON, 28 March — The prize distribution ceremony for consolation prize winners of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative literary and art contest was held at Myanyila Hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township yesterday.

Present were Chairman of Management Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin, commanders of military regions, COS of regiments and units and chairmen of



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a consolation prize to a winner. — MNA

district peace and development councils, guests and prize winners. The commander presented consolation prizes to the winners in novel, short story, article, photo, marching songs,

painting, sculpture, TV quiz, essay, poem computer quiz and extempore talks contests.

The commander and guests greeted the winners. — MNA

## Dry Day inspection teams discharge duties

YANGON, 28 March — Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by members Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Police Quartermaster-General Police Brig-Gen Win Soe, Directors-General U San Kyi, U Khin Maung and Lt-Col Tin Maung Tun, Secretary of the committee Government Office Deputy Director-General U Sein Hla, Joint-Secretary Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing supervised Dry Day inspection teams which are checking the Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points of Yangon City this morning.

From 7 am to 5 pm the inspection teams checked dry day passes, drivers' licences, wheel taxes, wearing of departmental uniforms and took action against those who violated traffic rules. — MNA



Military attaches view round Armed Forces Day Exhibition. — MNA

## Military attaches visit Armed Forces Day exhibition

YANGON, 28 March — Military attaches of foreign missions in Yangon and their families made study tour of commemorative booths of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day exhibited at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road this morning. They were welcomed by Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and wife, Brig-Gen Thein Swe of Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Capt Nyan Htun and wife and officials.

At the museum, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win extended greetings. Next Staff Officer (Grade 2) Maj Kyaw Kyaw Myint of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute explained display of booths. Afterwards, Dean of Military Attaches Chinese Military Attache to Myanmar Senior Colonel Xu Shulai spoke words of thanks. Next Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win together with the military attaches and their families posed for a documentary photo and viewed round the booths in the museum. — MNA



The three officials being seen off at the airport. — UMFCCL

## Delegation leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 28 March — A delegation led by UMFCCL General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing including CEC member U Sai Ba Nyan as member left here by air this morning to attend the Report Meeting of COE project and the 9th meeting for AMEICC HRD-WG in Bangkok, Thailand. Similarly, CEC member U Aung Kyi Soe left here by air this morning for the Philippines to attend the training course on enterprise development in Manila. — MNA



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"Scientific, nautical, surveying, photographic, cinematographic, optical, weighing, measuring, signalling, checking (supervision), life-saving and teaching apparatus; apparatus and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating or controlling electricity; apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound or images; magnetic data carriers, recording discs; automatic vending machines and mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; cash registers, calculating machines, data processing equipment and computers; fire extinguishing apparatus; answering machines; apparatus and instruments for recording, transmission, reception, processing, retrieval, reproduction, manipulation, analysis, display and print-out of sound, images and/or data; car navigation apparatus and instruments; cellular telephones; communication and telecommunication apparatus and instruments; compact disc players; computer application software for computer aided design (CAD), computer search engine, games, utility, and word processing; computer application software for use as a spreadsheet; computer application software for use in management of a database; computer disc drives; computer games and computer games software; computer hardware and firmware; computer peripheral device, namely memories, keyboards, electronic pens, mice, monitors, interfaces; computer software and publications in electronic form supplied on-line from databases or from facilities provided on the Internet (including web sites); computer software and telecommunication apparatus (including modems) to enable connection to data bases and to the Internet; computer software downloadable from a global computer network; computer software recorded on tapes, discs and cards; computer software to enable searching of data; computer software; computers; computing, communications and display boards for the purpose of dealer transactions; data communications goods; data terminals; debit cards, credit cards and charge cards; digital communications apparatus and instruments; electronic apparatus and instruments; electronic games adapted for use with television receivers only enabling the users to communicate with each other; electronic memory cards, phone cards and electronic cards all for use with communication apparatus and instruments; electronic notice boards; electronic trading systems; games cartridges for use with electronic games apparatus; laptop and notebook computers; laptop and notebook terminals; magnetic and optical data media, namely magnetic discs, optical discs, floppy discs, magnetic tapes, magnetic cards, optical cards, integrated circuit cards, magnetic data carriers, optical data carriers; mobile telephone apparatus and instruments; pagers; PDA (personal digital assistants), namely palm top; remote access on-line information apparatus and instruments, all being electronic; robots for personal or entertainment use; satellite communications goods; telecommunication goods; user stations; vehicle navigation systems; namely, electronic navigational instruments for global positioning; video game cartridges; video games; video output game machines for use with televisions and over the global communication network; video phones; cameras; cellular telephones with camera; straps for handheld computer terminals; telephones; parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods" in Class 9;

"Paper, cardboard and goods made from these materials, not included in other classes; bookbinding material; stationery; plastic materials for packaging (not included in other classes); printers' type; printing blocks; adhesives for stationery or household purposes; advertisements; advertising and promotional materials; almanacs; announcement cards; birthday cards and Christmas cards; artistic materials; albums; blue prints; bookbinding material; booklets, books, brochures, catalogues, information flyers, magazines, newsletters, pamphlets, periodicals, prospectuses, leaflets, printed matter, printed publications, and printed teaching materials relating to communication, handheld computers, personal computers, PDA, computer software, music and movies; car navigation apparatus and instruments; cameras, telephones, straps for handheld computer terminals; booklets, leaflets, brochures and manuals; books; calendars; cardboard articles, namely cardboard cartons, cardboard containers and cardboard boxes; cards; catalogues; diaphs; comic books; control tokens; dials; directories; directory covers; envelopes; general merchandise catalogues; graphic art productions; graphic prints; handbooks (manuals); instructional and teaching materials (other than apparatus); magazines; manuals for use in the field of communication, handheld computers, personal computers, PDA, computer software, music and movies, car navigation apparatus and instruments; cameras, telephones, straps for handheld computer terminals; maps; newspaper for general circulation; newspapers; office requisites; paint brushes; pamphlets; paper; periodicals; photographic; picture postcards; plans; plans; plastic cling film, extensible, for packaging; plastic film for wrapping; plastic material for packing (not included in other classes); playing cards; postcards; posters; printed matter; printed plans; printed publications for advertising; printed publications; printed tickets, coupons and vouchers; printed illustrations; prospectuses; sheet music; song books; stationery; tapes and cards, all for the recording of computer programs and of data; teaching materials; tear-off calendars; time-lapse; typewriters; and office requisites (except furniture); web pages downloaded from the Internet in the form of printed matter; wrapping and packaging materials; parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods" in Class 16;

"Games and playthings; gymnastic and sporting articles not included in other classes; decorations for Christmas trees" in Class 28;

"Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions" in Class 35;

"Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; real estate affairs" in Class 36;

"Building construction; repair; installation services" in Class 37;

"Telecommunications; call alerting services; call barring services;

call diversion and call re-routing services; call recording services; call screening services; cellular communications services; cellular telephone services; communication by cellular telephones; communication by computer terminals; communication by fibre optic networks; data communications services; digital communications services; electronic data interchange services; electronic mail services; electronic transmission of data, images and documents via computer terminals; facsimile transmission services; information services relating to cellular communications tariffs; mobile communications services; monitoring, organisation and analysis of call information; multiple message sending services; on-line information relating to telecommunications; paging services; providing access to on-line computer services; providing chat rooms for transmission of messages among computer users concerning entertainment, education, technology, culture, music, sports, fashion, language, personal computers, IT related matter, current events and lifestyles; providing electronic transmission services; providing on-line computer database in the field of telecommunications; providing telecommunication connections to a global computer network by cellular telephone; providing telecommunication connections to a global computer network by computers; provision of information and preparation of reports, all relating to telecommunications; provision of telecommunication access and links to computer databases and to the Internet; radio and telephone paging services; remote data access services; rental of telecommunication equipment, namely, telephones, facsimile machines, PDA, personal computers and handheld computers capable of communicating with one another via telecommunication network; rental of telephone apparatus facsimile machines and other telecommunication apparatus and instruments; satellite transmission services; services for the collection, transmission and processing of messages and data; services for the transmission, provision or display of information for business or domestic purposes from a computer-stored data bank or via the Internet; streaming of audio material on the Internet; telecommunication and dissemination of information in audio or visual form; telecommunication of information (including web pages); computer programs and other data; telecommunications services; telephone messaging services; the provision of services relating to the receipt, processing, display, recording, retrieval or transmission of data; the provision of voice and data communications services; transmission and processing of data from remote locations to mobile telephones; value-added network (VAN) services; providing connections to a wireless local area network (LAN); providing access to electronic bulletin boards via a global computer network" in Class 38;

"Transport; packaging and storage of goods; travel arrangements" in Class 39;

"Treatment of materials" in Class 40;

"Education; providing of training; entertainment; sporting and cultural activities" in Class 41;

"Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto; industrial analysis and research services; design and development of computer hardware and software; legal services; advisory and consultancy services relating to construction, repair and installations; advisory services relating to cellular communications tariffs, education, training, entertainment, sport, recreation, theatre, television, music, news and publishing; telecommunications; analysis of information; computer and software consultancy services; computer and telecommunication systems and networks analysis; computer network design for others; computer programming for others; computer services, namely providing on-line publications and magazines in the field of entertainment, education, technology and culture; computer services, namely providing publications and magazines in the field of entertainment, education, technology and culture; computer systems integration services relating to wholesale and retail financial services; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services relating to arranging, conducting and organising seminars and educational, recreational and instructional conventions, conferences, congresses, exhibitions and demonstrations; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services relating to booking agency services, booking and selling by electronic and computer means, booking of seats for travel, cargo tracking services, courier services, delivery of goods and mail, education, training, entertainment, sport, recreation, theatre, television, music, news and publishing; electronic database services; electronic games services and competitions provided by means of Internet, entertainment services, import and export services, instruction and study services, news program services, passenger transport and air cargo transport services, preparation of reports relating to publishing services reservation, reservation, booking and booking services, ticket reservation services, tourist information services, transport, packaging and storage of goods, travel administration services, travel and tour agency services, travel services; vehicle hire services; vehicle maintenance; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services relating to installation of electrical and electronic apparatus and instruments and components of telecommunication networks, apparatus, instruments, installations, instruments and systems of sound, image and data transfer and information apparatus, installations and links of signalling systems, communication systems and networks, of electronic messaging and information systems and electronic data links, and of parts of the aforesaid; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services relating to publication of books, directories, guides, maps, magazines, manuals and printed matter; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services all relating to class 42 services, namely: database, on-line, interactive database and Internet information services relating to installation, maintenance and repair of computer hardware, computers and computer networks; database, on-line, interactive database and Internet advisory and consultancy services relating to electronic database services for the provision of information relating to the weather and restaurants, booking agency services and tourist information services (as far as they concern accommodation); live, rental of computer and data processing hardware, software and firmware; hire, rental of computer and data processing installations and of apparatus and installations for use therein; hosting the web sites

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of others on a computer server for a global computer network; information and advisory services (including the provision of information) relating to the weather and restaurants, booking agency services and tourist information services (as far as they concern accommodation); renting access time to on-line computer services; leasing or providing access time to a computer database, web sites, home pages and bulletin boards of others; planning and design services all relating to telecommunication networks, apparatus and instruments; professional consultancy services in the field of telecommunication, message sending, message receiving data transmission and data network apparatus and instruments; providing computer software downloaded from a global computer network; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for computer aided design (CAD), computer search engine, game, utility and word processing; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for use as a spreadsheet; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for use in database management; provision of information relating to the weather and restaurants, booking agency services and tourist information services (as far as they concern accommodation) on-line from a computer database or provided from facilities on the Internet; provision of voice and data communications services; rental of computer hardware and software for use in electronic banking services; rental of computer software; rental of computers; systems integration services; testing services; updating of computer software for others; writing, development, updating and design of computer software; providing search engine" in Class 42;

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## Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1st April (Thursday) 2004, being Bank Holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

## Zimbabwe to repay debts to world financial institutions

HARARE, 28 March — Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Gideon Gono here on Thursday reiterated Zimbabwe's determination to repay its debts to multilateral financial institutions.

"Gold and silver we definitely have none at present but we have in abundance, unparalleled determination to self-correct, to repay all our debts in the fullness of time, to engage all our cooperating and financing partners, and with your help, we are certain that we will recover, and recover soon we shall," said Gono while addressing an African Capacity Building Foundation meeting in Harare. Zimbabwe's debt to the International Monetary Fund stands at 273.9 million US dollars and the government says it has paid 4.5 million US dollars to the fund during the past three months, as efforts to honour its financial obligations gear up.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nigerian govt seeks int'l standard for banks

LAGOS, 28 March — The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has called on banks in the country to shore up their capital base to enable them to meet international standard, said a senior government official here Thursday.

Joseph Sanusi, CBN governor, told Press in the Nigerian commercial nerve centre that Nigerian banks have a big role to play in boosting foreign trade and investment in the country if they are well capitalized.

Revaluating the capital base of Nigerian banks to any of the world's major convertible currencies, he said, reveals how shallow or inadequate the capital base of the banks is for participation in the international competitive market.

MNA/Xinhua



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Mekong's low flows no link with Chinese dams

PHNOM PENH, 28 March— The Mekong's low levels at present are related to the dry conditions of the localities, with no direct link with any Chinese dams, a statement of Mekong River Commission (MRC) said here on Friday.

According to a preliminary technical analysis released by MRC Secretariat, the Mekong's low levels at present are related to the dry conditions that have persisted since last year.

The analysis, based on river height and rainfall data spanning several decades, shows that the current dry conditions are not directly linked with Manwan (in China's Yunnan Province) or any other Chinese dams, the statement said.

"If low flows in the lower Mekong were caused by retention of water in dams in China, we would expect that the dry condition would be more extreme at the upstream sites near China. In fact, the data shows it has been drier at Pakse in southern Laos than at Chiang Saen in Thailand, which is closer to China," said Ian Campbell, senior environment specialist at the MRC Secretariat.

However, some scientists at the MRC Secretariat main-

tained that the dams have caused water levels downstream more variable at Chiang Saen, which "will have an impact on fish and other aquatic life in the river".

China has had ongoing technical cooperation with MRC since April 2002 for sharing of information about the river during the flood season from June to October each year. And formal dialogue meetings between China and the MRC countries are held once a year. —MNA/Xinhua



A snow covered farm in Alberta provides the more common image of Canada, but that could be replaced by palm trees, and an emerald sea lapping miles of golden beaches if an ambitious project to make the sun-kissed Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos the 11th and warmest province in Canada goes ahead.—INTERNET

Chinese potatoes tap Southeast Asia market

KUNMING, 28 March — Southeast Asia proves a promising market for Chinese potatoes and China should take further steps to profit more from its potato

trade with the region, a Chinese agronomist said Friday at the ongoing Fifth World Potato Conference (WPC).

Professor Guo Huachun

with the Yunnan Agriculture University, said China has become a new major potato provider after the Americas and Europe to Southeast Asian nations in recent years, and the region's potato import from China can still rise if China can improve its packaging and shipping service and upgrade the breed of its potatoes.

China exported an average of approximately 75,000 tons of potatoes annually to Southeast Asia over recent years, with Yunnan, a neighbouring Chinese province of the region, leading the nation in the export.

More than 100 firms from 46 nations and regions worldwide are attending the Fifth World Potato Conference in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

MNA/Xinhua

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၁	Track Loader (CAT-955 K) စက်အရန်ပစ္စည်းများ	1 Lot
၂	တာယာအရွယ် (၃) မျိုး	၅၇၆ လုံး
၃	စက်ဆီ၊ ချောဆီ	1 Lot
၄	Wool Lead (ခဲမျှင်)	၂၀၀၀ ကီလိုဂရမ်
၅	ရေတွန်းစက်ကြီးများအတွက် စက်အရန်ပစ္စည်းများ	1 Lot
၆	ACSR (95 mm <sup>2</sup> ) ကြိုး	၈.၅ တန်

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WTO speeds search for farm deal in trade talks

GENEVA, 28 March— World Trade Organization (WTO) states agreed on Friday to work faster on a deal to reform farm trade, the key to a wider accord on lowering barriers to global commerce.

Winding up five days of talks in Geneva, the first since a WTO ministerial meeting in Cancun, Mexico dramatically collapsed last year, diplomats from member countries said they hoped they could reach a framework accord on farm goods before the end of the summer.

They added that there was a consensus on the new deadline to do what ministers had failed to do — achieve the framework deal — because after that the United States, the biggest player in world trade, would be distracted by its presidential election.

Both trade officials and diplomats said the mood at the meeting had been conciliatory, in sharp contrast to the often bitter exchanges at Cancun. Deep differences divided developed and developing countries at Cancun, notably over farm subsidies for rich powers, and contributed to the meeting's failure.

A Brazilian delegate who spoke for the G-20 group of developing countries told the final session: "The climate...was good. We sensed that there is a real commitment to the objective of arriving at a framework by the summer." The delegate added that progress had been made "but we have a long road ahead of us".

The WTO agriculture negotiating committee, which is handling the farm talks, agreed to meet every month and make informal contacts in between. A final gathering is scheduled for mid-July, at which the committee hoped an accord could be concluded.

The negotiations are focused on three closely linked areas — export subsidies, domestic support and market access. Diplomats are seeking to balance concessions in one area with gains in another.

Diplomats said that there appeared to have been some progress on export subsidies. The European Union, the biggest user of them, is under heavy pressure to agree to discuss setting a deadline for eliminating them.

The EU gained assurances from the United States that its export credit and food aid policies, both of which can act as forms of subsidies, would be included in the negotiation.

The Cairns Group of farm goods exporters, which includes Australia and New Zealand as well as many G-20 countries, including Brazil, signalled its willingness to compromise by saying that the agreement would only have to commit to agreeing on a date to end subsidies, not specify the actual date.

MNA/Reuters

China contributes to global anti-poverty efforts

BEIJING, 28 March— China has made important contributions to the global cause of poverty reduction by cutting the number of desperately poor people from 250 million in 1978 to just 30 million in 2003, according to a United Nations report issued here Thursday.

The UN report on China's progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) said China had already achieved the goal of halving the number of people living in extreme poverty ahead of the international deadline of 2015.

China's success offers hope for poverty reduction efforts around the globe, World Bank Vice-President Frannie Leautier said after an on-the-spot inspection of poverty alleviation projects in southwest China earlier this month.

A total of 147 million people in the Asia Pacific region have been alleviated from extreme poverty over the past decade, UN Deputy Secretary-General Kim Hak-su told an international conference in Beijing Thursday.

The "Asia miracle" should be attributed to China's exceptional economic growth and India's significant progress, he said.

However, China is facing new challenges in the progress of poverty reduction as the disparity of incomes between urban and rural residents widened. In order to solve the problem of unbalanced development, the Chinese Government has adopted a new ideology of sustainable growth. Kim said future progress in global poverty reduction requires a new line of thinking that focuses on strategies to help the poor.

He said the Chinese Government had instituted tax cuts, greater rural investment and better medical care and schooling in rural areas.—MNA/Xinhua

Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz call it quits

LOS ANGELES, 28 March — Hollywood power couple Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz have ended their romance after nearly three years, though they remain "good friends" and are not dating anyone else, their publicists said on Friday.

"They broke up at the end of January," Robert Garlock, a spokesman for the Spanish-born actress, told Reuters. "It's amicable, they are good friends and talk often. There's no other person involved."

He added that neither star is dating anyone else at the moment.

Cruise's sister and publicist, Lee Anne DeVette, also confirmed "they did break up," but said the two stars are "very good friends" who talk frequently. "They're just not boyfriend and girlfriend anymore."

She added, "There's nobody else involved."

The couple met in 2000 while working together on the Cameron Crowe-directed film "Vanilla Sky" and began dating in July 2001 after Cruise's decade-long marriage to Oscar-winning actress Nicole Kidman fell apart.

A source said Cruise, 41, and Cruz, 29, ultimately split up because of the difficulty of maintaining a relationship while spending much of their time apart in distant locations making movies.

MNA/Reuters

80 kilos of heroin seized in Britain

LONDON, 28 March — British Customs officers arrested six men and seized heroin worth an estimated 5.6 million pounds or 10.3 million US dollars during a raid on a London warehouse Saturday.

A Customs spokesman, Steve Coates, said around 80 kilos of the drug was found hidden in a lorry carrying charcoal at the warehouse in Walthamstow in the north-east of the capital.

The six arrested men include three Romanians, one Turkish Cypriot and two Britons, all of them are now under interrogation by the police, the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Manchester United announce 2005 Asia tour

LONDON, 28 March—English champions Manchester United will tour Asia in July and August 2005.

The Premier League club said on Friday they would play four matches during the trip which takes place four years after their last visit to Asia. No venues or opponents were named.

Last year Real Madrid toured Asia with England captain David Beckham, shortly after signing him from Manchester United.

"There's a huge buzz about touring the Far East. Manchester United is something really special to people out there and all the players are excited about the welcome and the atmosphere we can expect," manager Alex Ferguson said in a statement.

United boast a large and devoted fan base in Asia and in December opened their first theme restaurant and bar in the Chinese city of Chengdu.

"This tour gives us the opportunity to give something back to our fans and the manager and players are all looking forward to it," chief executive David Gill said.

After the end of the current season the side will visit the United States for the second year running, playing three games.

MNA/Reuters



US golf prodigee Michelle Wie tees off on the second hole during the second round of The Kraft Nabisco Championship at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California.—INTERNET

## Beckham doubtful for Sweden friendly

MADRID, 28 March—England captain David Beckham may miss his side's friendly international against Sweden next week because of heavy bruising to his right leg.

Beckham sustained the injury during Real Madrid's 4-2 win over Monaco in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Wednesday and did not train with the rest of the squad on Friday.

Club doctor Juan Carlos Hernandez said Beckham was unlikely to play in Sunday's league match at home to Sevilla.

"We have very little time," he said. "Today he was limping quite badly and although he will try it out tomorrow we are not going to force it."

The club said on their web

site that if the 28-year-old midfielder did not make the Sevilla game he would travel to England to be checked over by FA medical staff but would not play against Sweden.

Liverpool striker Michael Owen may also miss the match after injuring a hamstring in his side's 2-1 UEFA Cup defeat at Olympique Marseille on Thursday.

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson names his squad on Saturday for the Euro 2004 warm-up in Gothenburg on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

## Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



## Serbia soccer boss shot in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 28 March—An unknown gunman shot and gravely wounded the top soccer official of Serbia and Montenegro at the Football Association's offices in central Belgrade on Friday, police said.

Branko Bulatovic, secretary-general of the association, was shot once in the back of the head in the hallway of his building, spokeswoman Dragana Kajganic told Reuters.

He was rushed to hospital where an official said he was in a coma fighting for his life. Doctors were operating but it was a very difficult wound, the official added.

"Branko Bulatovic was brought at 10:45 (0945 GMT) in a generally difficult state, with a head injury caused by a firearm," said Belgrade Emergency Room director Branislav Stepanovic. "An operation is under way but since this is a serious injury it is difficult to predict the result." Police said they were looking for a man in his 40s.

The 52-year-old Montenegrin lawyer has held the post for the past 13 years, beginning as acting chief in 1991 when former socialist leader Slobodan Milosevic was in power and the old Yugoslavia was still in existence. He has been a member of the UEFA committee for transfers since 1997.

MNA/Reuters

## Scolari seeks to win Euro 2004 football championship

LISBON, 28 March—The coach of the Portuguese national team, the Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari, said Friday the goal was "to get to the finals" and win the European 2004 Championship (Euro2004).

Scolari announced Friday the list of players comprising the team that will face Italy next March 31.

The team includes five coming from Porto, the leader of the league, and from Benfica as well the three of Lisbon's Sporting.

The coach assured that he could not see even one team that did not aim at winning the Euro 2004 Championship but said the Portuguese had the conditions to be victorious, but it had to make an effort to achieve this aim.

Scolari voiced satisfaction over the environment of the Portuguese national team.

MNA/Xinhua

## Woods shoots solid 69 to maintain cut streak

PONTE VEDRA BEACH (Florida), 28 March—Tiger Woods kept his consecutive cut streak alive on Friday by shooting a three-under-par 69 in the second round of the Players Championship.

That left the world number one on level-par 144 for the tournament, with the cut expected to be made at 146.

Woods has made 120 straight cuts, the most in PGA Tour history.

Woods, who opened with a 75, his fourth straight round over par, started on the back nine at the TPC at Sawgrass and was three-under-par over the first three holes, highlighted by an eagle on the par-five 11th.

Woods made the turn at two-under-par 34 after his first bogey of the day on the par-four 18th when he missed a five-footer for par.

He regained the shot he lost with a birdie at the par-five second after just missing an eagle chip and parred his way home for the 69.—MNA/Reuters

## Beckham to star in Hollywood movie

LOS ANGELES, 28 March—British soccer superstar David Beckham is negotiation with MGM Pictures to take up a cameo role in the remake of "The Pink Panther", the Hollywood Reporter reported Friday.

The English midfielder could play a cameo role as a soccer player in the film, which follows a detective solving the murder of a famous soccer coach and the theft of the Pink Panther diamond.

Talks for Beckham hinge on the resolution of a scheduling conflict, the report said.

If an agreement is reached, Beckham, now playing for Real Madrid, would appear on the big screen for the first time. He was featured only in archive footage in the girl-power comedy "Bend It Like Beckham".

In "Pink Panther", Hollywood comedian Steve Martin stars as Inspector Clouseau, with Kevin Kline, Beyonce Knowles and Jean Reno also cast. The film is due to go into production in May and is scheduled for a July 2005 release.—MNA/Xinhua

## Wenger says Old Trafford bust-up turned Arsenal's season

LONDON COLNEY (England), 28 March—Arsene Wenger is preparing Arsenal for Sunday's league clash with Manchester United in the belief that last September's ugly scenes at Old Trafford have been the key to his side's success this season.

Four Arsenal players — defenders Lauren and Martin Keown, captain Patrick Vieira and fellow midfielder Ray Parlour — were fined and banned for their behaviour in a 0-0 draw with the champions that sparked widespread condemnation.

But Wenger believes the furore forced Arsenal to improve their disciplinary record and concentrate on the kind of football which has earned them a nine-point lead in the table.

"I feel it was the turning-point," Wenger told reporters on Friday. "With them missing the penalty in the last minute, us not losing and then having to deal with all the incidents."

"We dealt well with the situation. We came out and said we were sorry and it's not how we want to behave. And since that, we've focused purely on football."

The Frenchman believes his players are provoked by opponents, but added: "Where we have improved a lot is that we deal much better with provocation than before. 'You have to choose — are you focused on fighting or on football...this is a

good opportunity to show we have improved not only with our behaviour but also with our football."

Nine points clear of Chelsea, Wenger is also hoping to increase a 12-point lead over third-placed United, who pipped Arsenal to the title last season after the north Londoners squandered an eight-point lead.

"It's a good opportunity to extend the difference with United," said Wenger. "And I've been in England long enough to know that the difference is never big enough."

"Manchester United are not out of the championship. We want to keep our Highbury strength because we know it is vital for us to be successful at the end of the season."

"I'm convinced that Manchester United will feel exactly the same, that it is a massive game."

Looking at the bigger picture between the two clubs who have dominated English football in recent years, Wenger believes the battle between United's 1999 treble winners and his own 1998 and 2002 double winners has become more finely-balanced. "From 1998 to 2001, United were clearly the better team because most of their players had reached the peak of their career together," the Frenchman said.

"In the last three years I feel we have come back to a comparative level with United. We've reduced the difference that existed."

MNA/Reuters

## Kennedy's 62 completes long-distance Australian double

MACHICO (Madeira), 28 March—Australia's Brad Kennedy returned to the Santo da Serra course early on Friday morning to pick up three more birdies and fashion a four-stroke lead in the weather-affected Madeira Island Open first round.

Kennedy's 10-under-par 62, one shot off the course record, put him well clear of second-placed Jamie Spence of Britain.

It also provided a Sanctuary Cove "double" on the European and US tours. His Sanctuary Cove, Queensland, clubmate Adam Scott led The Players Championship first round at Sawgrass on Thursday.

After completing the seven holes left unfinished the day before because of a two hours 20 minutes suspension for rain and low cloud, Kennedy was unaware of Scott's trail-blazing in Florida, having had an early night.

But the 29-year-old enjoyed the moment when told after signing for an eagle and eight birdies.

Despite finishing second in the Malaysian Open last month, his second successive runner-up spot in the event, Kennedy is not getting too far ahead of.

He is playing on the Challenge Tour but can make the transition straight to the main tour with a maiden win.

Spence, 40, the new European Tour tournament committee chairman, gave himself chance for a third title by leapfrogging overnight front-runner Magnus Persson Atlevi, who had carded his 67 before the weather suspension.

Another Briton Paul Streeter moved into a share of third place also finishing on 67.—MNA/Reuters



## MRTV-3


**29-3-2004 (Monday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 9:06 The Myanmar Turban-  
Unique
- 9:10 Headline News**  
9:12 The Beauty of Zwe-  
gabin and Livelihood  
of Kayin National
- 9:15 National News**  
9:20 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun Sham-  
poo
- 9:25 Three Type of Dances  
**9:30 National News**  
9:35 Shwe Nan Daw  
Kyaung
- 9:40 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 9:45 National News**  
9:50 Travelogue (Pyin Oo  
Lwin)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**29-3-2004 (Monday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 The Myanmar Turban-  
Unique
- 15:40 Headline News**  
15:42 The Beauty of Zwe-  
gabin and Livelihood  
of Kayin National
- 15:45 National News**  
15:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun Sham-  
poo
- 15:55 Three Type of Dances  
**16:00 National News**  
16:10 Shwe Nan Daw  
Kyaung
- 16:12 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 16:15 National News**  
16:20 Travelogue (Pyin Oo  
Lwin)

- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 16:30 National News**  
16:35 Myanmar Bamboo  
Xylophone (or) Pattala  
Traditional Chin  
Cuisine
- 16:40 National News**  
16:45 Akha Weaving Train-  
ing School
- 16:55 Khame Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 16:58 Shan Market Day
- 17:00 National News**  
17:05 Traditional Folk  
Weaving Works
- 17:10 Song "Come to  
Myanmar (The Golden  
Land)"
- 17:15 National News**  
17:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-1)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 19:36 Pan-Say Region,  
Home to Kho-Hlon-  
Lishows
- 19:40 Headline News**  
19:42 Beautiful Myanmar  
Dance
- 19:45 National News**  
19:50 Myanmar Movies Im-  
pact "Art from the  
Heart"
- 20:00 National News**  
20:10 Song "Let Mother Say  
this to you Daughter"
- 20:12 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball
- 20:15 National News**  
20:20 Costume for ladies in  
Myanmar
- 20:25 Song on Screen  
"Hnoneshweyee"
- 20:30 National News**  
20:35 Community Based  
Drug Control Pro-  
gramme
- 20:40 Mogok, The Gems  
Land
- 20:45 National News**  
20:50 Kanbawza Thardi Mu-  
seum
- 20:55 Kayah Dance  
**21:00 National News**

- 21:05 Fair Price High Qua-  
lity Myanmar Carpets
- 21:10 Song "Everlasting"
- 21:12 Myanmar Natural  
Spirulina (Part III)
- 21:15 National News**  
21:20 Music for Your Ears  
(Than Sann Lyric  
Notes)
- 21:30 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
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Tayaw Kinbun Sham-  
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- 21:55 Three Type of Dances  
**22:00 National News**  
22:05 Shwe Nan Daw  
Kyaung
- 22:10 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 22:15 National News**  
22:20 Travelogue (Pyin Oo  
Lwin)
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "The Beautiful  
Taninthayi"
- 22:30 National News**  
22:35 Myanmar Bamboo  
Xylophone (or) Pattala  
Traditional Chin  
Cuisine
- 22:45 National News**  
22:50 Akha Weaving Train-  
ing School
- 22:55 Khame Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 22:58 Shan Market Day
- 23:00 National News**  
23:05 Traditional Folk Weav-  
ing Works
- 23:10 Song "Come to  
Myanmar (The Golden  
Land)"
- 23:15 National News**  
23:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-1)
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**29-3-2004 (Monday) &  
30-3-2004 (Tuesday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 23:36 The Myanmar Turban-  
Unique
- 23:40 Headline News**  
23:42 The Beauty of Zwe-  
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of Kayin National
- 23:45 National News**  
23:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun Sham-  
poo
- 23:55 Three Type of Dances  
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Kyaung
- 00:12 Song "Myanmar  
Women's Triumphs"
- 00:15 National News**  
00:20 Travelogue (Pyin Oo  
Lwin)
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- 00:45 National News**  
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- 00:55 Khame Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 00:58 Shan Market Day
- 01:00 National News**  
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- 01:10 Song "Come to  
Myanmar (The Golden  
Land)"
- 01:15 National News**  
01:20 Lifestyles along The  
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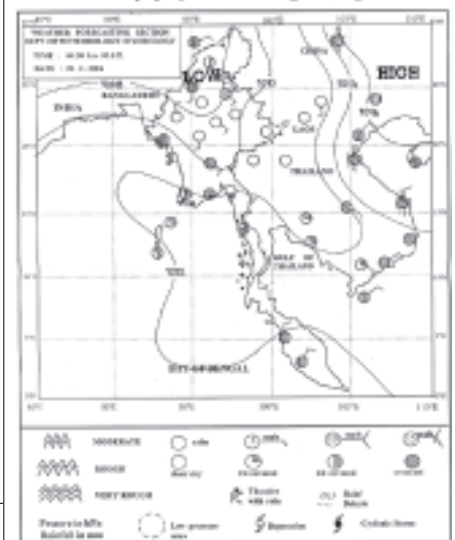
**30-3-2004 (Tuesday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 03:36 Pan-Say Region,  
Home to Kho-Hlon-  
Lishows
- 03:40 Headline News**  
03:42 Beautiful Myanmar  
Dance
- 03:45 National News**  
03:50 Myanmar Movies Im-  
pact "Art from the  
Heart"

- 04:00 National News**  
04:10 Song "Let Mother Say  
this to you Daughter"
- 04:12 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball
- 04:15 National News**  
04:20 Costume for ladies in  
Myanmar
- 04:25 Song on Screen  
"Hnoneshweyee"
- 04:30 National News**  
04:35 Community Based  
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- 04:45 National News**  
04:50 Kanbawza Thardi Mu-  
seum
- 04:55 Kayah Dance  
**05:00 National News**  
05:05 Fair Price High Qua-  
lity Myanmar Carpets
- 05:10 Song "Everlasting"
- 05:12 Myanmar Natural  
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- 05:15 National News**  
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Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Sunday, 28 March, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions and above normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperatures were (43°C) each in Monywa and Myingyan.

Maximum temperature on 27-3-2004 was 36.8°C (98°F). Minimum temperature on 28-3-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-3-2004 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 27-3-2004 was (8.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 28-3-2004 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 Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 27-3-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 29-3-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy 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:** Slight increase of day temperatures in central Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-3-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-3-2004:** Partly cloudy.

## Earthquake Report

(Issued at 09:00 hours M.S.T on today)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1328) miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (01) hrs (21) min (30) sec M.S.T on 28th March 2004.



Monday, March 29

View today:

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
missionary Sayadaw U  
Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**  
5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am**  
6. Cute little dancers
- 8:10 am**  
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**  
8. ကရန်-ရေတောင့်တင်

- 8:30 am**  
9. International news
- 8:45 am**  
10. Let's go
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold  
national spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
3. Demonstration exercises  
for correct pronunciation
- 4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**  
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ငန်းစဉ်  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမပုဒ်  
(သိပ္ပံဆရာ-ပြုစုထား-ရုံ) (ရုပ်စော)
- 5:15 pm**  
6. လက်ခံကမ်းစား- ဂီတစား
- 5:25 pm**  
7. Dance variety
- 5:40 pm**  
8. (ဂြုဟ်ခံမြောက်တပ်မတော်ခရု,  
ဗဟိုပြုစုထား-ရုံ)
- 5:50 pm**  
9. တေးသရုပ်ဆောင်အစီအစဉ်
- 5:55 pm**  
10. Musical programme (The  
radio Myanmar modern

- music troupe)
- 6:05 pm**  
11. မြို့ရောင်တံတား
- 6:10 pm**  
12. Dance and song for  
national races
- 6:20 pm**  
13. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**  
14. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**  
15. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**  
16. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းစာတိလမ်းရုပ်မြင်  
(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:20 pm**  
17. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm**  
18. ဓနိဗ္ဗာန်အားစောင့်ရှောက်လွှာ
- 8:00 pm**  
19. News
20. International news
21. Weather report
22. နိုင်ငံ့စာတိလမ်းသို့  
"အရန်ဆိုင်ရာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
23. (ဂြုဟ်ခံမြောက်တပ်မတော်ခရု,  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဗဟိုစာတိလမ်း  
ပြုစုပုံ (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်)
24. The next day's  
programme

**Sunday, March 29  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music  
**8.50 am** National news/  
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** Music  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
- Reach (Gloria  
Estefan)
- 9.00 pm** Spotlight on the star  
- Any Grant
- 9.15 pm** Article  
**9.25 pm** Radio magazine/  
Drugs Elimination/  
Women's affairs  
- MWAT to promote  
Myanmar women  
sector
- 9.35 pm** Vocal gems/ Golden  
land's melody  
- Blessed Myanmar  
(Yuri)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects extension of Yangon International Airport Building.—MNA*

## Prime Minister inspects Yangon Airport Building extension, high-rise building projects

YANGON, 28 March—Chairman of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the site of Yangon International Airport Extended Construction Project at 10 am today. The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

At the briefing hall, Asia World Co Ltd Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing reported on the architectural design of the extended main airport building which will be 832 feet long and 300 feet wide one under construction, progress of construction, water and power supply, arrangements for installation of machinery at the airport to meet international airport standard and construction of 600 feet long and 600 feet wide apron. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on construction of the annexe of the airport building and timely installation of machinery at the airport for giving service of international level. Next, the Prime Minister inspected construction of the apron and foundation of the annexe of the airport building.

Afterwards, the General and party went to Pyay Garden Condominium between Pyay Road and U Wisara Road in Kamayut Township where Chairman of Zay Gabar Construction Co Ltd U Khin Shwe conducted them round the sites of driving piles, constructing pile caps and laying concrete on the first floor of the 25-storey condominium.

At the briefing hall, U Khin Shwe reported on architectural design of the condominium, cooperation in construction with foreign experts, seeking of advice on measures for endurance of climate and earthquake and quality control for the high-rise buildings, facilities of rooms, car parking and

others.

Pyay Garden Condominium Project Manager Mr Barry Meese of Singapore recounted his experience in construction of the high-rise buildings.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on meeting the set standard in engineering tasks.

On arrival at the construction site of Pyay Tower on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township, Managing Director U Tint Hsan of National Development Company Group reported on construction of two 18-storey buildings.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party saw over greening tasks on the embankment of Inya Lake near Pyay Road and cultivation of landscaping flowery plants. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin conducted them round the sites. Later, the Prime Minister looked into construction of Kyauktan Township Association building in Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township.—MNA

## Myoma Bridge and Tein Bridge in Mingin Township, Sagaing Division, opened

YANGON, 28 March — In hailing of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Myoma Bridge and Tein Bridge on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road in Mingin Township, Sagaing Division, built by Directorate of Military Engineers under the supervision of the Quartermaster General's Office, were opened on 24 March morning. Present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Director of Military Engineers Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station, senior

military officers of North West Command, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, drum troupe, band troupe, and pom pom troupe, teachers and students, and local people totalling over 7000.

First, Myoma Bridge opening ceremony was held

at the pandal near the bridge at 9 am, with an address by Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo. He said from time immemorial, all national races have been living in unity and in weal and woe in the Union of Myanmar. Under the colonial rule, although the

colonialists exploited the State's invaluable natural resources at their disposal, they ignored the development of the regions that did not benefit for them. Therefore, since the Tatmadaw's assumptions of the State duties, priority has been given to the development of the country by upholding

the Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In order to ensure balanced development across the country, the border areas and national races development project, 24 spe-

cial region development project and rural development project are being implemented. These efforts reveal the interests of over 100 national races who are residing together in the nation.

In implementing the development network, measures have to be taken with



*Newly opened Myoma Bridge seen on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa Road in Mingin Township.—MNA*



*Newly opened Tein Bridge seen on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa Road in Mingin Township.—MNA*

accelerated momentum for constructing economic infrastructures and promoting health and education sectors to be able to emerge high quality human resources in every region. A network roads and railroads are being built for better the transport of the country.

In Sagaing Division, the Chindwin River poses a natural barrier between the eastern bank and the western bank, having difficulty in communications and thus lagged the western bank behind in development.

(See page 9)