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Tatmadaw and the people striving together for emergence of democratic state

The stability of State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, uplifting of education standard and standard of living of people are essential for the multi-party democratic system.

The Tatmadaw, for these reasons, strives consistently for the prevalence of peace and stability and for the prevalence of law and order in the country. Likewise, the Tatmadaw has made speedy and strenuous efforts to build infrastructures for agriculture, industrial and services sectors in order to uplift the annual income and standard of living of the entire people.

In a multi-party system, only when there is prevalence of law and order the dangers of violence can be averted; only when the national races can enjoy food, clothing and shelter, fraudulent bribery by money can be overcome and only through attainment of higher standard of education can trickery be avoided. Today, the Tatmadaw and the people are striving together for the emergence of a democratic state and these are tasks which need time for implementation.



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 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Prize presentation ceremony of 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day held



General Thura Shwe Mann presents the first model prize to the company representing Armoured Force.
 MNA

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column, Kyansittha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Aungzeya Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Bandoola Column and Myawady Column led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

First, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and

Myanmar Red Cross Society of respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented honorary prize to the Central Military Band and seven military bands and Bag-pipe Troupe; the third model prize for Myawady Column to the company representing Myanmar Red Cross Society, the second to the company representing Myanmar Fire Brigade and the first prize to the company representing Myanmar (See page 8)

NAYPIDAW, 28 March—The prize distribution of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade took place at the parade ground in Naypyidaw City at 9 am yesterday attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant General Lt-

Gen Thein Sein and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

Also present on the occasion were Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Chair-

man of the Working Committee for Presenting Prizes Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers,

Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents the first prize for military discipline to the company representing Yangon Command. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 29 March, 2006

Build an efficient and modern Tatmadaw

The Tatmadaw came into being according to the demand of history. It is now 61 years that the Tatmadaw, that was born during the independence struggle, has been in perpetual service of the State and the people.

The 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade was held at the Parade Ground of Naypyidaw City on 27 March and Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address on the occasion.

In his address, Senior General Than Shwe stressed the need for the Tatmadawmen to fulfil any duty for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, to fight every danger of the country together with the entire people, and to work energetically toward building a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes.

The Tatmadaw in perpetual service of the State and the people in the course of history is making all-out efforts for ensuring peace and stability of the State and prevalence of law and order. At the same time, it is building infrastructures for agricultural, industrial and service sectors in order to uplift the annual income and the living standard of the entire people.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw hand in hand with the entire national people is making relentless efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Regarding this, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented.

As the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are making integrated and well-coordinated efforts for the national development and the improvement of socio-economic life of the people, the country has now been on the right track of development.

The internal and external destructive elements who do not want to see the positive developments are making attempts to undermine the national unity, resorting to various ways and means. However, their attempts were in vain, for the Tatmadaw and the people have been in one and indivisible. In order to ward off any danger befalling the country, the Tatmadaw together with the people must be strong, efficient, patriotic and modern.

Systematic steps are being taken for the Tatmadaw to be endowed with the 12 Fine Traditions, the Ten Strengths and the Five Abilities, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

This being the case, we firmly believe that the Tatmadaw with its fine traditions will be able to ward off any danger that may befall the nation, while striving to become a strong, efficient, patriotic and modern armed forces.

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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

World TB Day observed in Yangon South, East Districts



Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai addresses the World TB Day. —MNA

YANGON, 28 March —World TB Day for 2006 was observed at the office of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council in Thanlyin today.

It was organized by Yangon South District Health Committee and Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai delivered an address. Head of Yangon South District Health Department Dr Zaw Win read out the message of the Minister for Health.

Afterwards, Chairperson of Yangon South District MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Khin

Mya Mu presented 1,100 membership applications to Daw Mar Mar Wai. Next, winners of the knowledge quiz on TB and townships which carried out TB eradication activities were awarded.

Similarly, World TB Day was observed at Yankin Education College in Yankin Township in Yangon East District.

At the ceremony to mark the World TB Day, officials presented prizes to winners in the knowledge quiz on TB and townships in the district which carried out TB eradication tasks and fed DOTs to TB patients. Documentary photos and posters on TB eradication activities in the district were displayed at the ceremony. — MNA

MTSF meets press on holding Golden Belt Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament

YANGON, 28 March — Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation held a meeting with mediamen to hold Golden Belt Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament at the meeting hall-1, Aung San Stadium here this morning.

Present on the occasion were General Secretary of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thauung Htaik, officials of the Ministry of Sports, executives of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation, officials from sports journals and guests.

During the meeting, Director-General U

Thauung Htaik delivered an opening speech on the occasion. Officials read out names list of MTSF's patron and executives and explained measures for holding the traditional boxing tournaments, future plans and arrangements for the golden belt boxing tournament to those present.

Director-General

U Thauung Htaik made concluding remarks following a general round of discussions of those present. — MNA

Annual meeting of UMFCCI at National Theatre on 31 March

YANGON, 28 March — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry invited its members to attend the 15th Annual General Meeting to be held at 2 pm on 31 March at the National Theatre here. As invitation cards have been sent to members in advance, all are invited to attend the meeting without fail not later than 1 pm on that day.

UMFCCI member companies will exhibit their export-quality products at UMFCCI AGM Exhibition-2006 on the same day, and any one can visit the exhibition.

Defence moves to quarterfinal after sinking Forestry with 1-0

YANGON, 28 March — A Myanmar League Knockout match

for 2005-2006 continued in Aung San Stadium at 3.45 pm today. Defence

won over Forestry with 1-0.

**Defence 1
(San Maung-1)
Forestry 0**

Both teams were in equal rhythm and tempo since the start of the match. The two teams set up the match with all-out efforts. A San Maung opening goal brought Defence to the quarterfinal.

**29-3-06
Aung San Stadium
Transport Vs Electric
Power**



Defence striker San Maung and defenders of Forestry in action. —NLM

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Drug ingestion record posted in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 27 March—A South African national has posted a record of drug ingestion by women for Tanzania and she may have broken the same record for the entire African continent, according to police sources.

The South African, identified as Singwata Thobela Mandongano, has since Thursday discharged 80 pellets of

cocaine with a local street value of 24 million Tanzanian shillings (20,000 US dollars).

The 26-year-old woman was detained at the Mwalimu JK Nyerere International Airport in Dar-es-Salaam after she arrived from Brazil for transit to South Africa.

Local police records showed that Habiba Hussein was the first woman to have been found

with drug ingestion of 40 pellets when she was detained in Tanzania on 27 September of 2003 at the same airport.

Afwilile Mponi, senior superintendent of police, said that the South African woman had held in her body the highest amount of narcotic drugs ever ingested by a woman in this country and probably in Africa as well.

MNA/Xinhua



Employees at Hyundai Motor and affiliate Kia Motors walk past a vehicle displayed at the head office of the companies in Seoul on 27 March, 2006. Shares of the South Korean car companies fell on Monday after prosecutors raided their offices in a probe that local media tied to lobbying. — INTERNET



A KDDI employee displays a new mobile phone at the company's showroom in Tokyo. KDDI have unveiled plans to let users find their way to shops and restaurants by looking at 3-D satellite images on their cellphones. —INTERNET

EU warns consumers over fake anti-obesity drug

BRUSSELS, 27 March— Fake versions of an anti-obesity drug are being touted on the Internet even though it has not been approved for sale in the European Union, the European Commission warned consumers on

Monday. Fakes of the drug rimonabant, an experimental drug from Sanofi-Aventis which is still being tested by the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, are being sold on several

websites under the proposed brand name of Acomplia, the EU executive said.

"Patients who buy unlicensed and counterfeit or illicit copies of rimonabant may be putting their health at risk," the Commission said in a statement.

EU member states have identified 170 medicines as being counterfeit and illegally sold over the past five years, particularly Viagra and Cialis to treat erectile dysfunction, and Tamiflu for viral infections.

US drug firm Pfizer welcomed the Commission's warning.

Internet

Earthquake jolts southern Japan

TOKYO, 27 March — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.5 jolted southern Japan just before midday local time on Monday, the Japan Meteorological Agency reported, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

No tsunami warning was issued after the quake hit at 0250 GMT. The focus was 50 kilometres (31 miles) below the seabed off the eastern coast of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island.

Public broadcaster NHK said the quake was felt for about 15 seconds. The quake was not felt in Tokyo, about 800 kilometres (500 miles) to the north.

MNA/Reuters

35 injured in stampede at S Korean amusement park

SEOUL, 27 March— Tens of thousands of people on Sunday crowded to an amusement park in the South Korean capital of Seoul for free

admission, causing a stampede that injured 35 people.

Some 50,000 visitors, most of which are teenagers, were gathering around the area near the Lotte World in southeast Seoul earlier Sunday for entering the park, according to local TV station YTN.

Sunday is the first day of the park's six-day event to grant free entry and access to all rides to the first 35,000 visitors.

The stampede occurred when the opening time of the park was approaching.

The 35 injured, mostly teenagers, were rushed to a nearby hospital, said YTN.

Television footage showed crowded people were screaming and shouting when the accident suddenly occurred. Shortly after the stampede, police dispatched 400 officers to the site to control the situation.

The incident forced the park to cancel the free entry event, according to a notice posted on the park's website.

Lotte World decided to offer the event as an expression of apology for the accidental death early this month of a man riding a roller coaster at the park. — MNA/Xinhua

Bomb at US-Iraqi base kills 30

MOSUL, 27 March—At least 30 people were killed in a bomb blast inside a joint US-Iraq base in Mosul on Monday, police said.

An Interior Ministry source said the explosion targeted Iraqi army recruits and may have been carried out by a suicide bomber strapped with explosives but it was not immediately possible to verify this. No further details were available.

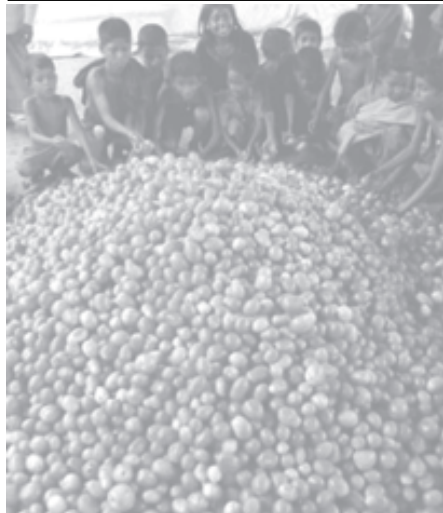
In December 2004 a suicide bomber wearing Iraqi uniform blew himself up at a US armed forces mess tent in Mosul,

killing 21 people, among them 14 US troops and four other Americans.

It was not immediately clear if Monday's explosion took place at the same site.

The blast occurred one day after 20 people were shot dead in the Mustafa mosque near Sadr City in Baghdad in what some Shiite leaders said was a massacre of worshippers by US troops. Police and residents said the killings resulted from a clash between American and Shi'ite militia men.

Internet



Bangladeshi children sort tomatoes at a wholesale market in Dhaka on 28 March, 2006.

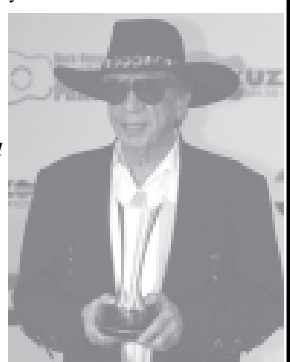
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Country music icon Buck Owens dies

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 March — Honky-tonk star Buck Owens, who sold more than 16 million albums and popularized country entertainment on television as host of "Hee Haw", died on Saturday at age 76.

Owens, who helped spread the twangy "Bakersfield sound" as an antidote to Nashville's slick country music, died of heart failure at his home, said his keyboard player Jim Shaw. The night before, he had performed his usual twice-weekly concert at his entertainment complex, Buck Owens' Crystal Palace. —MNA/Reuters

Country music legend Buck Owens poses with his award for best club at the 40th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, in this 17 May, 2005 file photo.



INTERNET



A passer-by walks past a Microsoft advertisement at a subway station in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday, 27 March, 2006. Microsoft Corp filed a lawsuit on Monday challenging a set of punitive measures that South Korea's antitrust regulators imposed on the US company for its alleged unfair business practices.—INTERNET

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Several injured in Airbus evacuation test

PARIS, 27 March — European aircraft maker Airbus said on Sunday 32 people were injured, including one with a broken leg, in a test evacuation of its new A380 double-decker airliner but called the test a success.

“One passenger suffered a broken leg and there were some minor injuries,” said Airbus chief operating officer and the head of the A380 programme Charles Champion in a statement. In Hamburg, Airbus

boss Gustav Humbert said 32 people were slightly injured and that there was one broken leg.

There were 873 people involved in the evacuation test.

The Hamburg test was under the supervision of the European certification authority and in the presence of a representative from the US Federal Aviation Authority, which is part of the certification procedure.

Despite the minor injuries, Airbus said it was pleased with the result, which would help clear the way for the new aircraft.

“We are very happy with this result. It clears the way for the transportation of passengers as defined by our initial customers who all have selected very comfortable three class layouts,” Champion said.

MNA/Reuters

Uganda's TB rates on the rise

KAMPALA, 27 March— The number of people in Uganda getting infected with tuberculosis (TB) is on the rise, local media reported on Sunday.

“TB continues to be a big problem in our country. The problem is growing. Kampala alone contributes 25 per cent of the total cases reported,” health official Francis Adatu said while the eastern African country marked the World TB Day Friday.

Adatu, the programme manager in charge of TB in the Ministry of Health, said despite TB drugs being available and free of charge, new cases of the disease were being recorded annually.

He attributed the rising numbers of TB cases to the disease being highly associated with the HIV infection, which fuels TB, among other contributing factors as the high population growth, especially in urban areas.

Uganda is now ranked 16th out of 22 countries in the world that have been identified as contributing 80 per cent of the global burden of the disease.—*MNA/Xinhua*

One passenger killed in Mexico chopper crash

MEXICO CITY, 27 March— A helicopter crash in northern Mexico City killed one person, but former Real Madrid coach, Argentina's Jorge Valdano, survived despite serious injuries, local media reported on Sunday.

Jose Manuel Agudo Mille, 32, suffered severe head injuries after the crash in Lomas de Chapultepec, and died in hospital. Valdano and the other seven on board remained in hospital.

The ABC Hospital in Mexico City said that Valdano is recovering well from an operation to drain blood from his lung, and will only have to spend a few days in hospital under observation. He also has two broken ribs and damage to his chest cavity.

The passengers were touring a number of sites in the city where they were considering building sports centres.

Mexican air authorities have already begun investigations into the crash of the *Augusta A-109* helicopter. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A bicycle rider rides through the Cherry Blossom trees on 27 March, 2006, near the Tidal Basin in Washington.—INTERNET



An aerial view of the nearly-completed Musee du Quai Branly in Paris. The museum, named after its location, will house some 300,000 works of tribal art most brought to France from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Oceania over past centuries of exploration, when it opens on 20 June, 2006.—INTERNET

US destroyer, merchant ship collide off Iraq coast

CAIRO, 27 March — A US Navy destroyer collided with a merchant ship off the coast of Iraq in the Gulf and four people were wounded, according to reports reaching here on Sunday.

The reports cited the US Navy Fifth Fleet, based in the Gulf country of Bahrain, as saying that two US soldiers and two crew members from the Kiribati-flagged merchant vessel were wounded when the US Navy guided missile destroyer collided with the merchant ship late on Saturday about 50 kilometres southeast of the Iraqi coastline.

The US Navy Fifth Fleet termed the collision in a statement as an accident and said that the two ships suffered some damages but were still operational.

MNA/Xinhua

Cuba builds new power plants to ease energy shortages

HAVANA, 27 March — Cuba is building new power plants in its capital Havana to save energy and ease the pressure of electric power shortages in summer, Cuban state news agency *Prensa Latina* reported on Saturday.

More than 3,000 new generators have been installed, said Cuban Government officials, noting that the new plants will provide Havana, a city with a population of 11.2 million, with high quality power service in the sweltering summer season.

Cuba has contracted to buy 4,158 generators under a nationwide Energy Revolution programme designed to end chronic power cuts by 1 May by replacing the country's huge thermoelectrical plants with smaller and more cost-efficient energy facilities.

Among a series of initiatives adopted to solve the country's energy problems, Cuba also plans to expand the use of natural gas in electricity generation, after the idea has been tried out in Matanzas Province, east of Havana. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Wis. couple lose 125 pounds and win \$1,200

FOND DU LAC, 27 March—Tim and Molly Haack are a combined 125 pounds lighter and their wallets are \$1,200 fatter after winning a weight loss contest.

The contest, sponsored by radiostation WTCX-FM of Fond du Lac, encouraged pairs or partners to lose weight together and rewarded those who lost the greatest percentage of body weight in 12 weeks.

The Haacks went to the YMCA twice a day and completely changed their eating habits. Molly

Haack said. For their weight-loss ways, the Haacks won \$1,200 in cash, a yearlong membership to the YMCA, a year's worth of free food from a sandwich chain and \$1,000 in services at a salon.

“There are lots of contests that give away prizes and money, but we

wanted a contest that would change someone's life,” said Michael Brown, the station's marketing director.

Molly Haack said losing weight was as much mental work as it was physical.

“You have to decide to do it and be committed to it,” she said. —*Internet*

Aspirin equally heart-protective in men and women

NEW YORK, 27 March — Studies have suggested that aspirin is less effective for preventing heart attack in women than in men, although women do benefit from a similar reduction in risk of stroke due to a blocked artery.

However, a new study shows that the apparent lower efficacy in women is not due to a failure of aspirin to reduce platelet clumping or aggregation, as has been proposed.

"Women are clearly benefitting from taking aspirin and should continue to take it to improve their cardiovascular health," Dr Diane M. Becker states in a Johns Hopkins Press release.

"Aspirin has been proven by all previous studies to lower the risk of stroke and, as our latest findings show, it also reduces platelet aggrega-

tion that can lead to potentially fatal clots in blood vessels."

To explore why aspirin seems to exert different effects in men and women, Becker, from the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, and her team studied the effects of 14 days of aspirin therapy on platelets — elements in the blood involved in clotting.

Included in the study were the apparently healthy siblings of 403 patients who developed heart disease events before 60 years of age, along with

their adult offspring (571 men, 711 women).

The findings are reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The team observed in both men and women that aspirin, taken daily for a two-week period, blocks key biological pathways that lead to platelet clumping. Using an electrical measure of how well platelets stick together, researchers found that clumping decreased similarly in aspirin-treated men and women.

MNA/Reuters

LSU centre Sylvia Fowles holds the trophy above her head after LSU beat Stanford 62-59 in their NCAA Women's Regional Final basketball game in San Antonio on 27 March, 2006.

INTERNET



Iranian Vice-President meets Indian PM

NEW DELHI, 27 March — Iran's Vice-President in charge of cultural affairs met Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday to discuss energy policy amid strained ties over Teheran's controversial nuclear programme.

At the meeting, Singh and Esfandiar Rahim Mashae emphasized the need for further strengthening of bilateral cooperation, particularly in the energy sector, an official said.

Relations between New Delhi and Teheran have come under strain after old ally India surprised Iran by siding with the West over the Islamic state's nuclear programme.

The West believes Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons, something Teheran denies, saying the

programme is peaceful.

In recent months, India has supported Western nations, led by the United States, in meetings of the United Nation's nuclear watchdog, which recently decided to refer Iran's case to the UN Security Council.

Iran is seen as an important ally for India

particularly when it comes to surging energy needs in Asia's third-largest economy.

The two nations, along with Pakistan, have been trying to agree on a 7-billion-dollar project to deliver gas from Iran to energy-deficient South Asia for more than a decade. — MNA/Reuters



Chinese men work at the construction site for the Olympic stadium in Beijing, on 28 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Egypt "two-head" baby dies a year after operation

CAIRO, 27 March — An Egyptian girl who had an operation more than a year ago to remove the head of her underdeveloped twin has died following an infection in her brain, her doctor said on Sunday.

Egyptian doctors operated on Manar Maged in February 2005, when she was 10 months old, to remove the second head which was capable of smiling and blinking but not independent life.

"She was admitted to hospital in a very bad way ... She died at 3 a.m. (0100 GMT) on Saturday," said Abba el-Alfy, a consultant in paediatric intensive care.

"She had a very severe infection in the brain and she wasn't able to fight it," added Alfy, who was part of the team that operated on Manar last year in a hospital north of Cairo.

Manar's condition, known as craniopagus parasiticus, is one of the rarest forms of birth defects and occurs when an embryo begins to split into twins but does not complete the process. One of the conjoined twins then fails to fully develop.

Doctors had said surviving the complicated 13-hour operation was a big achievement.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodia finds three more bird flu suspected cases

PHNOM PENH, 27 March — Three people — one adult and two children — have found fever and respiratory symptoms and treated at the hospital in Phnom Penh, official said on Sunday.

The three suspected cases come from a village neighbouring the one that a three-year-old girl was killed by bird flu on Tuesday, said Ly Sovann, head of the Health Ministry's infectious disease department.

"They all have fever and respiratory symptoms like the suspected cases of bird flu," Ly said to *Xinhua*. "So

they now stay at the hospital under the supervision and waiting for test results to confirm if they have the bird flu," he added.

The three-year-old girl was from Kompong Speu Province Tuol Prik Village, about 60 kilometres southwest from the capital. She was thought becoming infected after playing with sick chickens in her village.

But seven other villagers from the girl's village with fever or symptoms were tested

negative for the deadly virus in the French Pasteur Institute in Phnom Penh.

MNA/Xinhua



Choi Hyung-tak (2nd L), Ssangyong Motor CEO, and South Korean model pose next to Ssangyong Motor Co's Rexton II at its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, on 28 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Falcon tested positive for H5N1 virus in HK

HONG KONG, 27 March — Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said Saturday that the Peregrine Falcon found in Tin Shui Wai earlier this week was confirmed to be H5N1 positive after a series of laboratory tests.

The bird was collected by AFCD staff on Tuesday in Grandeur Terrace upon a public referral and died the following day. A department spokesman reminded the public to observe good personal hygiene. —MNA/Xinhua

Singapore hosts interpol Asian Regional Workshop

SINGAPORE, 28 March — An Asian Regional Workshop on Preventing Bio-terrorism organized by the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) opened here on Monday morning.

Senior police and government officials from 37 Asian countries, as well as scientific and health experts from around the world are participating in the three-day close-door workshop.

They are expected to discuss issues concerning bio-incident investigation, laboratory security and effective legislation, and will take part in a simulation of a bio-terror event.

The aim of the workshop is to enhance regional cooperation in dealing with bio-terrorism and to form a more coordinated national, regional and international response to the threat.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Singapore's Senior Minister of State for

Law and Home Affairs Ho Peng Kee said that countries need to increase their level of cooperation and exchange of information to contain the threat of bio-terrorism together.

"Agencies must not restrict themselves to only networking with their counterparts in other countries. We must also expand our networks to include international agencies such as WHO (World Health Organization) and Interpol so as to be able to tap the tremendous expertise that they can offer," Ho noted.

Interpol, the world's largest international police organization with 184 member countries, planned to organize three

such regional workshops around the world after its inaugural Global Conference on Preventing Bio-terrorism held in Lyon, France, in March last year.

The Asian regional workshop is the second of the three. The first one was held in South Africa's Cape Town in November 2005 while Chile will host the third, the Americas workshop, in July this year.

MNA/Xinhua



French commuters at the Gare du Nord train station during a nationwide strike against the youth jobs law (CPE) in Paris, on 28 March, 2006.

INTERNET

IBM settles new services delivery centre in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 28 March — The International Business Machines Corp (IBM) opened its new global services delivery centre in Shanghai last week.

Vice-President of IBM Global Services Delivery Centres in China Takashi Shimizu claimed the centre as a core part of IBM's integrated services delivery network around the world.

Located in the Waigaoqiao Bonded Zone in Shanghai, the centre will initially house 700 staff with 84,000 square metres of floor space. It is certified at CMMI level 5, the highest certification level for process maturity and quality and improvement in software development.

"The centre also fulfils IBM's pledge of nurturing IT talent based in China," said

Shimizu.

He said that the centre will meet the growing market demand for business process transformation and improved technology management services.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman looks through a shattered window at the wreckage of a building hit Monday evening by a rocket attack on 28 March, 2006 in Baghdad. —INTERNET

Bulgarian match called off after 3 minutes

SOFIA, 27 March — A Bulgarian third division football match was called off after only three minutes at the weekend when one of the teams was reduced to six men.

Struggling Chepincec arrived for their match at Pirin Blagoevgrad on Saturday with only seven players but one of them suffered an injury in the third minute and with no substitute available the

referee was forced to blow the final whistle.

At the time the score was 1-0 to Pirin and the result stood. Under football rules a team cannot continue with less than seven players on the field.

Pirin Blagoevgrad were expelled from the Bulgarian premier league after two games over unpaid taxes but the club was allowed to play in the country's amateur championship. —Internet

One injured in explosion in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 27 March — A Turkish woman was injured when an explosion rocked a restaurant in southeastern Turkey, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Sunday.

Aysel Dilaver, a waitress at the restaurant, was rushed to hospital for medical treatment on Saturday after the blast which caused some damages to the restaurant and nearby business places in Tunceli Province, said the report. —MNA/Xinhua



A girl watches at a Persian cat during a two day international cat exhibition in Bulgarian capital Sofia, on Saturday, 25 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Sandstorm continues to hit Beijing

BEIJING, 28 March — Sandstorm continued to hit Beijing Monday morning, making the city's air quality much worsened due to sand and dust in the air.

Air in the city reports a dust density of 346 micrograms per cubic metre, marking the fourth day with heavy pollution due to sandstorm in Beijing this year, according to the municipal environmental protection department.

On 26 March, a sandstorm started again in Mongolia, and northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Gansu Province and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. The dust was brought to Beijing in strong winds early Monday morning, the department said. —MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter crashes in east Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 March — A chopper crashed in the mountainous Nangarhar Province in east Afghanistan on Monday, an official at Interior Ministry confirmed.

"The ill-fated helicopter hit mountain in Spinghar District of Nangarhar today," Dad Mohammad Rasa told Xinhua. No one was killed or wounded in the incident, he added. However, he said that the chopper was damaged.

"A probe has been initiated to identify the cause of the crash or to whom it belongs," Rasa pointed out.

US military or NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have yet to make any comment. —MNA/Xinhua

30 bodies, mostly beheaded, found in Iraqi village

BAGHDAD, 27 March — Iraqi Army officials said on Sunday that 30 bodies, most of them beheaded, were found near the town of Baquba, outside Baghdad. The officials said the corpses were discovered on the main road in the village of Mulla Eed near Baquba, 60 kilometres (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad. —MNA/Reuters

Guerillas abduct two Polish climbers in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 March — Nepal's anti-government guerillas abducted two Polish climbers from Lukla area of Solukhumbu District in eastern Nepal last week, Nepal Esperanto-Asocio (NEA) said.

According to a Press release issued by NEA here Sunday, the guerillas abducted Marzena Staniszewska and Wojcich Mysiara from Lukla area while they were travelling to the Mount Everest area from Jiri of Dolakha District, some 500 kilometres west of Kathmandu. — MNA/Xinhua

Honouring the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

True patriotism and noble Tatmadaw

Tekkatho Tin Kha

What I would like to state in this article is the noble characteristics of the Tatmadaw that is not like other armed forces. Myanmar Tatmadaw emerged in accord with the significant need of the nation's history. Myanmar Tatmadaw played the pivotal role in the anti-colonialist, anti-fascists and national liberation struggles. It is an institution that has come into being in accord with the historical need. These are the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

The Tatmadaw launched the historic anti-Fascist struggle on 27 March 1945 together with the people. The Tatmadaw evolved into BIA, BDF and PBF before becoming the present Tatmadaw, which is well-trained and well-organized to face and crush any enemy. Since the time of the anti-Fascist struggle, the Tatmadaw has become a national institution representing all the national races and the country.

At the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day parade held on 27 March 1995, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said:

"What you all should be aware of is that our Tatmadaw is not an ordinary armed forces a nation normally has, but the Tatmadaw endowed with the 12 fine traditions." Hence, the Tatmadaw is equipped with 12 fine traditions — a patriotic Tatmadaw, a loyal Tatmadaw, a united Tatmadaw, an efficient Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw which makes heroic sacrifices, a Tatmadaw which does not seek personal gain, a Tatmadaw of noble spirit and high morale, a Tatmadaw which possesses true quality overcoming obstacles, a Tatmadaw which can endure hardship, a tenacious and persevering Tatmadaw, and a Tatmadaw that always upholds Our Three Main National Causes.

The Tatmadaw was born, with patriotism as the base. It is a Tatmadaw whose members have safeguarded the nation at risk their lives, without counting on any privileges, even the salary and rations. Patriotic Tatmadaw means an armed forces that is always ready to make supreme sacrifices for the nation, not out of anyone's urge.

The Tatmadaw is a disciplined institution.

Discipline is the backbone of the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw will always win the reliance and trust of the people as long as it has discipline. Because of its strict observance of discipline, the Tatmadaw since its formation, has been standing as a firm and powerful organization till now.

The Tatmadaw has made sacrifices together with the people for the nation to regain independence. In addition, it drove out all internal enemies and external intruders. It restored peace and the rule of law in the entire nation that faced instability in the past due to colonialist instigation.

As regards Union Spirit, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe in his address delivered at the 55th Anniversary Armed Forces Day held on 27 March 2000 said:

"In our Tatmadaw, various nationals have worked together in the spirit of comradeship for a long time, sacrificing their lives. The love, attachment and loyalty that the Tatmadawmen mutually hold for each other is due to the strong Union Spirit within the Tatmadaw. We must enhance the dynamism of Union Spirit throughout the nation."

The Tatmadaw is not a mercenary army. As it is a patriotic Tatmadaw its members are always undergoing military training and nurturing themselves to cement their conviction and belief. The Tatmadawmen's conviction is none other than the national conviction — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty. There must be unity among the nationalities for non-disintegration of the Union. The consolidation of the Union and perpetuation of the sovereignty have interrelations. But the national unity is the core of all.

As for Myanmar, formed with various nationalities, lack of Union Spirit will lead to a collapse in national unity, resulting in the loss of independence and sovereignty. And in that situation we cannot develop our country. Hence, Union Spirit is priceless.

There are bonds between true patriotism and Union Spirit.

It is important for all the national races to nurture and possess a firm Union Spirit regardless of the places they live in.

Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism they will have to uphold.

The three main duties of the Tatmadaw are: national defence; training; and to be in perpetual service of the people.

The Tatmadaw members will have to undergo training to possess the qualification required for national defence. They should nurture Union Spirit and serve public interest at any place they are assigned to and in any role they are playing. Only then will they be able to win public trust and reliance and preserve and uphold the fine traditions of the patriotic Tatmadaw.

In his address delivered at the graduation of the 41st and 42nd intakes of the Defence Services Academy, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Service Senior General Than Shwe said:

"Ours is a Tatmadaw with noble spirit. Here, the word "noble" means the level that is higher and better than that of the ordinary standard. Nobility is a dignity that is not concerned with wealth, education and heredity, but with moral conduct."

Unlike any other armed forces, the Myanmar Tatmadaw has fine traditions and characteristics that are different from any other army. The Tatmadaw has been acknowledged by the world nations as an armed forces that regained national independence despite the many hardships and shortages it was facing. It is a noble characteristic difficult to acquire.

The Tatmadaw, with fine traditions, has always stood by the people throughout the successive eras. Whenever the nation faces a danger, it makes supreme sacrifices to drive it out and save the country. The Tatmadaw born in anti-colonialist, anti-Fascist and national independence struggles is flourishing without losing sight of the national goal.

The Tatmadaw is the people's army born of the people, and has been discharging the national duty well together with the people, while safeguarding the public lives and property.

Regarding the national defence and nation-building tasks, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe in his address delivered at the 56th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, gave guidance, urging, **"Tatmadaw members should take part in the tasks with might and main, should safeguard the nation at the risk of their lives, and should uphold the fine traditions, with the belief "the brave never die, and even if they die, they never descend to hell".**

We firmly believe that, the Tatmadaw members will follow the guidance while always standing by the people, for their institution to be worthy of reliance by the people.

Throughout the past successive years, the Tatmadaw always stood by the people and protected them and safeguarded independence and sovereignty. At present also, it is carrying out the national defence duty and nation-building tasks in cooperation with the entire people, while safeguarding the country's interest. Hence, I honour the Tatmadaw as the armed forces possessing true patriotism and nobility.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon: 25-3-2006

**Nation will be strong only when
Tatmadaw is strong.**





General Thura Shwe Mann presents the first prize to the company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy). —MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents prize to the Kyansittha column. MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of...

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Police Force; consolation prizes to Company No-2 representing Western Command which won 3 prizes in military marching song, Company No-2 representing Northern

Command which won 2 prizes and the company representing Central Command which won a prize; third prize in military marching song to the company representing Directorate of Supply and Trans-

port, second to the company representing Directorate of Ordnance Service and first to the company representing No-77 Light Infantry Division.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sien presented the third prize for military band to military band of

Hsinbyushin column, the second to military band of Bayintnaung column, the first to military band of Bandoola column; the third prize to the standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Bayintnaung column, the first to the standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Myawady column, the consolation prizes for military discipline to the company representing Directorate of Signals which won 3 prizes, the company representing Western Command which won 2 prizes and the company repre-

senting Eastern Command which won one prize, the third prize to the company representing Directorate of Military Engineers, second to Northern Command and first to Yangon Command.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann presented consolation prizes for parade to the company representing South West Command which won 3 prizes, the company representing Triangle Region Command which won 2 prizes, the company representing North East Command which won one prize, the third prize to the company representing Directorate of Military Engineers, second to Directorate of Medical Service, first to the company representing Office

of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), best parade award third prize to the company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), second to the company representing Directorate of Artillery and first to the company representing Directorate of Armour and the best column award to Kyansittha Column.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of columns of Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society of respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and the ceremony came to a close. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to the military band of Bandoola column.—MNA

61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 27 March — The 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition continued at Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road from 9 am to 5 pm for the second day today. It was packed with visitors.

Booths of Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Electric Power, Ministry of National Planning and Development Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Construction,

Ministry of Hotel and Tourism, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Cooperatives, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Industry-2,

Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Yangon City Development Committee, Military Commands, Myanmar and ASEAN, Myanmar and International relations are on display. Moreover, anyone can sit the computer quiz contest held at the booth of nation-building endeavours up to 4th April and officials presented prizes to winners.

The exhibition is kept open daily from 9 am to 5 pm free of charge. —MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents the first prize to the company representing Myanmar Police Force.—MNA

Exchange of Notes for Japan's cultural grant aid signed

YANGON, 27 March—The exchange of notes of the cultural grant aid of the Japanese Government for the Project for the Improvement of Japanese Language Learning Equipment of the University of Foreign Languages, Mandalay, was signed between Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano and Director-General of Department of Higher Education (Upper Myanmar) Dr Mya Oo on 24 March here.

The Japanese Government will provide the amount of forty two million five hundred thousand yen for the supply of equipment for LL system, satellite system, projection system, editing system and language learning system to the university.

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Students visit booths in commemoration of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition.
MNA





Lt-Gen Aung Htwe speaking at the ceremony to award prizes of military code of conducts and extempore talks competitions to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day. —MNA

Winners of military code ...



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to Lt Pyay Aye. — MNA

(from page 16) awarded the second prize winners of the military code of conduct contests (private level), (cpl level), (warrant officer level) and (officer level).

In the military code of conducts contests, Lt Mya Nandar Win of Yangon Command took the second prize in the officer level, WO II Zaw Bauk won the second prize in the Warrant Officer Level, L/CPL Myint Aye of No 11 Light Infantry Division won the second prize of the Cpl level and Private Khin Maung Hsan of the No 66 Light Infantry Division won the second prize of the private level.

Chairman of Man-

agement Committee for Observance of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Deputy Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to Company Quarter Master Sgt Soe Oo. — MNA

awarded the second prize winners of the extempore talks contests (officer level), (cpl level), (war-



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to WO I Kyaw Aye. — MNA

rant officer level) and (officer level). In the extempore talks contests, Lt Thein Zaw of the Coastal

Working Committee for Observance of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemo-

orative Extempore Talks Contests and Prize Presentation Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presented prizes to third prize winners of the military code of conducts contests.

In the military code of conducts contests, Lt Moe Kyaw Kyaw of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) won the third prize of the officer level, WO II Soe Myint Aung of Yangon Command won the third prize the warrant officer level, L/Cpl Tun Naing of the No 66 Light Infantry Division won the third prize of the cpl level and Private Aung Min



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to Navigator-1 Aung Zaw Oo. —MNA

Region Command won the second prize of the officer level, WO II Soe Thein of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) won the second prize of the warrant officer level, L/Cpl Kan Linn of the South West Command won the second prize of the cpl level and Private Aung Zaw Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) won the second prize of the private level.

Chairman of the



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to Pvt Kyaw Soe Aung. — MNA

Tun of the Southern Command won the third prize of the private level.

Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented certificates of honour, shields and cash

awards to third prize winners of the extempore talks contests (private level), (cpl level), (warrant officer level) and (officer level).

In the extempore talks contests, Capt Thein Shwe Winn of the Camp



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents awards to Sgt Hlaing Win. —MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents a first prize for extempore talks contest (private level) to Private Soe Myint Aung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air). — MNA

Commandant Office of the Ministry of Defence won the third prize in the officer level, WO II Soe Myint of the South West Command won the third prize of the warrant officer level, Cpl Aung Nyunt of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) won the third prize of the cpl level and Private Zaw Min Tun of the Yangon Command won the third prize of the private level.

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Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presents a third prize for military code of conduct contest (officer level) to Captain Moe Kyaw Kyaw of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).
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Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presents a third prize for military code of conduct contest (private level) to Private Aung Min Tun of the Southern Command.
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Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint presents a second prize for military code of conduct contest (private level) to Private Khin Maung Hsan of the No 66 Light Infantry Division.
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Maj-Gen Aung Kyi presents a second prize for extempore talks contest (private level) to Private Aung Zaw Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy). — MNA



Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presents a third prize for extempore talks contest (private level) to Private Zaw Min Tun of the Yangon Command.
MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 28 March — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Chinese delegation led by Project Manager of China National Machinery Import & Export Corporation Ms Cheng Aimei at the meeting hall of Thagaya Industrial Area of the Ministry of Industry-2, Yedeshe, Bago Di-

vision on 25th March afternoon. During the meeting, they held discussions on establishment of hydel power turbine and generator factory in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry-2 and China National Machinery Import & Export Corporation.
MNA

British loan scandal hearing delayed for police probe

LONDON, 28 March — British police investigating whether Tony Blair's Labour party committed crimes by selling seats in the Upper House of Parliament told parliamentarians on Monday to delay hearings into the affair pending their probe.

London's Metropolitan Police are investigating whether the prime minister's party broke a 1925 law that bans selling Lordships, in a scandal that has threatened to tarnish Blair's final years in office with allegations of sleaze.

A parliamentary committee had planned hearings for Tuesday to ask millionaire donors whether Blair's fund-raisers had promised to make them lords — with lifetime seats in the House of Lords — in return for cash they secretly loaned to Labour.

But Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Yates of London's Metropolitan Police, who is leading a criminal probe into the affair, persuaded the committee to put off its hearing because it might hurt his investigation.

"DAC John Yates has

met the Public Administration Select Committee at their invitation today to present the Met's views, that for the (committee) to hold a public evidence session may cause abuse of process issues for any potential future criminal trial," a police spokeswoman said.

The committee put off Tuesday's hearings, but media reports said committee members still intend to question the witnesses in a few weeks.

The scandal erupted this month after it emerged that a body which vets nominees for the House of Lords had disqualified four millionaires offered Lordships by Labour who had secretly loaned the party millions.

Under Britain's system, political parties nominate luminaries for "peerages", making them lords and ladies with lifetime seats in the Upper House of Parliament.

MNA/Reuters

Iranian President vows not to back down on nuclear rights

TEHERAN, 28 March — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Monday that Iran would not back down on its pursuit of peaceful nuclear energy, vowing to "powerfully resist enemies" on the issue, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The Iranian nation will not back down on its right to pursue peaceful nuclear energy despite pressures being exerted by the enemies," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying while touring the country's southwestern region. The President also said that the Iranian Government "will make every effort to gain access to nuclear technology for peaceful ends and will powerfully resist the enemies".

Denouncing the

stance of the West on the Iranian nuclear issue, Ahmadinejad criticized "several powerful coun-

tries" for "having polluted the world atmosphere by ignoring the rules of morality". —MNA/Xinhua

Solar eclipse to be partially visible in India

NEW DELHI, 28 March — A total solar eclipse, to take place on Wednesday afternoon, will be visible in India as a partial eclipse, the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology said Monday.

It will be visible in some places of north and central India but people in the south will not have the

chance, the ministry said.

People in Amritsar in northwest India will see the eclipse from 4: 25 pm to 6: 06 pm and in Delhi from 4: 33 pm to 6: 02 pm. In the northeast region the celestial phenomenon will last from 4:52 pm till sunset.

The eclipse will be visible in the world covering Brazil, Ghana, Togo,

Benin, Nigeria, Niger, north-western parts of Chad, Libya, north-western tip of Egypt, Turkey, north-western parts of Georgia, south-western parts of Russia, Kazakhstan, the southern tip of Russia and ends in the northern tip of Mongolia, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua



A H-2A rocket carrying Japan's first spy satellites blasts off from the launching pad at Tanegashima Space Center on the Japanese southwestern island, about 1,000km (625 miles) southwest of Tokyo in this March 28, 2003 file photo. —INTERNET



Bird flu brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU Townships and Mandalay District Press release on measures undertaken in central Myanmar



Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries issued a press release on death of chicken in central Myanmar.

1. Death of chicken: The LBVD carried out restriction and control measures on prevention and control of disease regarding the death of chicken and quails in Shwebo District, Sagaing Division from the first week of February 2006 to 26-3-2006 and Mandalay District, Mandalay Division from 8-3-2006 to 26-3-2006.

(A) Death of chicken/those destroyed

Out of 60,929 fowls at 93 poultry farms 6,731 died in Shwebo District (Shwebo, KhinU, Kanbalu and YeU) from the time of chicken death to 26-3-2006, altogether 24,836 fowls were culled and buried. In Mandalay District (Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan) 2,060 fowls died at 99 poultry farms where 111,919 were kept and 96,159 were destroyed. Therefore, 8,791 fowls died and 120,995 fowls and 560 eggs were destroyed and buried in those districts.

(B) Death of quails and those destroyed

Altogether 1,941 quails at two quail farms in Shwebo District and 115,650 quails in 44 quail farms in Mandalay District and 50,515 eggs were killed/destroyed. Therefore, 117,591 quails and 50,515 quail eggs were killed/destroyed and buried.

(C) Finding of bird flu virus

After the initial outbreaks in the cull zone in Kanbalu, KhinU, YeU, Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan Townships, investigation was made at 47 poultry farms. A total of 433 samples (blood, inner organs of the chicken and trachea) were collected and examined through rapid test and HA, HI and PCR processes. The H5N1 virus was detected in 26 samples of 35 chicken farms.

2. Control of disease: Under the supervision of local authorities the LBVD is taking measures on disease control in the cull zones in cooperation with Health Department, Development Affairs Departments, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and breeders and with the assistance of disease control experts from international organizations. All the fowls in the farms from one kilometre radius of the farm where the virus was found were culled for

risk prevention. The destruction included 120,995, fowls, 112,414 quails, 50,515 quail eggs and 560 eggs.

The farms and other materials were sprayed with pesticides. The ban on sale and transport of animals and their products was imposed after the control and restricted and control areas were designated between 3 kilometres and 7 kilometres from the infected farm. It was found that there was no evidence of human and other animal infections from the H5N1. The situation is now under control in affected townships of Mandalay Division.

3. The latest condition up to 26-3-2006: The disease has been brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU except in Kaboe Village in Kanbalu Township and Mandalay District; control measures continue at Kaboe Village.

4. Cooperation with international organizations: Regional Coordinator of FAO Dr K Watanabe and Regional Coordinator of USAID of the United States Dr John MacArthur in cooperation with the LBVD made a field trip to the affected areas in Mandalay and Shwebo Districts and took emergency measures on control of the disease. Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein received the FAO and WHO resident representatives to Myanmar and discussed bird flu control programmes. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and a regional laboratory in Australia provided educative posters and laboratory equipment. Myanmar received protective gear, testing kits and others worth about US \$ 100,000 provided by FAO, JICA and the regional laboratory in Australia. Three experts from FAO, JICA and DLD of Thailand together with Dr K Watanabe will conduct disease control in Mandalay and Shwebo for two weeks beginning 28-3-2006.

5. Rehabilitation: Under the programme of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Myanmar Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank and the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation will jointly take measures for rehabilitation of the affected chicken runs.

6. Regions that have not been infected: To ensure normal rate of consumption and trade of domestic chickens and chicken products in such regions, State/Division Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Departments will hold coordination meetings and issue animal health certificates to livestock breeders and traders to distribute products with the permission of respective local authorities.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

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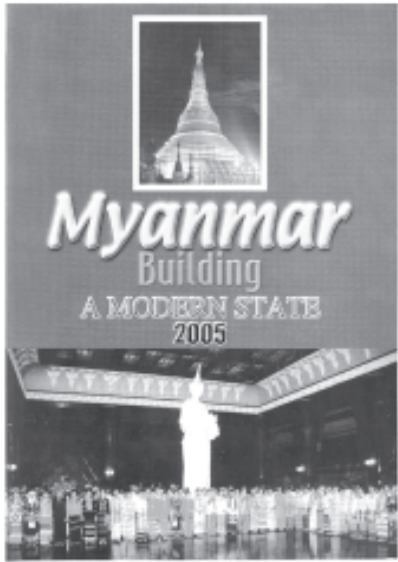
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Invitation to Sale by Competitive Bidding of Htay Myanmar Cold Store and Processing Plant.

- Location of property** : Corner of Pan Bin Gyi Street and Hlaing River. Close to Central Fish Market, Kyimyindine T/s.
- Ownership of Land** : Thirty Year's lease from Port Authority on thirty yearly renewable lease. This is not on basic of B.O.T.
- Initial Start up of the plant** : 1995—1996
- Type of Building** : (1) Main Building, two storey RC building of 120'x40'
(2) Annex to (1), Brick Nogging, single storey 90'x40'
(3) Separate Brick Nogging Single storey 15'x25'
(4) Common room, for men/ women/ store 72'x15'
- Condition of Machinery** : All the machines have been recently serviced. Generator still under repair and new parts arriving soon from Thailand.
- Water Tank** : Steel tanks 600gls x 4 number
Steel tanks 1200gals x 1 number
Steel tanks 800 gals x 1 number
- Machinery for various operations:**
- (1) Has a 500 KVA Transformer.
 - (2) Has 5000 gallons diesel oil storage tank.
 - (3) Water supply to the plant is of Ph7.
 - (4) Has large Metal Detector.
 - (5) Has Flake ice making machine.
 - (6) Has Contact Freezer.
 - (7) Has Air Blast Freezer (2 Nos).
 - (8) The plant contains Ante Cold room.
 - (9) Has water filtration system.
 - (10) Has about 2000 of all sizes of steel trays.
 - (11) Has 30 steel tables.
 - (12) Has Round and Square Plastic Tanks and also long Fiber open tanks.
 - (13) Has Laboratory room with complete equipment.
 - (14) Has 250 KVA generator.
 - (15) Weighing Machine (400 viss).
 - (16) 100 Ton cold store.

Venue of Bidding : Central Hotel, Bogyoke Street.
Date of Bidding : 09:00 hour, Wednesday, April 5, 2006.
Date of Inspection : Inspection of plants, machinery and accessories can be done during office hours on any day before 5th of April 2006 at Htay Myanmar Cold Store and Processing Plant.

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Peruvian police seize nearly 4.4 tons of drugs in early 2006

LIMA, 27 March — Peruvian police have seized nearly 4.4 tons of drugs early this year, the Interior Ministry said in a statement published on Sunday.

The National Police have seized some 3.1 tons of pure cocaine, around 826,00 kilos of cocaine paste, 358,122 kilos of marijuana, 18,218 kilos of opium poppy latex, and a very small amount of heroin.

Police have smashed five smuggling rings, arrested 253 people involved in drug trafficking, dismantled 120 clandestine drug labs, 240 wells for processing coca leaves and seized 27 tons of chemical supplies used in drug manufacturing.

They have also destroyed 1,350 hectares of coca plants, 26 hectares of opium poppies and nearly 13 tons of marijuana seedlings across the nation.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi police major held for death squad role

BAGHDAD, 27 March—Iraqi authorities on Sunday arrested a police major accused of taking part in death squads, Interior Ministry officials said.

They said Arkan al-Bawi, who works in Diyala Province northeast of Baghdad, was detained after visiting the Interior Ministry.

Sunni Arabs accuse the Shiite-led government of sanctioning death squads, a charge the government denies

Bawi, whose brother is the chief of police in Diyala, was accused of operating in death squads in Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters

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Xiao Yang, who is 150 kg (331 pounds), attempts a full split during a competition organized by a local club for overweight people in Nanjing, capital of eastern China's Jiangsu Province, on 26 March, 2006. — INTERNET

Chinese Defence Minister meets Brazilian counterpart

BEIJING, 26 March — The Chinese Armed Forces are ready to further enhance cooperation with the Brazilian Army, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan on Friday. In his meeting with visiting Brazilian Vice-President and Defence Minister Jose Alencar, Cao said both China and Brazil are friendly

countries, and the two peoples enjoy a traditional friendship. The Chinese Government attaches great importance to developing friendly cooperative ties with Brazil. Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, said military ties are important components of overall

bilateral relations. The exchanges between the two countries' Armed Forces have increased along with the deepening of bilateral ties. The two Armed Forces have maintained sound exchanges and cooperation in terms of high-level visits and professional exchanges and training, he said. MNA/Xinhua

Wall collapse kills eight in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, 26 March — At least eight people, including five children, lost their lives when a four-metre-tall wall collapsed during heavy rains in the country's capital Addis Ababa, police said Saturday.

The fire department and emergency service rescued about a dozen injured people from the incident that took place in a crowded housing colony in the impoverished district of Kolfe-Keranyo on Friday. A fire broke out when the wall collapsed. It was extinguished by firefighters later but had caused damage to property estimated at 200,000 birr (23,100 US dollars). —MNA/Xinhua

Some Marines declining extra body armour

HUSAYBAH, 26 March— Extra body armour — the lack of which caused a political storm in the United States — has flooded in to Iraq, but many Marines here promptly stuck it in lockers or under bunks. Too heavy and cumbersome, many say.

Marines already carry loads as heavy as 70 pounds when they patrol the dangerous streets in towns and villages in restive Anbar Province. The new armour plates, while only about five pounds per set, are not

worth carrying for the additional safety they are said to provide, some say. "We have to climb over walls and go through windows," said Sgt. Justin Shank of Greencastle, Pa. "I understand the more armor, the safer you are.

But it makes you slower. People don't understand that this is combat and people are going to die."

Staff Sgt. Thomas Bain of Buffalo, NY, shared concerns about the extra pounds.

"Before you know it, they're going to get us injured because we're hauling too much weight and don't have enough mobility to maneuver in a fight from house to house," said Bain, who is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. "I think we're starting to go overboard on the armour." —Internet

Chemical leakage kills one, injures three in E China city

WENZHOU, 26 March— A chemical leakage accident occurred Thursday night in Wenzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, killing one person and injuring three others seriously, local work safety authority confirmed on Saturday.

At around 10:00 pm Thursday, a sort of poisonous gas, riphosgene, leaked from a reaction vessel at the Huaji Chemical Co, Ltd in the city, killing one worker on the spot. More than 30 workers suffered ailment from the accident, and have been sent to local hospital for physical exam and treatment. — MNA/Xinhua



Nurses treat the wounded injured by a car accident in the First People's Hospital of Zhijiang City in Zhijiang City, central China's Hubei Province, on 25 March, 2006. — INTERNET

Passenger bus crash in Hubei kills 12

HUBEI, 25 March—A full-loaded passenger bus crashed with a truck on the Zhijiang section of the expressway linking Wuhan, the provincial capital, with Yichang City, causing 12 dead and 41 injured. The cause of the accident is under investigation. —Internet

Five killed as light aircraft crashes in southern Ecuador

QUITO, 26 March— Five people were killed on Friday when a light aircraft crashed into a tyre warehouse in Cuenca, capital of the southern Ecuadorian Province of Azuay, said the Red

Cross. The aircraft was carrying 12 passengers and two pilots when it crashed at around 11:30 am local time (1630 GMT), 40 seconds after taking off from the airport in Cuenca, bound for the

eastern Ecuador city of Macas, in the Amazon.

The aircraft, which belongs to Aerotaxis Ecuatorianans, lost altitude and fell onto the warehouse in the outer Cuenca District of Pinta Chica. The five dead, who have not been named, were carried to a nearby main hospital while the nine survivors have been taken to local clinics. — MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill 32, injure 30 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 26 March— Floods in Colombia have killed 32 people and injured 30 others in five provinces, leaving hundreds of people homeless, the chief of the government's disaster prevention office said Friday.

The floods, which have lasted several

days, hit the provinces of Antioquia, Tolima, Risaralda, Caldas and Narino, Eduardo Jose Gonzalez told reporters.

In Pereira, capital of the eastern province of Risaralda, three homes were washed away by floods, and the main road to Armenia, capital of Quindio Province, was

made impassable. Rescue services declared a state of alert on Thursday in Manizales, capital of Caldas Department. In Bogota, the Aqueduct Company started an operation to clean rivers to reduce the congestion caused by the heavy rain. MNA/Xinhua



View of a crashed plane carrying 14 people into a tyre factory near an airport in Cuenca, southern Ecuador, on 24 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Office buildings are seen in Beijing, on 27 March, 2006. China's central bank expects annual economic growth to slow gradually this year, from 9.2 percent in the first quarter to 8.7 percent in the fourth, state media said on Monday. —INTERNET



SPORTS

Owen dismisses World Cup worries

LONDON, 28 March—Michael Owen has insisted he will recover fitness in time for this summer's World Cup, calming fears over a setback in his recovery from a broken bone in his foot.

The Newcastle and England striker, who has not played since 31 December, had to undergo further surgery on Friday.

And he was quoted by *the Times* as saying: "There is just one bit of the bone that needs another helping hand and Friday's operation, which went well, should do that.

"I expect to be playing in four weeks. That leaves plenty of time to get fit."

Owen initially suffered the injury in a Premiership game against Tottenham and it was hoped he may be back for the game against Middlesbrough on 9 April.

MNA/Xinhua



Jill Craybas of the USA returns the ball to Jie Zheng of China at the Nasdaq 100 Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla, on 27 March, 2006.—INTERNET

Vieira has no regrets about leaving Arsenal

LONDON, 28 March—Juventus midfielder Patrick Vieira insisted he did not regret leaving Arsenal and said he was looking forward to facing his old club in the quarter-finals of the Champions League on Tuesday.

Vieira left Arsenal after nine years last July to join the Serie A leaders for 20 million euros (24.09 million US dollars).

"When I signed for Juventus, the Arsenal page was over," Vieira told a news conference on the eve of Juventus' first leg against Arsenal at Highbury.

"I've talked enough about the past. I'm just here to talk about this game and to prepare for the game. "I'm really trying to focus on the game and that is what is really important."

The former Arsenal captain was confident his emotional return to Highbury would not affect his performance.

"In the nine years it was the best bit of history of Arsenal and I proud to be part of it," the French international said. "But I never regret any decision.

"The emotional side will come after the game. But for now I'm focussed on the game and Juventus."

Vieira believes Juventus are geared up to go all the way to the final in Paris this year.

While the Italian club are eight points clear at the top of Serie A, Arsenal have failed to live up to expectations in the Premier League this season and are sixth, 28 points behind leaders Chelsea.

Vieira felt Juventus would be able to maintain their top form into the latter stages of the European competition.

"We know it will not be an easy game. But we believe we are strong enough to go through to the final," Vieira said. "I was a little bit surprised (how Arsenal are doing) because they have got the quality to do better than they are doing.

"But it is not over yet." —MNA/Reuters

Keane penalty gives Spurs 2-1 win over West Brom

LONDON, 28 March—A last-minute penalty from Robbie Keane boosted Tottenham Hotspur's bid for a Champions League place with a 2-1 win over West Bromwich Albion on Monday.

Keane, who had earlier notched his 50th Premier League goal for the London club, scored from the spot after West Brom keeper Tomasz Kuszczak hit a clearance straight to Jermain Defoe and then pulled him down under pressure.

Egypt international Mido put the loose ball into the net but the referee had already blown the whistle.

The win gave fourth placed Tottenham, who occupy the final Champions League spot, 55 points. They are three clear of Blackburn Rovers and five ahead of Arsenal, who have a game in hand after their clash at Portsmouth was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at the weekend.

West Brom stay 17th on 27 points, three clear of the relegation zone. Chelsea top the table with 78 points.

Spurs manager Martin Jol was pleased with their second-half performance.

"You need quality in the passing and that is what we lacked in the first half an hour but I think in the second half we worked very hard and overall we deserved it," the Dutchman told Sky Sports.

"I think 55 points is marvellous. Everyone was saying 'we knew Tottenham would be there' but then that's maybe been the same story for the last 20 years and now we are there so we are very proud."

West Brom defender Curtis Davies gave the visitors a deserved lead in the 21st minute when he outjumped Michael Dawson at the far post to head home Jonathan Greening's free kick.

Tottenham, unbeaten at home in the league since losing to Chelsea in August, got into their stride towards the end of the half and Kuszczak produced



Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe, below, is wrestled to the ground for a penalty by West Bromwich Albion's goalkeeper Tomasz Kuszczak during their English Premier League soccer match at the White Hart Lane Stadium in London, on 27 March, 2006.—INTERNET

good saves to deny Defoe and midfielder Aaron Lennon.

Substitute Mido almost scored with his first touch when he sent the ball across the face of goal from a tight angle on 61 minutes.

The equalizer came when Keane received the ball from Michael Carrick and deftly chipped it over Kuszczak.

Hungarian substitute Zoltan Gera almost salvaged a point for West Brom in the final seconds but Paul Robinson saved his header.

"Even when they got the equalizer we were the dominant team," West Brom manager Bryan Robson said. —MNA/Reuters

Mourinho, Eriksson join list of Real targets

MADRID, 28 March—Real Madrid president Fernando Martin has targeted seven high-profile coaches as potential candidates to take over at the Primera Liga club next season.

"We are clear about the type of coach we want," Martin told Spanish television station Antena 3 on Monday.

"We want one of the coaches that you all know we want. (Jose) Mourinho, (Fabio) Capello, (Rafa) Benitez, (Arsene) Wenger, (Carlo) Ancelotti, (Marcelo) Lippi and (Sven-Goran) Eriksson."

He went on to add that if any of the above were selected, Real would speak to the coach's club first.

Martin has made it clear that he is looking for a replacement for Juan Ramon Lopez Caro, who he believes lacks experience at the highest level after being promoted from B team coach to replace Vanderlei Luxemburgo in December.

Arsenal's Wenger, Liverpool's Benitez and Capello of Juventus have all distanced themselves from the Real job in recent weeks.

Mourinho has always expressed his desire to continue at Chelsea, while it is well-known that Eriksson is leaving the England job after the World

Cup finals in July.

It is the first time Italy coach Lippi's name has been linked with the position.

Spanish media continue to tout AC Milan coach Ancelotti as favourite to take over at the Bernabeu in July, despite his having signed a contract extension until 2008 with the Italian club last week.

"I have decided to stay with Milan, who have always been my team. They are my first choice," Ancelotti was quoted as saying in sports daily Marca on Monday. "The decision is definitive but anything can happen in football."

Earlier in the day Real had made it clear that there was no deal in place with a new coach, going back on Martin's assertions a week ago that he had chosen a successor to Lopez Caro.

In an official statement, the club said: "Contrary to what has been reported in the Spanish and European media the club has made no decision on who will be the club's coach next season. The club has no agreement or contract with any coach."

MNA/Reuters

Olympiakos regain 9-point lead to edge towards title

ATHENS, 28 March—Olympiakos Piraeus edged closer to the Greek first division title after a 3-0 win over Atromitos left them nine points clear at the top on Monday.

With five rounds left to play, Olympiakos have 66 points from 25 matches and need just six more points to secure their ninth league title in 10 years.

AEK Athens and Panathinaikos, locked in a battle for the second Champions League slot, both have 57 points.

Cyprus striker Michalis Konstantinou opened the scoring in the 18th minute.

Erol Bulut headed home the second in the 71st and Predrag Djordjevic completed the rout from the penalty spot for his 13th goal of the season.

MNA/Reuters



Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (0) and Caron Butler (3) go after a rebound as Golden State Warriors' Mike Dunleavy, left, looks on in the first half of an NBA basketball game on 27 March, 2006, in Oakland, Calif.

INTERNET



U Setkya, Daw Hla Yin, U Aung Myint and U Aung Win and families living at No 7/8, Myitkyina Street, No-23 Ward in Dagon Myothit (South) donated K 200,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint-Treasurer of Administrative Board of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi accepting the cash donation.—H

US anti-immigration reform protest continues

LOS ANGELES, 28 March — Thousands demonstrating against proposals to tighten a US immigration law staged protests here on Sunday, dragging the widespread demonstration into the third day. At least 3,500 people demonstrated in downtown Los Angeles to denounce the proposed legislation aimed at drastically curbing illegal immigration, said the Los Angeles police. The rally was held to show "support for meaningful immigration reform and oppose inhumane legislation," said Mark Grossman, spokesman for United Farm Workers of America, which organized Sunday's demonstration.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-war activists angry over Rice trip to Britain

LONDON, 28 March — Opponents of the Iraq war plan to demonstrate in the northern English cities of Blackburn and Liverpool this week against the visit of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The Stop the War coalition says it plans a protest in Liverpool on Friday, when Rice is expected to attend a concert, and in Blackburn on Saturday, when she will visit the constituency of Foreign Minister Jack Straw. Borrowing from the classic Beatles song "A Day in the Life", it said on its website it aimed to get "4,000 no's in Blackburn Lancashire".

The coalition is particularly angered that Rice will visit Liverpool because it has been named European City of Culture for 2008.

"This visit comes after the National Museum in Baghdad was looted under the eyes of US soldiers and part of Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilization, is being destroyed," a coalition spokeswoman said.

"Everywhere she

goes during her trip, we will be there to protest."

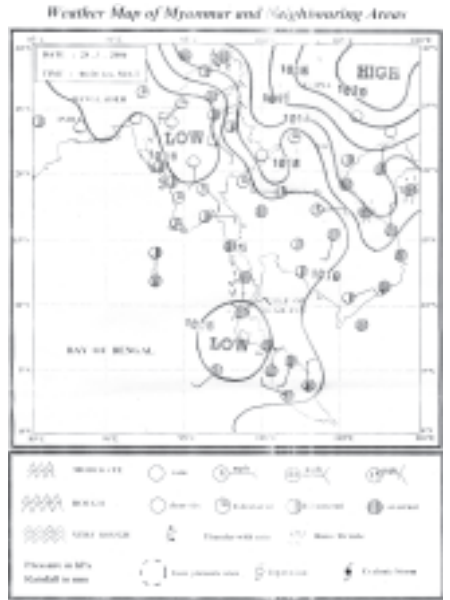
The visit returns Straw's trip last October to Rice's home state of Alabama which had been part of a State Department strategy to give foreign ministers a taste of life outside Washington.

Straw said at the time: "I have invited Condi to the centre of the world, to Blackburn."

A Foreign Office spokesman said on Monday Straw was looking forward to showing Rice "two great places which reflect the thriving economy and cultural life of modern Britain".

"(Straw) is immensely proud of Blackburn, which he has represented since 1979, and is keen that Liverpool should have this chance to show its transformation as it prepares to be European Capital of Culture."

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Tuesday, 28 March, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa, Mandalay, Myingyan, NyaungU, Minbu and Pakokku (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Dawei (0.59) inch, Putao and Machanbaw (0.08) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 27-3-2006 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 28-3-2006 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 28-3-2006 was (75%). Total sunshine hours on 27-3-2006 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-3-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:20) hours MST on 27-3-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-3-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in extreme Northern and Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Naypyidaw and neighbouring area for 29-3-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-3-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-3-2006: Generally fair weather.

Wednesday, 29 March
View on 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
- 7:55 am
5. အထိပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
6. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:15 am
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
8. ချီကဲ့ရေလီနိုးတံခါး
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:40 pm
4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm
5. အစေးသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရှုပေးခွင့်) ဝေဘ်စာပေ (ရှုပေးခွင့်)
- 5:05 pm
6. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm
8. Classical song
- 5:30 pm
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:40 pm
10. "သတိနဲ့ ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ မြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးမယ်မရဲ့အောင်၊ ဘုန်းလှနဲ့ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာစင်၊ ယန်နီလှနဲ့၊ ပြည်ဖူးနီနီ၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနင်း၊ သိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေးဖြည့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအောင်စိုး)

- 5:50 pm
11. ရွှေယံခင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
14. သုတစုံလင် နွေညက်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
15. "ချစ်လှနိုးလို့" ဖိုးဖြူ ခင်နိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးနိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-(ကြည်စိုး))
- 7:10 pm
16. Musical programme
- 7:25 pm
17. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပေအသား
- 7:35 pm
18. ပြည်သူ့အထွက်တပ်မတော် (လမ်းနှင့်တံတားနှင့်အား)
- 8:00 pm
19. News
- 20. International news
- 21. Weather report
- 22. ၂၀၀၅-၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ ဝေရသမ အကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ ဖိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး အထိ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရှုပေးခွင့်) -မင်းကုသမာဓိတော်ကြီး ငြိမ်းချမ်း၊ ရွှေပြည်ခင်မူအပြင် သတင်အဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ပထမဆုံး)
- 23. The next day's programme

Wednesday, 29 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Get real
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Stay the same
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love sensation
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -That don't impress me much
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -I need love
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune -Bye Bye love
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -I sure do
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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

Winners of military code of conduct contests awarded

NAYPYIDAW, 28 March — Winners of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative military code of conduct and extempore talks contests (central level) were awarded in Naypyidaw City on 26 March.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe delivered an address.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented cer-

tificates of honour of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, shields and cash awards to first prize winners of the military code of conduct contests (officer level), (corporal level), (warrant officer level) and (private level). Capt Aung Myo Htet of the Central Command won the first prize of the military code of conduct contest (officer level), Warrant Officer Kyaw Aye of the Ministry of Defence won the first prize of the military code of conduct contest (warrant officer level), Sergeant Hlaing Win of Yangon Command

secured the first prize in the military code of conduct contest (corporal level) and Private Kyaw Soe Aung of the Yangon Command gained the first prize of the military code of conduct (private level).

In the extempore talks contests, Lt Pyay Aye of the South West Command won the first prize of the extempore talks contest (officer level), Navigator Aung Zaw Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) won the first prize of the warrant officer level, Sgt Soe Oo of the No 55 Light Infantry Division won the first prize of the cpl level and

Private Soe Myint Aung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) won the first prize of the private level.

Appointment Afterwards, Military

General Maj-Gen Hsant (See page 9)



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe (R) presents prize and certificate of honour to the first prize winner of the military code of conduct contest (officer level).



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and senior officers attend the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative extempore talks contest (central level). — MNA

Military code of conduct and extempore talks contests held

NAYPYIDAW, 28 March—The opening of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2006) commemorative Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Central Level military code of conduct and extempore talks competitions took place at the local regiment of Naypyidaw City on 7 March, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2006) Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

Chairman of the committee for holding competitions and prize presentation Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe delivered a speech.

A total of 180 servicemen including 45 officers

took part in the military code of conduct contest and 180 officers and other ranks in the extempore talks contest.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the committee for holding Armed Forces Day commemorative literary and arts competitions Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Chairman of the Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the work group of Armed Forces Day parade Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, senior military officers, Parade Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Reserve Parade Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min, parade column commanders and guests.

The competitions were held from 7 to 13 March.

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Throughout the past successive years, the Tatmadaw always stood by the people and protected them and safeguarded independence and sovereignty. At present also, it is carrying out the national defence duty and nation-building tasks in cooperation with the entire people, while safeguarding the country's interest. Hence, I honour the Tatmadaw as the armed forces possessing true patriotism and nobility.

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Weather Forecast for 29-3-2006

- Naypyidaw & neighbouring areas Generally fair weather.
- Yangon & neighbouring areas Partly cloudy.
- Mandalay & neighbouring areas Generally fair weather.