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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Foreign Military Attachés visit Defence Services Museum, venue of Armed Forces Day Exhibition

YANGON, 29 March — Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay greeted Military Attachés and family members of foreign missions to the Union of Myanmar, at the Defence Services Museum, here, at 8 am today, and together with them, he and his wife, visited the exhibition to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The military attachés and family members were welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win of the Directorate of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute and families of the senior military officers.

First, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence extended greetings. Lt-Col Zaw Win of the Directorate of DSMHRI explained the displays of booths at the exhibition.

Dean of the Military



Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe and foreign military attachés visit the exhibition. — MNA

tary Attachés of the Foreign Missions Cambodian Military Attaché Col Ngi Vannhim expressed thanks.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay posed for a documentary photo together with the military attachés and family members of foreign missions. Next, officials conducted the military attachés and party round the museum.

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The summary of the NLD announcement is that the existing government should call the Hluttaw; that if it convenes the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw will recognize it as a de jure government, not as a de facto government; that the Hluttaw will then recognize the government as an interim government; that the transition period will be fixed by both sides through negotiations; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi must be released without any condition for discussions on national re-consolidation; that if a mediator is required, an accepted leader from the ASEAN should be chosen; and that the Tatmadaw government is to start work on their demand on 17 April 2006.

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

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Factories to run at full capacity

The government that has placed emphasis on the development of the national economic life is making efforts to ensure all-round development of the nation by mobilizing national forces and exploiting natural resources and human resources.

The government has been taking necessary measures for the development of the industrial sector, that plays a major role in the process.

The opening of the motor manufacturing factory and electrical appliance factory of the Ministry of Industry-2 took place at Indagaw Industrial Region in Bago Division on 20 March.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremonies and inspected production lines. In his meeting with the officials, the Secretary-1 said that the country was in the process of developing the various economic sectors with agriculture as the base. Hence, farm machines were required to reach the goal and for farm mechanization. In other words, it was needed to manufacture farm machinery so as to transform the nation rapidly from traditional farming to mechanized farming, he added.

The motor manufacturing factory will be able to produce about 40,000 pieces of 13 different kinds a year. The electrical appliance factory will manufacture the products for tractors, TE trucks, and motors for jeeps, and coils and pumps for petrol cars.

Indagaw Industrial Region was established to produce disc wheel, radiator, bearing, inlet, exhaust bar, ball bearing, aluminum cables, 18-hp diesel engine for power tiller and generator, electrical motor, and new kinds of electrical appliances.

Now, the disc wheel factory, radiator factory, mineral ball bearing factory, power-tiller factory, inlet and exhaust factory, ball bearing factory, iron melting factory and aluminum cable factory in Indagaw Industrial Region have commenced their manufacturing processes.

The nation has witnessed significant development of industries, and the government is establishing basic industries for transforming the nation from agro-based one into mechanized one. It is required to manufacture quality machines that have ready market including machines for industrial production, durable machines and agricultural and basic industrial machines.

At a time when the government is investing heavily in building modern factories to speed up the development momentum of the industrial sector, respective factories are urged to endeavour to run at full capacity to fulfil the industrial requirement of the State.



Daw Tin Tin Than, a retired staff of Ministry of Health, of No 1 Yangon Division Farm, Insein Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint Secretary of the Administrative Board of the home U Thein Aung accepting the cash donation. — H

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

Apply for hydrant use

YANGON, 29 March — Applications to use hydrants and water from Innya Lake and Kandawgyi Lake during Thingyan Festival should be submitted to Engineering Department (Water & Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee at 2 pm on 11 April the latest. The applications need the recommendation of the Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee concerned. — MNA

Ambassador accredited concurrently

YANGON, 30 March — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thein Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to New Zealand. — MNA

Grand Royal Reserve Golf Championship 2006 commences



YANGON, 29 March — Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation with the sponsorship of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, the Grand Royal Reserve Golf Championship 2006 was opened at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, Insein Township, this morning.

MPGA and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, Director U Tint Oo of IBTC and MGF Executive U Chan Han opened



Director U Tint Oo of IBTC tees off at the opening ceremony of Grand Royal Reserve Golf Championship 2006. — MGF

the golf championship by teeing off. After the first round, Maung Maung Oo and Thein Lin Tun scored a three-under-par 69 each, and Aung Ko Latt, Thant Zaw Htaik, Sai Tun Oo

and Aye Min fired a two-under-par 70 each.

Co-sponsors of the championship are Air Mandalay, Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel, Crusher Club Soda and Srixon.

Han Event Management is performing functions of the competitions.

The second round of the championship continues at the same venue tomorrow. — MNA

Transport advance to quarterfinal

YANGON, 29 March — The Myanmar League Closing Cup Knockout Football Tournament

for 2005-06 season continued at Aung San Stadium, here, this afternoon.

Transport thrashed Electric Power 3-1.

Transport, one of the football powerhouse teams in Myanmar League, sailed into the quarterfinal. Pyae Phy

Oo shot a goal for Transport through a penalty kick. Win Min Htut and Maung Maung Myint added one more goal each to the winning goal list of Transport.

Electric Power that promoted from First Division to Myanmar League was consoled with only one goal scored by Lin Tun Oo.

Due to taking three points from a win in its bid, Transport is waiting for the match to be played against Defence in the quarterfinal.

Fixture on 30 March: YCDC vs Banner



Penalty kick of Transport's Pyae Phy Oo meets the net of Electric Power. — NLM

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Singapore hosts Seminar on Non-Proliferation of WMD

SINGAPORE, 28 March — The ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Regional Forum (ARF) Seminar on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction opened in Singapore on Monday.

Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that China and the United States are co-chairing the three-day event with Singapore. Senior officials and experts from the ARF countries will share national experience in responding to the proliferation threat, review the global non-proliferation regime and discuss ways to enhance their capacity and coordinate their responses to such threat.

ARF groups 10 ASEAN members of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as 15 others including Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Timor Leste and the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



Ethnic Brau men perform with gongs during a ceremony in Pleiku City in Vietnam's Central Gia Lai Province on 28 March, 2006.—INTERNET

Bush reportedly had set on path to Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 28 March — US President George W Bush had decided to launch the Iraqi war without UN authorization, or even if international arms inspectors failed to find unconventional weapons, according to a front-page report by Monday's *New York Times*.

A confidential memo written by British Prime Minister Tony Blair's top foreign policy adviser was cited as saying that during a private meeting in the Oval Office on 31 January, 2003, Bush made clear to Blair that the war was inevitable. "Our diplomatic strategy had to be arranged around the military planning," and "the start date for the military campaign was now penciled in for 10 March," David Manning, Blair's

chief foreign policy adviser at the time, wrote in the memo that summarized the discussion between Bush, Blair and six of their top aides, the report said. Five days after the Bush-Blair meeting, then US Secretary of State Colin Powell was scheduled to appear before the United Nations to present American evidence that Iraq posed a threat to world security by hiding unconventional

weapons. Although the United States and Britain aggressively sought a second United Nations resolution against Iraq — which they failed to obtain — the President said repeatedly that he did not believe he needed it for an invasion, the report said. The five-page memorandum, stamped "extremely sensitive," which was circulated among a handful of Blair's most senior aides, had not

been made public, but several highlights were first published in January in a book named "Lawless World". And in early February, Channel 4 in London first broadcast several excerpts from the memo. The memo indicated that the two leaders envisioned a quick victory and a transition to a new Iraqi government that would be complicated, but manageable, the report said.—MNA/Xinhua

"Mi-8" chopper crashes in Russia, kills four

MOSCOW, 28 March — A *Mi-8* helicopter crashed in Yakutia, the Siberian region of Russia, killing three crew members and a passenger on Monday, the regional department of Emergency Situations Ministry said. "According to the latest information, there were 12 people aboard the helicopter, including five crew members. There are three crew members among the dead," the *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted the ministry as saying. The helicopter was on a humanitarian mission en route and "fell one kilometre away from the airport of destination," the ministry said.

The eight survivors who received serious injuries have been taken to hospital. — MNA/Xinhua

Finnish, Austrian companies to build biodiesel fuel plant

HELSINKI, 28 March — Finland's Neste Oil Corp and Austrian oil and gas company OMV have agreed to jointly build a large-scale plant to produce next-generation biodiesel fuel, Neste Oil said in a statement on Monday. According to a memorandum of understanding signed by the two companies, the plant will be located at OMV's Schwechat refinery in Austria, and will begin to produce biodiesel fuel at the end of 2008.

The plant will use Neste's proprietary NFxBTL technology, capable of producing high-quality diesel fuel from a variety of renewable raw materials, such as vegetable oil and animal fats. It will produce 200,000 tons of NFxBTL-biodiesel a year. — MNA/Xinhua

Four Polish trekkers safe in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 28 March — Four Polish trekkers who were earlier presumed missing along the trekking route of Jiri of Dolkha District are safe, Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) said here on Monday.

In a Press statement issued on Monday evening, the NTB said that the Polish trekkers were found safe in Lukla of the eastern district of Solukhumbu.

"As per the Tourism Crisis Response Action Unit member Ang Tshering Sherpa's direct conversation with one of the members of the Polish team in Lukla, the fact was that they were not abducted. Due to the remote nature of trekking trails where no communication facilities were available, they could not communicate further after on 23 March, when they had some misunderstanding with locals en route to their destination," the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua



A cave-in on the Shouyang section of an expressway linking the capitals of Hebei and Shanxi provinces in North China brought traffic to a standstill, on 28 March, 2006.—INTERNET

Pacific island nation creates huge marine park

CURITIBA (Brazil), 28 March — A tiny island nation in the Pacific Ocean has created the world's third-largest marine reserve, as global efforts to preserve biodiversity widen to include everything from insects to fish to forests.

President Anote Tong of the Republic of Kiribati announced the formation of the park on Tuesday at the 8th United Nations conference on the Convention on Biological Diversity under way this week in Brazil. The Phoenix Islands Protected Area bans

commercial fishing to protect more than 120 species of coral and 520 species of fish inside its 73,800 sq miles. It is the world's first marine park with deep-sea habitat, including underwater mountains. Bigger reserves are located in Australia and

Hawaii. "If the coral and reefs are protected, then the fish will grow and bring us benefit," the President said in a statement given to reporters here. "In this way all species of fish can be protected so none become depleted or extinct." Internet



Fashion fur: A model displays a black evening dress with striped patterned fur shawl at Japanese designer Jun Ashida's 2006-2007 autumn and winter collection at a Tokyo hotel. —INTERNET

Rwandan immigration seizes Belgium child-smuggler

KIGALI, 28 March—Rwandan immigration officers seized a woman who allegedly tried to smuggle a child out of the country on a Belgian passport that belonged to another child, an official said on Monday.

Appoline Uwamaliya, who holds a Belgian passport, was said trying to smuggle a boy whom she claimed her nephew out of the country by disguising him as her seven-year-old daughter with whom she had travelled from Belgium but had decided to leave behind in Kigali.

"Had it not been for the keenness of our officer at the airport, they would have succeeded in their

mission. The boy had been dressed in a wig to make him look like a girl," said David Rucamukibatsi, the Director of Inspection at Immigration.

He said that after the discovery the lady and the young boy were immediately taken to the immigration office for questioning. "We would like to understand why this woman did not pass through the right channels if she really wanted to go with the boy, because she had already secured a Rwandan passport which she could have easily used to secure a Belgian visa for him," the officer added. Uwamaliya said that she did it as a result of constant pleas from her sister, who

claimed she wanted her child to live a good life in Europe.

"It was illegal, but I was helping my sister. I was already trying to look for valid documents from Belgium to take the whole family out, but my sister was just impatient," she said. Concilie Nimugire, the mother of the boy, said that she persuaded Uwamaliya to take her son with her to Europe so that he could live a better life, saying that she could not raise him.

MNA/Xinhua

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A Vietnamese worker hangs a bucket between rubber trees while he scrapes rubber latex in Chu Se District, 20 km (12 miles) south of Pleiku City, in Vietnam's Central Highland Gia Lai Province, on 29 March, 2006. —Internet

World prepares for total solar eclipse

ACCRA, 29 March—Tourists and scientists were gathering at spots around the world for the first total eclipse in years, a solar show that will sweep northeast from Brazil to Mongolia and blot out the sun across swathes of the world's poorest lands.

The last such eclipse in November 2003 was most visible from Antarctica, said Alex Young, a NASA scientist involved in solar research.

Wednesday's eclipse will block the sun in highly populated areas, including West Africa.

In Togo, authorities imported hundreds of thousands of pairs of special glasses that consumers cleared rapidly from shelves in the capital, Lome. Villagers in the interior will not have access to the eyewear and officials called on them to stay home.

"Please, do not go out and keep your children indoors on solar eclipse

day," Togo's minister for health said in a message broadcast on state television. Day will turn to night in the eclipse's route and a corona—the usually invisible extended atmosphere of the sun — will glow around the edges of the moon as it comes between the earth and the sun.

"Imagine if your hair was to stand up from static electricity, that's kind of

what the corona looks like all around the sun," NASA's Young said. But the corona's light can burn eyes. In Ghana, where the effect will be particularly visible, people were spending about \$1 for "solar shades"—paper-rimmed glasses with dark plastic lenses that resemble eyewear used for viewing three-dimensional movies.

Internet

Pakistan, India agree to enhance bilateral trade

ISLAMABAD, 28 March — Pakistan and India agreed on Monday to enhance bilateral trade, said a joint statement after a meeting of the Joint Study Group.

Both sides agreed to encourage exchange of information electronically between the Customs of the two countries. They stressed to identify areas for mutual technical assistance and capacity building, the statements said.

The meeting had in-depth discussions and worked out a roadmap to finalize the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) to facilitate trade, it added. The primary objective of the Joint Study Group was to focus on putting in place facilitation measures to enhance bilateral trade and to supplement deliberations on substantive trade issues being addressed in the on-going Composite Dialogue meetings. —MNA/Xinhua

GMS forum to be held in Stockholm

MANILA, 28 March—European development partners will gather in Stockholm, Sweden, next week to explore cooperation and investment opportunities in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), said the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Monday.

At the Mekong Development Forum, to be held on 3-4 April, was jointly sponsored by the ADB, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

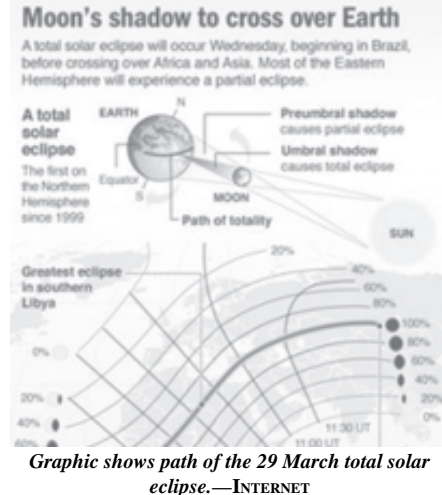
It will present the accomplishments and challenges faced by the GMS in key sectors — energy, environment, and transport, said ADB in a news release.

The GMS, a subregional economic cooperation initiative, began in 1992 with ADB assistance. The GMS participating countries are Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In the last decade, these countries have undergone significant economic transformation and the subregion has emerged as a key factor in the development equation for South and Southeast Asia, said ADB.

However, challenges remain such as achievement of sound environmental management, reliable energy supply, and improved transport connectivity, which are needed to achieve the development goals of the subregion, said ADB.

MNA/Xinhua



Graphic shows path of the 29 March total solar eclipse. —INTERNET



Replica luxury sandals "Maharai", priced 1.35 million yen (11,440 USD), based in the 1938 creation by Salvatore Ferragamo, displayed at the Ferragamo shop in Tokyo's fashion street Ginza. —INTERNET

Armed robbers attack Zanzibar shop again

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 28 March —Four men armed with sub-machine guns raided a supermarket in Zanzibar on Sunday and made away with millions of Tanzanian shillings worth of cash and valuables, according to police reports.

Zanzibar West/Urban Regional Police Commander Bakari Khatib confirmed on Monday that the armed

robbery had taken place on Sunday night when the owner of the supermarket was about to close down.

The bandits were said to have forced people outside the supermarket to enter the shop before forcing them to surrender their money and valuables.

Zanzibar police have launched an intensive man-hunt and appealed to the public to

cooperate with the police. Armed robbers have raided the Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar several times since last August.

Bandits attacked two tourist hotels and one general store in August and September last year.

Police have so far detained several people in connection with these armed robberies.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan integrates command of ground, air, maritime forces

TOKYO, 28 March— Japan's ground, air and maritime self-defence forces (SDF) will be under an integrated chain of command starting from Monday, local media reported.

The SDF's new chain of command stipulates a 500-member joint staff office headed by the joint chief of staff, who will be under the Defence Agency director general, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* said.

General Hajime Massaki became the SDF Joint Staff Chief, a new position set up as the SDF staff chief of the integrated operations. Massaki formerly held the position of chairman of the SDF's Joint Staff Council, according to *Kyodo News*.

One of his tasks to convey commands of the Defence Agency director general to the three arms of the SDF.

The establishment of an integrated command "signifies a major change in the way the 260,000-strong SDF operate", the paper said in an editorial.

MNA/Xinhua

Argentina seizes half ton of marijuana, 2,300 ecstasy tablets

BUENOS AIRES, 28 March — Argentine police seized about half a ton of marijuana and 2,300 ecstasy tablets in two separate incidents, the Argentine authorities said.

Argentina's National Guard found 467 kilos of marijuana hidden in the roof of a minivan on Sunday, during a routine vehicle check in Resistencia, the capital city of Chaco Province.

The police gave the minivan a thorough search after noticing the roof had been recently painted and found 340 vacuum-sealed packets of marijuana. The National Guard arrested one man, but did not name him.

The Argentine authorities said on Monday they had also cracked part of an operation named Encomienda Blanca (White Command) and seized 2,300 ecstasy tablets which were about to be sent to the United States.

On the same day, the police arrested a group who were selling cocaine paste and marijuana to Argentines.

MNA/Xinhua

A Hispanic woman wears a sticker on her chin that reads "Get Out Bush!" during a protest against moves to tighten US immigration laws in San Francisco, California, on 27 March, 2006. INTERNET



British breast cancer sufferer appeals in Herceptin case

LONDON, 28 March — A British woman with early-stage breast cancer goes to the Court of Appeal in London on Monday in legal bid to force her health authority to pay for the potentially life-saving drug Herceptin. Anne Marie Rogers, 54, is appealing against a High Court ruling last month that Swindon Primary Care Trust in Wiltshire need not pay for the costly medication, made by Switzerland's Roche.

At an earlier hearing, the judge was told that Rogers felt as though she had been given "a death sentence" as a result of having been initially refused the drug, which costs about 20,000 pounds (35,000 US dollars) a year.

MNA/Reuters



A bald eagle takes a break in a tree overlooking the Pentagon, on 28 March, 2006, in Washington. —INTERNET

Loneliness linked to high blood pressure

CHICAGO, 28 March—Loneliness in people over 50 greatly increases their risk of high blood pressure, researchers say in the latest study to underscore the health advantages of friends and family.

The loneliest people studied had blood pressure readings as much as 30 points higher than those who weren't lonely, suggesting that loneliness

can be as bad for the heart as being overweight or inactive, the researchers said. "The magnitude of this association is quite stunning," said Univer-

sity of Chicago scientist Louise Hawkley, the study's lead author.

With earlier research suggesting that more than 11 million Americans over 50 often feel isolated, left out or lacking companionship, the study could have substantial public health implications if it can be shown that reducing loneliness can lower people's blood pressure, said Richard Suzman, director of a behavioral research programme at the National Institute on Aging, which helped fund the study.

Hawkley said the findings hint that one strategy for treating high blood pressure might be to get more involved, "do volunteer work, make yourself useful."

Internet



A Chery A21 sedan, the 500,000th production by Chery Automobile Co, owned by the Chinese government, is on display during a ceremony held at its Wuhu Branch to celebrate manufacturing of 500,000 cars during nine years' operation of Chery in east China's Anhui Province, on 28 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Makeshift bomb damages Citibank branch in Athens

ATHENS, 28 March — A makeshift bomb exploded outside a central Athens branch of Citibank on Sunday damaging the entrance but causing no injuries, police said.

Police said an anonymous caller had made a warning call to a newspaper saying a bomb would explode in 30 minutes outside the bank on the central Alexandras Avenue.

"The newspaper got the call at 2330 (2130 GMT) and the area was immediately cordoned off by police," a police official told *Reuters*.

He said there was no claim of responsibility for the blast.

Greece has seen a rise in such attacks over the past year mainly from small leftist or anarchist fringe groups.

Several government ministry buildings were damaged by makeshift bombing attacks in the past 12 months.

MNA/Reuters

Three injured in Israeli town blast

JERUSALEM, 28 March — Three people were injured in an explosion in the Israeli town of Netanya on Sunday, Israeli rescue sources said.

The explosion occurred inside a car in Netanya, wounding three people including one badly, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Israeli police sources said that the explosion appeared to be caused by criminals rather than Palestinian militants.

Israeli police and security forces have been on high alert in the run-up to Tuesday's general elections.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll from Iraq suicide bomb attack rises to 40

BAGHDAD, 28 March — The death toll from a suicide bomb attack on a US-Iraqi military base in northern Iraq on Monday rose to 40 and 15 others were wounded, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"We have 40 people killed and up to 15 wounded when a suicide bomber wearing an explosive-belt blew himself up at about 11:30 am (0830 GMT) at a joint US and Iraqi base at al-Kesik outside the Iraqi city of Mosul, some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad," the source said on condition of anonymity.

The base has served as an Iraqi Army recruitment centre, which is located on the main road between the two Iraqi northern cities of Mosul and Irbil, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO says few pregnant women getting HIV drugs

GENEVA, 29 March — Nearly 2,000 babies are born every day with HIV because their virus-infected mothers do not get the treatment needed to stop transmission, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

The WHO said fewer than 10 per cent of HIV-positive women in developing countries got antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy and childbirth between 2003 and 2005 despite a tripling of overall access to the drugs in that period.

"Each year, over 570,000 children under the age of 15 die of AIDS, most having acquired HIV from their mothers," the UN health agency said in a report showing it fell short of a "3 by 5" goal of getting three million people on antiretrovirals by 2005.

By the end of last year, only 1.3 million people with the immune-suppressing virus in poor countries had access to the drugs — less than half the number targeted by the WHO in 2003.

The report, released with the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), said 660,000 children under the age of 15 were in immediate need of antiretroviral therapy in 2005.

Most of those live in sub-Saharan Africa, the region most affected by HIV and AIDS, where only 17 per cent of

sufferers had access to the life-saving drugs last year.

"Misinformation about the disease and stigma against living with HIV still hamper prevention, care and treatment efforts everywhere," UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot said.

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian, Russian and American astronauts train in a Soyuz spacecraft ahead of a trip to the International Space Station recently.— INTERNET

400-year-old silk unearthed in S-W China

CHENGDU, 20 March — Chinese archaeologists have unearthed well-preserved silk material from a 400-year-old

tomb in Nanchong City, Southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The tomb, dating back to the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), is located at the foot of Xileshan Mountain in Shunqing District. It was found during a construction project.

According to the gravestone, one of the two tomb owners was the grandson of Chen Yiqin, a prime minister of the Ming Dynasty.

Besides the silk, many historical relics such as ancient coins and a bronze mirror were excavated from the tomb chamber.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese rescue workers take part in a drill. A major earthquake in Tokyo would kill 5,600 people, damage 440,000 buildings and leave thousands of others trapped in elevators, an updated study said.

INTERNET

Microsoft appeals S Korean antitrust body's rule

SEOUL, 28 March — Microsoft Corp said on Monday it appealed to a South Korean court against an administrative ruling of the South Korean Fair Trade Commission (FTC) that it violated fair trade laws by bundling software with its Windows operating system.

Last December, the FTC ordered Microsoft to strip its MSN instant messenger and Media Player programmes from some versions of Windows to be sold later this year, citing the bundling practice as damaging the interests of consumers and harming fair competition with its rivals.

The FTC also ruled Microsoft to pay 32.4 billion won (33 million US dollars) by 24 April in fine.

However, in a statement posted on the Korean version of Microsoft's

website, the company said the bundle does not violate South Korean antitrust law and benefits local consumers.

"The facts do not support

the South Korean FTC's position," said Chung Jaehoon, Microsoft's senior attorney for South Korea, in the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Shenzhen outlines "metropolis rim" vision in five-year plan

BEIJING, 28 March — South China's booming city Shenzhen is moving to create a "metropolis rim" with its neighbour Hong Kong to promote the joint development of the two cities in the Pearl River Delta area. The Municipal People's Congress of Shenzhen passed its 11th Five-Year Plan (2006-10) Sunday, which attaches strategic importance to the establishment of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong metropolis rim for the first time.—MNA/Xinhua

Abacus registers 5 mln Asian travel bookings in first two months

SINGAPORE, 29 March — Abacus International, a Singapore-based travel facilitator, said Monday that Asian travel bookings in January and February this year hit 4.19 million, marking a 9-per-cent growth year on year.

Intra-Asia travel accounted for about 79 per cent of all bookings made on the Abacus system in January and February, which was lower than the figures recorded in the previous seven months, it said in a Press release.

The company attributed the increase in long-haul route travel in the two months to Chinese New Year travel specials and promotions offered by full-service airlines to destinations in Europe and America.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA restores funds for axed asteroid probe

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 29 March — Funding for a asteroid survey mission that had been cancelled due to budget concerns has been restored, NASA said on Monday.

To the astonishment of the project's science team, the robotic asteroid probe, known as Dawn, was axed on March 2 despite being cleared by an independent review team investigating cost overruns triggered by technical problems.

Dawn was being designed to explore the two largest known asteroids in the primary asteroid belt, which lies between Mars and Jupiter.

Scientists want to study the asteroids, which do not resemble each other, to learn more about how the solar system was created.

NASA had already spent about 200 million US dollars of the spacecraft's estimated 289-million-US-dollar budget when it cancelled the project. Another 84 million US dollars was allotted for the probe's launch vehicle and related launch services. Cancellation costs would have added 14 million US dollars.

NASA put the project on hold last October and ordered an independent team to investigate the projected 40-million-US-dollar budget overrun.

NASA said most of the problems centred on the probe's innovative ion engine, which unlike traditional chemical-burning motors, generates speed by expelling a stream of electrically-charged particles, or ions, stripped from xenon gas.—MNA/Reuters



Russia's Soyuz TMA-8 booster rocket at Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan ahead of launch, on 28 March, 2006.— INTERNET

Flexibility or trickery ?

Kyaw Myint Naing

The National League for Democracy issued the special announcement 1/02/06 on 12 February 2006.

The opponents of the government from inside and outside the nation and some western media were drumming up international support for the announcement, saying that it was an offer from the NLD to the Tatmadaw for national re-consolidation.

Although I was listening and seriously studying the propaganda aired by some western media concerning the announcement, I stayed silent at the time as I had not known its concept fully.

I received the announcement and able to study it only on 3 March 2006.

The summary of the NLD announcement is that the existing government should call the Hluttaw; that if it convenes the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw will recognize it as a de jure government, not as a de facto government; that the Hluttaw will then recognize the government as an interim government; that the transition period will be fixed by both sides through negotiations; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi must be released without any condition for discussions on national re-consolidation; that if a mediator is required, an accepted leader from the ASEAN should be chosen; and that the Tatmadaw government is to start work on their demand on 17 April 2006.

Hence, the NLD announcement is not new, but a demand in another form for holding a dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's participation. The base of the NLD's dialogue calls for recognition of the 1990 election results in the absence of a constitution or in other words the transfer of power to the NLD according to a temporary constitution written by NLD.

I am certain the NLD views the Tatmadaw government as a military dictatorship junta, and the fall of the dictatorship as democracy. The NLD views the National Convention as a sham and opposes it; it is because one of the objectives of the National Convention is — the Tatmadaw shall take part in the national political leadership role of the future state.

The NLD also opposes the seven-step Road Map. The anti-government elements abroad are trying to internationalize the issue, and even making attempts to raise the matter at the UN to see that the government recognizes the 1990 election results through UN Security Council pressure. All those reveal the goal of the NLD-proposed dialogue.

In reality, national reconciliation cannot be achieved through any kind of pressure and the dialogue cannot yield results unless the NLD reconsiders and addresses its own problems that make the negotiations between the Tatmadaw government and the NLD impossible.

(1) Truth means seeing and acknowledging the reality from the objective point of view. During the 1988 unrest, the nation was under the reign of anarchy, as the situation jeopardized the State peace and stability and the rule of law and endangered the sovereignty. Under those circumstances, the Tatmadaw took over the State duties and restored normalcy to the nation. It abolished socialism the people disliked, and paved the way for market economy and multi-party system. Those were the Tatmadaw's endeavours for national interest and the cause of democracy. But with the negative view, the internal and external anti-

government elements accepted what was right as wrong and good as bad and the Tatmadaw's endeavour as a military coup to destroy democracy.

(2) The judgement to differentiate between dictatorship and democracy should not be based on the form or personal prejudice, but should be based on the essence, which is the practical efforts in implementing the economic, political and social programmes. But those elements are viewing the Tatmadaw government as a dictatorship junta albeit the practical efforts to implement democracy through market economy and permit the establishment of political parties. What they see is only the military personnel, not their work.

The result of neglecting the objective views, and adopting the subjective views is the wrong concept — the fall of dictatorship as democracy. And with this concept in mind, the NLD was trying to overthrow the Tatmadaw government through a civil commotion resulting from its policy of confrontation and defiance. It is launching anti-government activities through unlawful means as their democracy cause.

Parliamentary democracy emerged in the world together with the flourishing of market economy that brought out national capitalists, middle class and workers. Democracy is a political system realized by workers and peasants under the leadership of capitalist and middle class citizens or in other words the fruits of market economy.

However, the West bloc and its lackeys and the anti-government elements from inside and outside the country still regard the government as a dictator junta. As for the NLD, the term "democracy" means the grabbing of the State power after the fall of the government following a civil commotion ignited by economic breakdown outside sanctions have brought to the country. The words the NLD has been uttering are "public welfare, without self-interest". But in practice, it is playing tricks, disguising its attempts to seize power as public welfare work.

The World War I erupted when the dictatorship in the form of Nazism ruled Germany and Italy, that both became impoverished after the WWII, and Japan. Poverty and destruction of productivity in many countries the WWII had created paved the way for socialism to dominate many parts of the world, with the slogan to crush capitalism. Some countries fell into the hands of tyranny under the mask of socialism, and the world has seen endless outbreak of insurgency in various countries to introduce socialism and destroy capitalism. After the WWII, Germany, Italy and Japan became democracies together with the development of capitalist economy. But the NLD still ignores all the lessons of the past events.

The NLD has been opposing the market economy by inviting economic sanctions. At the same time, it is floating false propaganda, with the fight against dictatorship for democracy as its slogan. The NLD stupidly believes that democracy would automatically come when it grabs power after the fall of the Tatmadaw government. With this belief, the NLD is asking the international community to increase pressure on Myanmar, while crying for political isolation and economic sanctions against the country as a cause for democracy.

(3) External and internal anti-government elements have called for economic sanctions against the country; they have committed acts hindering market economy

being carried out by the Tatmadaw government; they have opposed the process of implementing the election results through the drafting of a constitution — a democratic practice; and they oppose the National Convention where a new constitution is being drawn. The West and mediators, instead of giving constructive suggestions, are supporting all such acts committed in the form of anti-government activities.

The above-mentioned points oppose the Tatmadaw Government's drive for peaceful transition, delay the democratization process and harm all the efforts for national reconsolidation.

Although Myanmar fell under the rule of British colonialists for 123 years, it did not have the chance to develop capitalism (prospects for development of market economy) but instead remained as a nation that produced raw materials with conventional agriculture. Due to lack of development of the market economy, the nation had no class of national capitalists nor an adequate number of workers and people of middle class.

That culminated in the largest multi-colour armed insurgency in East Asia and was the cause of the downfall of the AFPFL parliamentary democracy that lasted only 14 years. After the AFPFL downfall, there was no basic foundation for democracy nor a party that could guarantee non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty, and the Tatmadaw thus had to take over State power in 1962.

After assuming State duties, the Revolutionary Council Government faced a question: which system it would introduce in the nation — capitalism or socialism. At that time, the semi-feudal and semi-capitalist British was considered worldwide to be a capitalist government, and it colonized a number of countries around the world. And capitalism had lost its original form. The world and all Myanmar national people and political parties wrongly believed that socialism was the only way out for the world people and Myanmar people to rise from the life of abject poverty. So, the Revolutionary Council Government had to lay down and practise Myanmar Socialist Programme and then nationalized all the private companies, thereby changing the nation into a classless society.

After taking over State power in 1988, the Tatmadaw dissolved the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party and introduced the market economic system and multi-party system. Then, social classes came into being again in the nation.

Modern political science says that productive forces are still getting on well with the social relation system. So, any social relation systems have not come to an end until the productive forces have not made progress. It means if productive forces have not made much progress, it will be impossible that old traditions and systems come to an end. And productive relations exist, depending on materials. It means democracy and human rights come into being based on such materials. In other words, there is one thing that any power could not prevent. Productive relations (democracy and human rights) have to develop in accordance with the development of productive forces. Lessons should be taken from the experiences of the countries that seceded from the Soviet Union and directly copied the democracy of England and the US without possessing the development of the market economy and productive forces of the latter.

Higher procedures of productive relations (democratic traditions) will never come into existence before all necessary materials have accumulated into productive forces. Therefore, human beings carry out such kinds of tasks that are in their capability. Functions and tasks take their shapes only when all necessary materials that can deal with the functions and tasks have come into being or are coming into being.

According to the above-mentioned points, NLD should join hands with the Tatmadaw Government in taking measures for proper evolution of the

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Refresher courses for BEHS level teachers open

YANGON, 29 March — A ceremony to open a refresher course for English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at Basic Education High School level was held at the hall-1 of East Yangon University this morning, with an address by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein.

Present on the occasion were directors-general and officials concerned of the departments under the ministry, the rector of EYU, the pro-rector, professors from different branches of study, guests, township education officers, schoolheads and English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at BEHS level.

Next, the minister viewed the teachers learning in Language Lab, practical measures being made by Physics teachers in Science Lab and those learning Mathematics subject by computer round the university and cordially greeted the teachers.

A total of 169 teachers were attending the course.

Similarly, the minister attended the opening ceremony of refresher course for English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at BEHS level held at the lecture hall-1 of West Yangon University this afternoon. A total of 115 teachers were attending the course.

Likewise, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of refresher course for English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at BEHS level held at Pyidaungshu hall of Yadanabon University in Mandalay Division this morning. A total of 229 teachers were attending the course.

Similarly, the deputy minister attended the opening ceremony of refresher course for English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at BEHS level held at Ekarit hall of Kyaukse University this morning. A total of 66 teachers were attending the course.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzzaman at the reception to mark 35th Anniversary National and Independence Day of People's Republic of Bangladesh on 29 March. — MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein speaking at refresher course for English, Mathematics and Physics teachers at BEHS Level. — MNA

L & F Minister meets students of UVS

YANGON, 29 March — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 27 March met with students of the University of Veterinary Science in Pyinmana, Mandalay Division.

The students will go on a veterinary field trip

after 2005-2006 Academic Year.

At the meeting, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Advisor to the university Rector Dr Aung Than (Retd) delivered speeches, and the students paid respects to the minister and heads of the department. — MNA

Foreign Deputy Minister leaves for New Delhi

YANGON, 29 March — At the invitation of the Indian Government, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left here for New Delhi today to participate in the Sixth Bangladesh-China-India-

Myanmar Economic Cooperation Meeting to be held on 30 to 31 March in New Delhi, the Republic of India.

The Deputy Minister is accompanied by U Kyaw Zaw, Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Investment

Commission Office, U Myint Soe, Director of Economic Division of International Organizations and Economic Department and U Kyaw Thi Wa, Assistant Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Myanmar del-

egation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Manoj Kumar Bharti, Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of India.

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Yangon Mayor attends opening ceremonies of summer courses in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 29 March — USDA CEC Member Yangon Division In-Charge Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremonies of basic organizing course No 24/25, International Relations English Course 1/2006 and summer courses organized by Thakayta Township USDA at the township USDA office this morning and made a speech.

Afterwards, Township PDC Chairman U Mya Kyaing donated K

100,000 to township USDA; township industrial zone management committee, K 100,000; Daw Kay Thi Nwe of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, inverter and battery worth K 114,000 and Township War Veterans Organization Chairman U Tin Ngwe, K 5,000 and the mayor accepted the donations.

After the ceremony, the mayor inspected the construction of water treatment plant, sanitation and beautifying tasks and gave necessary instructions.

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for inventions and in South-West Command, scenic views of Chaungtha and Ngwe Hsaung beaches, renowned persons in Ayeyawady Division, sea water fish, fresh water prawns and crocodiles, finished products made of cane and bamboo, colonialists' artillery made of brass, bridges and background history of Zalun Pyidawpyan Pagoda are on display.

Any one can sit the computer quiz held at the booth of nation-building endeavours and officials presented prizes to winners.

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

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Visitors taking part in the computer quiz at 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition.

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Literacy and Continuous Progressive Education Instructor Course opened

YANGON, 29 March — The Literacy and Continuous Progressive Education Instructor Course, co-organized by the Education Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, and Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, was opened at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township this morning. Leader of the Social and Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung gave an opening

speech. Director of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Saw Aung explained matters concerning literacy and continuous progressive education.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group Daw Htoo Htoo Aung, Secretariat member of MWAFF Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, officials and MWAFF members, totaling 102.

The course will last up to 31 March.

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Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe and foreign military attachés visit the exhibition. (News page 1)— MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu meets WVO members

YANGON, 29 March — Member of Central Organizing Committee for Myanmar War Veterans Organization Leader of Kayah State WVO Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu met with members of State, District and Township WVOs at the meeting hall of Kayah State Peace and Development Council on 24 March

and gave instructions on measures taken by District and Township WVOs in three months.

Next, the deputy minister presented cash assistance to Dimawso Township WVO and met with hoteliers in Kalaw. During the meeting, the deputy minister fulfilled the needs and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out for more tourist arriv-

als with the correct ways.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected arrangements to be made for growing of physic nut plants and stockpile of physic nut seeds and gave instructions on speedy cultivation of physic nut plants.

The deputy minister later looked into physic nut saplings nursed by Kayah State PDC. MNA

Price control measures discussed

YANGON, 29 March — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn today met dealers and businessmen for organizing committees for controlling prices of basic food items township-wise.

At the work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Committee for stabilization of prices held at the City Hall here, he also urged them

to carry out price control measures to stabilize prices.

The meeting was participated by Vice Chairman of YCDC Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials of the ministries, officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Myanmar Rice Millers' Association, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association, Myanmar

Bean and Sesamum Dealers Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Myanmar Industry Association and Myanmar Goldsmith Association.

During the meeting, dealers and businessmen discussed measures to be carried out for stabilization of prices with Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn and officials. — MNA

Basic course for seamen concludes



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung addressing the conclusion of basic course 2/2006 for seamen.—TRANSPORT

YANGON, 29 March — The concluding ceremony of basic course for seamen 2/2006 of the Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport took place at the training school in Botahtaung Jetty this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for

Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung.

The prizes were awarded to first, second and third winners by the deputy minister, Managing Director of IWT U Soe Tint and the general manager. — MNA

MWJA holds its meeting No 3/2006

YANGON, 29 March — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held the central executive committee members' meeting No 3/2006 at the meeting hall of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street this afternoon.

During the meeting, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presided over the meeting and Joint-Secretary-3 U Khin Swe (Shwe Sun Nyo) acted as master of ceremonies.

First, the meeting chairman delivered an opening address on the occasion. Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) reported on the minutes of the meeting No 2/2006. Leaders of the groups reported on sector-wise performances.

Next, the central committee members held discussions on arrangements to be made for holding a national level copy rights conference with the assistance of World Copy Rights Federation during May, measures to be taken for holding meetings in Township WJAs as scheduled and other necessary preparations. Afterwards, the meeting chairman made concluding remarks and the meeting came to a close.

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Chile leads Latin America in Information Technology

SANTIAGO, 29 March — Chile leads Latin America in information technology, said the World Economic Forum, a Geneva-based private institution, in a report on Tuesday.

"Today, IT represents one of the most important motors of boosting the efficiency and productivity of the world economy," said the Forum, which rates Chile the 29th in the world.

Chile has overtaken Spain, which was the 29th in the 2004 report, and the United States tops the ranking, followed by Singapore, according to the Forum.

Economist and the Forum's director Augusto Lopez Claros said Chile led the region in taking advantage of new technology, adding the country was known for its

sound economic management, a regulatory regime that promoted business, and a public sector whose quality was above the average of the European Union.

Among countries in the region, Brazil slipped to the 52nd place, six ranks lower than that in the previous report, with Mexico at the 55th, El Salvador at the 59th, Colombia at the 62nd, Uruguay at the 65th, Panama at the 66th, Costa Rica at the 69th and Argentina at the 71st.

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Refresher course opens in Pyay

PYAY, 29 March — A refresher course for English, Maths and Physics senior assistant teachers opened in Pyay University here yesterday morning.

Secretary of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ohn Myint gave a speech at the ceremony. Rector U Mya Win of Pyay University explained the salient points of the course and Pro-Rector U Win Myint the rules. Division Education Officer U Phone Myint Lwin also spoke. A total of 337 trainees are attending the course which continues till 26 May. — MNA

Flexibility or trickery ?

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market-oriented economic system, through which stability of the State, community peace, and national reconsolidation can be built. Only then will the materials and productive forces necessary for democratic system emerge.

With proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system, there will be a growing number of national capitalists alongside classes of modern workers and educated people. Then, the nation will be able to turn itself into a genuine democratic one after democratic traditions have made progress step by step. If so, there will be harmonious changes in the national political leadership role.

The activities to introduce democracy in the nation through the downfall of dictatorship perpetrated by anti-government elements at home and abroad, and those claiming that they are in support of Myanmar democracy campaign would have only negative impact. Such elements were therefore put behind bars or had to leave their motherland. So, it is high time they realized that these undesirable effects stemmed from their opposition against natural conditions instead of considering them to be unjust suppression of the dictatorship. They are also to make a review in accordance with the natural science that understanding the nature is liberation and opposition against the nature leads to devastation.

(1) In assessing the Tatmadaw Government, instead of making attempts to seize State power through various means and economic sanctions inciting mass demonstrations with the wrong concept that democracy can be introduced in the nation only with the downfall of the military dictatorial government, without taking into consideration the Tatmadaw Government's practical work in the economic, political and social spheres, they should join hands with the Tatmadaw Government in the drive for ensuring stability of the State, community peace, national reconsolidation and proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation.

(2) Being aware of the fact that in the world there is no country that has transformed itself from dictatorship to democracy thanks to economic sanctions, and assistance for the development of the market-oriented economic system helped eliminate Nazism and Fascism, and taking lessons from the events of Thailand, the Republic of Korea and Indonesia that have become democratic ones, they should stop demanding the international community for increasing economic sanctions against the nation.

(3) They should have been convinced that accepting the State's seven-step Road Map and doing their bit in the drive for implementation of the Road Map is the correct way of peaceful transition of democracy with least sufferings according to the prevailing conditions of the Myanmar society.

If compared with the above-mentioned basic programme with the NLD announcement, it is questionable if NLD announcement 1-02-06 on the Union Day is a flexible policy or not for democratic transition in Myanmar. And it is also questionable that if attempts to grab State power without a State constitution sticking to the 1990 election results, ensuring that no participation of the Tatmadaw's role in the future national political leadership role, and that demand for return of the armed forces to the barracks in a trickery way to serve NLD's purpose.

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32nd Inter-State/Division Myanmar Chinlon Contest opened

YANGON, 29 March — The second Sports Minister's Cup 2006 and the 32nd Inter-State/Division Myanmar Chinlon Contest was opened with an address by Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna).

Next, the minister met with the executives of Myanmar Judo Federation and made a speech. Afterwards, MJF President U Tun Tun explained the future plan. Later, the MJF President Chairman of Thiyaw Mani Gems Company donated K 2.5 million to the MJF and U Khaing of Tetkham Gems Company, K 5 million through the



Inter-State/Division Myanmar Chinlon Contest being opened at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna). —NLM

minister. Afterwards, U Hla Khaing presented totalling K 4 million donated by wellwishers and the minister presented the certificates of honour. — MNA



Maung Win Naing Oo and Ma Yi Yi Tun (Tutor, Government Technological College, Bhamo) of South Okkalapa Township donated K 100,000 for construction of two-storey building in Maga Dhammayon Compound to mark their wedding reception through Patron of Dhammayon U Aung Tha Tun and treasurer U Wen Ni on 26 March. — H

China finds new offshore oil reserves in Bohai Bay

BEDING, 29 March — China National Offshore Oil Company Limited (CNOOC Ltd) announced on Tuesday that it has made a new independent discovery of oil deposits in East China's Bohai Bay with the completion of a wildcat.

The discovery well Bozhong (BZ) 28-2S-1 is located on Structure BZ28-2S in the Yellow River Mouth Sag of central southern Bohai Bay. The well hit its target depth of 2,125 metres, with a water depth of about 22 metres.

The drilling activities commenced in February 2006. The well penetrated oil layers with a total thickness of 85 metres and gas sections eight metres thick.

Two drill stem tests were conducted over two intervals with a combined flow rate of about 1,900 barrels of oil and two million cubic feet of gas per day via 7.94 millimetres and 12.7 millimetres chokes, respectively.

Further appraisal work will be conducted to evaluate the commercial value of the discovery, said CNOOC Ltd.

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Two bicycle thieves arrested

YANGON, 29 March — Police nabbed two thieves who stole 27 bicycles in Hlinethaya, Insein, Hline and Kamayut Townships up to 25 March.

Acting on information from the people, members of Yangon Division Police Force were able to apprehend the two bicycle thieves — Aung Aung, 23, son of U Soe Kyi of 892/B on Aungthida Road in Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Town-

ship, and Than Bo, (a) Bo Bo, of U Sein Maung of No 49, Than Road, Thayetmyaing Ward of Hline Township.

The division police force is making arrangements to return the 27 seized bicycles to the owners, and has been taking action against the thieves according to the law.

Myanmar Police Force laid down plans and is performing its functions in cooperation with the people to curb looting, ve-

hicle and bicycle theft and other crimes in Yangon Division. —MNA



Than Bo (a) Bo Bo, 19, son of U Sein Maung, of 49, Than Road, Thayetmyaing Ward, Hline Township. —MNA



Aung Aung, 23, son of U Soe Kyi, of 892 (B), Aungthida Road, Ward 7, Hlinethaya Township. — MNA



Nine bicycles seized from the bicycle thieves.



Eighteen bicycles seized from the bicycle thieves. — MNA

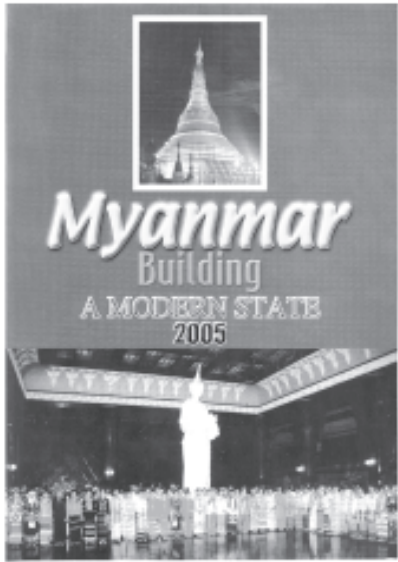
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Invitation to Sale by Competitive Bidding of Htay Myanmar Cold Store and Processing Plant.

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 basis 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.

Second Egyptian dies from bird flu virus

CAIRO, 28 March — A second Egyptian has died from the bird flu virus, Egyptian Health Minister Hatem el-Gabali said on Monday.

An official from the World Health Organization (WHO) told Reuters the latest victim of the H5N1 strain was a woman who had been in a critical condition on a ventilator before her death on Monday morning.

"This is the second death due to bird flu in Egypt," Egypt's state news agency MENA quoted Gabali as saying.

The woman from Qaloubiyah, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Cairo, contracted the disease after coming into close contact with infected birds, Gabali said. The first fatality was from the same province.

Egypt said on Sunday a fifth person had caught what appeared to be bird flu but was treated with Tamiflu — the drug used to fight bird flu in humans — and was in good condition.

MNA/Reuters

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World Animal Health Organization declares Uruguay free of BSE

MONTEVIDEO, 28 March — The Paris-based World Animal Health Organization has declared Uruguay free of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow disease", local media reported on Monday.

Uruguay will then begin negotiating with the organization's 160 member nations to get full certification at the group's annual general meeting in May, the report said.

Uruguay, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand are expected to be the first nations to win the honour. According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, the BSE cases have been dropping at the rate of some 50 per cent each year over the past three years.—MNA/Xinhua

Six killed in bus accident in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 28 March — Six people were killed and one injured Monday as a bus rammed a minibus in a deadly road accident in northwestern Bangladesh, private news agency UNB reported Monday.

Police and locals said a Dhaka-bound bus from northwestern Rangpur District hit the minibus coming from the opposite direction at about 1 p.m. (07:00 GMT) Monday in northwestern Bogra District, leaving five minibus passengers dead on the spot and two others injured.—MNA/Xinhua

Driver Dana killed in IndyCar crash

WASHINGTON, 28 March — Driver Paul Dana died on Sunday after two car crashed during the warmup for the season-opening Toyota Indy 300 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

The 30-year-old Dana slammed into the left-rear of a car driven by Ed Carpenter at about 322 kilometres per hour. Carpenter had spun, hit the wall and nearly come to a stop on the 2.4-kilometre oval track, said Tom Blattler, a spokesman for Dana. Both drivers were ferried by helicopter to Jackson Memorial Hospital in downtown Miami, trauma personnel worked on Dana and then pronounced him dead at the hospital a little before noon. Carpenter was listed in stable condition at the hospital, according to Henry Bock, the Indy Racing League's senior director of medical services.

Dana was in his second year in the open-wheel racing series and this year he had joined the Rahal-Letterman team, named after owners TV talk show host David Letterman and racing legend Bobby Rahal. Dana, a St Louis native and Indianapolis resident, was a runner-up in the 2004 Indy Pro Series standings.

MNA/Xinhua

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A car stands under a damaged light pole at the scene where a violent storm knocked down three cranes, killing two operators at a construction site in the suburb of Harburg in Hamburg, northern Germany, on 28 March, 2006.— INTERNET



The Maria Isabel Sheraton hotel, which is located in one of Mexico City's busiest corners is seen behind Mexico's famous Statue of Independence.

INTERNET

CPPCC chairman meets Indonesian officials

JAKARTA, 28 March — China and Indonesia are willing to push forward the development of their strategic partnership to a greater depth, senior leaders from both countries said as they met in this capital city of Indonesia on Monday.

Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, held talks with Hidayat Nur Wahid, chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia.

In the same day, Jia also met with Ginandjar Kartasasmita, head of the Regional Representatives Council of Indonesia.

During the meetings, Jia made positive comment on the development of bilateral relations. He said China

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MNA/Xinhua

Five explosions hit Ethiopian capital

ADDIS ABABA, 28 March — Five separate explosions hit Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa on Monday, killing one person and injuring at least 14 others, police said.

Police said in a

statement that one person was killed and three others injured when the first explosion occurred in a minibus at around 9:00 am (0600 GMT).

Over the next few hours in different parts of the capital, separate explosions hit a small cafe, a guard shack, a slaughterhouse and outside a house in a residential suburb, said the police statement, which was read on state television.

"The explosions which caused loss of life and destruction of property are aimed at disrupting the peaceful lives of citizens," it said. The explosions were "deliberate attempt bent on prohibiting the public from doing their day-to-day activities while they were targeted civilians and public properties," the statement said. Police are launching an extensive investigation and man-hunt to catch the perpetrators, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

China issues human organ transplant regulation

BEIJING, 28 March— China's Ministry of Health on Monday issued a temporary regulation on human organ transplants, explicitly banning the sale of organs and introducing a set of medical standards for organ transplants in an effort to guarantee medical safety and the health of patients. Mao Qun'an, the ministry's spokesman, said that the temporary regulations ban any kind of organ dealing, require the medical institutions to obtain a written agreement from the donors before the transplant and donors are entitled to refuse the donation at the last minute.

The regulation, effective from 1 July, requires medical institutions to register at provincial level health departments. Class Three A hospitals, China's top ranking com-

prehensive hospitals, can apply for registration if they have doctors with clinical organ transplant qualifications, the related

transplant equipment, a good management system and a medical ethics committee.

MNA/Xinhua



British model Lily Cole poses at a traffic intersection during a photo shoot on Orchard Road in Singapore on 26 March, 2006.— INTERNET

Rains aggravate cholera epidemic in Angola

LUANDA, 28 March — Recent heavy rains appear to have intensified the threat from the six-week-

old cholera epidemic affecting the Angolan capital's poor neighbourhoods.

Health officials announced 84 new cases and one additional death on Sunday for a total of 23 deaths out of 815 cases reported since 13 February.

They said heavy rains in Luanda one week earlier appeared to have aggravated poor sanitary conditions in the city's shack-town suburbs, boosting the number of new cholera cases registered daily.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Iraqis killed in rocket attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 March — Two civilians were killed and ten others wounded when two rockets hit a residential area in southern Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"The first rocket struck a building of the Fadhila Party in Zaafaraniyah neighbourhood, killing a civilian and wounding eight others," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Arsenal eye semis after beating Juventus 2-0

LONDON, 29 March — Goals by Cesc Fabregas and Thierry Henry gave Arsenal an impressive 2-0 home victory over Juventus in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday as the Italians finished with nine men.

Spanish teenager Fabregas gave Arsenal a 40th minute lead off Henry's pass and returned the favour by setting up the skipper to score against his old club in the 69th minute.

It was a miserable return to Highbury for Juventus's former Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira, who was robbed in the build-up to the opening goal and whose yellow card will rule him out next week's return leg in Turin.

Mauro Camoranesi and Jonathan Zebina will also miss out after picking up red cards in the closing

minutes of a game that left Arsenal in sight of their first appearance in the semi-finals.

Arsene Wenger's side, who knocked out Real Madrid in the last round, were convincing winners and will feel their moment for a serious tilt at the trophy has finally come. After a tight first 30 minutes, Arsenal gradually took the upper hand in terms of possession but failed to make it count with their final pass.

The move for the opening goal began when Robert Pires robbed Vieira

of possession with a rare tackle and fed the ball to the Arsenal skipper. Henry's threaded pass allowed Fabregas to swivel and fire past a static Gianluigi Buffon from the edge of the area.

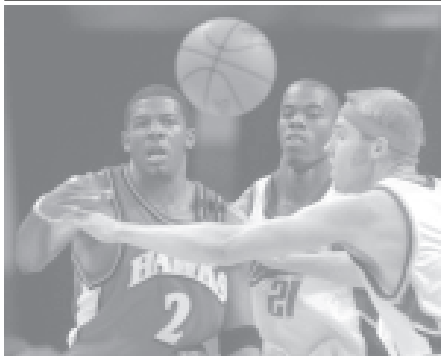
Henry very nearly added a second soon after when he broke through down the left side but his angled shot across the goal stayed wide of the far post.

He went close again after the break when a cushioned shot was smartly turned round for a corner by Buffon.

Further chances inside the area went begging for Fabregas and Alexander Hleb as Arsenal drove forward, before Henry's luck finally came good in the 69th minute.

Arsenal's umpteenth attack of the night put Fabregas through and, with Buffon at his mercy, the midfielder unselfishly squared the ball for the French striker to score into an empty net.

MNA/Reuters



Atlanta Hawks' Joe Johnson (2) passes the ball as he is trapped by Charlotte Bobcats players Bernard Robinson (21) and Jake Voskuhl, right, during the second half of the Bobcats' 125-117 win in their NBA basketball game in Charlotte, NC on 28 March, 2006.—INTERNET

Blatter warns G14 of "war" over international

LONDON, 29 March — FIFA president Sepp Blatter has warned Europe's richest clubs he is ready to go to "war" if they refuse to release players for international matches.

The club versus country battle has been brought sharply into focus this month in a court case where Belgian club Charleroi have demanded compensation from FIFA after one of their players, Abdelmajid Oulmers, was injured playing for Morocco in 2004.

While the G14 has not said it would stop players representing their countries, it has thrown its weight behind Charleroi's case.

"If they (G14) want war, they will have it," Blatter said during a visit to open the new headquarters of the Tunisian football federation on Monday.

The G14 clubs, who are also supporting French champions Olympique Lyon in a similar case, have been at loggerheads with FIFA over regulations for the release of players for internationals.

MNA/Reuters

Favourites Barcelona held by Benfica in Lisbon

LISBON, 29 March — Favourites Barcelona let Benfica off lightly with some poor finishing in a Champions League quarter-final first leg on Tuesday that was far more exciting than the 0-0 scoreline.

Midfielders Deco and striker Samuel Eto'o were guilty of bad misses after being set up by Ronaldinho while Benfica's Brazilian goalkeeper Marcelo Moretto saved well with his foot from Mark van Bommel in a one-sided first half.

Barcelona controlled the match although their keeper Victor Valdes

also made decisive stops from lively substitute Fabrizio Miccoli and the home side's captain Simao Sabrosa in an evenly contested second period featuring Benfica counter-attacks.

"It was a shame we couldn't score, but the team worked hard and played quite well," Barca coach Frank Rijkaard told a Spanish TV

station.

"In the next game we're sure to score. Normally a draw away from home is a good result."

Moretto also pushed a Henrik Larsson effort from the right onto the near post and made a fine diving save from Van Bommel in the final half hour.

MNA/Reuters

English FA Embrace song for 2006 World Cup

LONDON, 29 March — The Football Association said on

Tuesday that Yorkshire rock band Embrace would record England's

official world cup song, following in the footsteps of the likes of New Order and the Spice Girls.

The song, titled "World at Your Feet", will be released before the start of the tournament in Germany on 9 June.

"We think we've got a really good song and hopefully it will repeat the success of previous songs such as New Order's World in Motion," said Embrace lead singer Danny McNamara.

The official England song is always highly anticipated among soccer fans and has often proved to be a massive chart hit.

The first successful single, which featured the entire England squad, was released in 1970 when "Back Home" reached number one.

New Order's anthem in 1990, which famously featured a rap by England winger John Barnes, was another chart-topper while "Three Lions" by the Lightning Seeds featuring comedy duo Frank Skinner and David Baddiel went to number one in 1996 and 1998.

However, some efforts have proved less popular with England's supporters.

MNA/Reuters

Washington Nationals pitcher Ramon Ortiz delivers against the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of a night spring training baseball game at Space Coast Stadium, on 28 March, 2006 in Viera, Fla.
INTERNET



Wenger rues absent third goal against Juventus

LONDON, 29 March — Manager Arsene Wenger said he regretted his young Arsenal side had not beaten Juventus by an even bigger margin after Tuesday's stirring 2-0 Champions League victory.

Goals by 18-year-old Spanish midfielder Francesc Fabregas and captain Thierry Henry secured a precious quarter-final, first leg triumph over the twice European

champions at Highbury.

But it was still not quite enough for Wenger, who told a news conference: "I'm very happy with the performance, the fluency,

the speed and the technical part of the game we want to play. The team is getting better and better. "The regret I have is that I felt there was one more goal in this game for us — especially with some of the action in the second half. "With the number of set-pieces we had, maybe we should have had one more goal."

The Frenchman remained upbeat, though, about Arsenal's chances of reaching the competition's semi-finals for the first time.

"I believe we can go through and that we will finish the job at Juventus, but there's still a lot to come," he said.

"We have done half the job and we want to finish it next week."

MNA/Reuters



Andres de Souza (R) of Bolivia's Bolivar battles for the ball against Ivan Garrido of Colombia's Independiente Santa Fe during their Copa Libertadores soccer match at the Hernando Siles Stadium in La Paz, 28 March, 2006.
INTERNET

Don't smoke

Blair greeted by anti-war protest in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, 29 March — British Prime Minister Tony Blair was greeted by noisy anti-Iraq war protesters as he began a visit to New Zealand on Tuesday.

A group of 80 to 100 demonstrators, chanting "Blood on your hands" and "British Army, killing machine", lined up opposite Auckland Town Hall as Blair joined New

Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark at a reception.

The demonstrators held up banners saying "Workers unite against the war of terror" and "Stop the war on Iraq" as

they protested against the 24-hour visit by US President George W. Bush's main ally in the Iraq war.

"Tony Blair has been in party to prosecuting an illegal war and it's im-

portant for people to bear witness to that," demonstrator David Parker, a Green Party supporter, said.

Inside the town hall, Blair spoke of changes taking place in Europe and the need for them to happen more quickly.

"But I think there are signs that the European Union understands that if it's going to compete in the modern world, it does that best by being open, by taking down some of the barriers to trade," said Blair, who holds talks with Clark on Wednesday.

New Zealand opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq without United Nations' sanction, but did send a detachment of engineers to help in reconstruction in 2004.

Blair flew to New Zealand on Tuesday from Australia where he was asked repeatedly by reporters about his political future. British newspapers reported on Monday that Blair — who has said he will not seek a fourth term — had decided when to stand aside but was not yet revealing the date.

MNA/Reuters

Strong earthquake jolts Tokyo area

TOKYO, 29 March — A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 jolted the Tokyo area on Tuesday evening, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage and no tsunami

warning was issued.

The quake, which struck at 10:33 pm (1333 GMT), was felt most strongly north of the capital.

The epicentre of the tremor was about 410 kilometres (255 miles) below the seabed in the

Pacific Ocean south of Japan's main island of Honshu, the agency said.

The quake originated about 430 kilometres (270 miles) off the coast of Tokyo, *Kyodo News* service said.

MNA/Reuters



A bridegroom, clad in ancient costumes, pulls a rickshaw in which sits his bride in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 March. INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 29 March, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa, Sagaing, Mandalay, Myingyan, Kyaukse, Minbu, Magway and Pakokku (42°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded was Myeik (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-3-2006 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 29-3-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 29-3-2006 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 28-3-2006 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 29-3-2006 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 (7) mph from Southeast at (15:40) hours MST on 28-3-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Andaman Sea and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-3-2006: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increases of day temperatures are likely in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Naypyidaw and neighbouring area for 30-3-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-3-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-3-2006: Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 30 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
- 7:50 am
- 5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
- 6. အရေးကြီးပုံ
- 8:10 am
- 7. Dance variety

- 8:20 am
- 8. သံလွင်တံတား (တတလိ)
- 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. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
- 5. အစေးသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခပေးအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခပေး)
- 5:05 pm
- 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:15 pm
- 7. လတ်ဆင့်တမ်းစား ဂီတအား
- 5:25 pm
- 8. အရေးကြီးပုံ
- 5:30 pm
- 9. "သတိနဲ့ ယဉ် အသိနဲ့ ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

- (ငါးစယ်ဓမ္မစောင်၊ ဘုန်းလှန်၊ မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊ ရတနာစင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်စုံစိုး၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းရီ ဇင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ် ခေပြေဦး)
- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:40 pm
- 10. Musical programme
- 5:50 pm
- 11. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:00 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 14. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ
- 6:50 pm
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းလွှဲ "ဆောင်စဉ်အတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းလွှဲ "နွမ်းဆီဆီမတ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 20. The next day's programme



Thursday, 30 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

40-foot rural bridge, 3,360-foot rural road opened in Mon State

YANGON, 29 March — A 40-foot rural bridge was opened in Mudon Township Mon State on 25 March.

The 16-foot wide concrete bridge on Mudon-Kawhparan Road was built at a cost of K 7.53 million, to which Township Development Affairs Committee contributed K 4.83 million and the public K 2.7 million.

At the ceremony held near the bridge, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing unveiled the plaque.

Director of Mon State Development Affairs Committee U Aung Kyaw Nyein presented the commemorative pennant to the commander.

Chairman of Mawlamyine District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Aung, U Aung Kyaw

Nyein and Chairman of the Bridge Construction Committee U Kyaw Than formally opened the bridge.

Executive Officer of Mudon Township DAC U Phone Lwin explained the usefulness of the bridge, and U San Htay of Kawhparan village, on behalf of the local people, expressed words of thanks.

Afterwards, the commander inspected test production of honey at a rubber farm of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise at Tagundaing village.

Officials explained the process of producing wax and honey.

The commander then attended the ceremony to open Pyidawtha tarred road at Kyonkadet village, Thanbyuzayat Township. Officials explained the purpose of building the road. A local resident expressed words of thanks.

Officials presented the commemorative pennant to the commander.

The commander unveiled the signboard, and officials formally opened the facility.

The road is 3,360 feet long and 12 feet wide. It was built at a cost of over K 16.41 million. The Township DAC contributed over K 6.87 million and the public about K 9.27 million.

The commander also paid respects to the Sayadaw of the village monastery, and presented offerings to him.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing then inspected the approach railroad of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), Mottama/Kywechan railway station, and tarring of the entrance road to the station. He made arrangements for the speedy completion of the projects. — MNA

Dengue hemorrhagic fever prevention movement launched in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 29 March — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, inspected prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever, co-organized by Health Department and YCDC, in Thakayta Township this morning.

At the office of the Township Development Committee on Myindawtha Road in Thakayta Township, the commander and the mayor heard reports on supply of water to 19 wards of the township and prevention against DHF in townships of four districts in the division presented by officials.

The commander, the mayor and party oversaw participation of employees of the Health Department, YCDC, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and local people in taking dengue hemorrhagic fever prevention measures such as sanitation at drains, spraying insecticide, and cleaning water at lakes and wells.

Later, they cordially conversed with the local people. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cordially converse with local people after inspecting preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Thakayta Township. — MNA

61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 29 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 fourth day. It was packed with the visitors.

In Southern Command's booth, King Bayintnaung's dynasty, nation-building endeavours, performances for rice sufficiency and trading in the time of Bayintnaung, measures (See page 8)



Students visit booths at 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition. — MNA

Weather Forecast for 30-3-2006

Naypyidaw & neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.

Yangon & neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.

Mandalay & neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.