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## The Patriotic Tatmadaw

The Patriotic Tatmadaw had upheld the Union Spirit and laid down the national policy of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity in order to perpetuate the sovereignty. All the national races must always preserve the Union Spirit as patriotic spirit.

**Senior General Than Shwe**  
 Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council  
 Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From address delivered at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade)

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2008. — MNA

## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress rehearsal of parade columns at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected dress rehearsal of parade columns that will take part in the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade for 2008, at the Parade Ground, here, this morning. (See page 6)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress rehearsal of parade columns at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground. — MNA

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



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Build more dams for boosting crop production

Irrigation water is indispensable for the agriculture sector. The government has built a cluster of dams and reservoirs and sluice gates whenever and wherever necessary for supply of irrigation water as well as for protecting of wetlands from floods.

With the emergence of a large number of irrigation facilities the irrigated sown acreage has increased, thereby contributing to boosting of crop production. At present, there are over 28 million acres of cultivable land including over five million acres of irrigated land.

With sufficient irrigation water, the crop production has increased with the output of 1,500 million baskets of paddy and of 4.5 million baskets of pulses and beans. The production of edible oil crops and other crops has also increased.

Khabaung Multipurpose Dam in Ottwin Township, Bago Division was opened on 23 March. The facility is the 209th of its kind in the nation and the 45th in the division.

The dam will benefit 100,000 acres of farmlands of 61 village-tracts in Toungoo and Ottwin Townships. At the same time, it will contribute to meeting the target of cultivating 3 million acres of monsoon paddy and 400,000 acres of summer paddy in Bago Division. Being a multipurpose dam, the facility will be able to generate electricity in addition to supplying water for agricultural purpose.

At a time when multipurpose dams are being built the length and breadth of the nation for supply of drinking and irrigation water and supply of electricity it is incumbent upon local farmers to engage in extended cultivation of paddy and other crops.



On behalf wellwishers, members of the board of trustees of Hnakeyikshitsu Pagoda on Hlawga Garden Road in Hmawby Township present precious stones to an expert for silver-smith. Wellwishers donated precious stones to the pagoda to be used for the diamond buds and Hngatmyatnardaw of two pagodas built near Hlawga Monastery in Hmawby. — 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

### Merit sharing ceremony to mark completion of self-reliance power supply tasks in Kyaukpadung

YANGON, 24 March — A ceremony to share merit for completion of the connection of cables to supply power to Hnit-kyat-kwe Village and Myattheindaw Htidawshin Pagoda four miles from Kyaukpadung will be held at the village on 6 April.

U Min Hla Aung and Daw Kyu Kyu Mar of Naga Nyinaung Robe Shop on Konzaydan Road, Yangon, set up the funds for supplying power to the village and the pagoda and local residents also contributed cash to the funds.

Famous vocalists U Min Naung, U Maung Maung Gyi, Daw Tin Tin Mya, Daw Htar, Hinthada Tun Yin, Soe Sandar Tun and other vocalists will entertain audience with songs at the city hall in Kyaukpadaung on 5 April and at the stage in compound of the pagoda on 6 April. Meals will be served to visitors free during the ceremony at the pagoda. — MNA

### Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Mrs Dora Bakogianni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2008. — MNA

### Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikhmawwun Pagoda held

YANGON, 24 March — The 89th Buddha Pujaniya

of Kyaik-hmawwun Yelae Pagoda was held at the Pagoda in Kyauktan Township on 21 March.

It was attended by Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Aung Nyein and members, Chairman of the township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Khin and wellwishers.

At the ceremony, wellwishers offered soon and provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

In the evening, the donors donated rice and provisions to Members of the Sangha.

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Well-wishers donate cash to a Sayadaw at Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikhmawwun Yelae Pagoda. H

### Tarred roads opened in Bago to mark 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the ceremonies to open tarred roads in the town of Kanyutkwin undertaken by Phyu Township Development Affairs Committee in Bago Division were held at the archway of the junction of No 5 road and Maikthalin road on 22 March. It was attended by Director-General U Myo Myint of Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and guests.

Townselder U Than Soe spoke words of thanks. Next, Director U Myo

Naing Aung of Bago Division Development Affairs Committee and Chairman of Toungoo District Peace and Development Council U Tin Win cut the ribbon to

open the No 5 road. The Director-General and guests looked into the No 5 and No 4 roads.

Chairman of Phyu PDC U Tin Swe Myint, Executive Officer U Than

Lin Tun and townselder U Aung Myint cut the ribbon to open Ywama 1 road. The Director-General and guests looked into the Ywama 1 and Sattaung 1 and 2 roads.

DAD



Director-General U Myo Myint and officials of PBANRDA stroll over a newly opened tarred road in Kanyutkwin. DAD



# German anti-war activists demonstrate

BERLIN, 24 March—Thousands of German peace activists took to the streets Saturday to demonstrate against war, German news agency DPA reported.

The focus of the protests, which marked the 50th year of the Easter marches, were conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. "This is a signal from a truly anti-war movement," said Willi van Ooyen, the chief organizer in recent years.

"Halt the foreign deployment of German troops," was the slogan on banners in Munich, in reference mainly to the 3,500 German troops

deployed in Afghanistan. Organizers said some 1,500 people joined the march in Frankfurt, some 1,000 people turned out in the southwestern city of Stuttgart, and protests were also held in Hanover, Wiesbaden, Munich, Augsburg and Erlangen.

Although peace marches began in Germany in 1960, the movement is marking its 50th anniversary, dating its birth to the 1958 march in Britain from central London to the nuclear armaments facility at Aldermaston.

MNAXinhua

*Protesters shout a slogan during a rally against an alleged rape in February of a 14-year-old girl by an American serviceman in Okinawa islands, southwestern Japan, on 23 March, 2008.*

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## Manila to demolish shanties for polluting lake

MANILA, 24 March — The Philippine officials in Metro Manila will have tens of thousands of shanties demolished near a big lake close to Manila due to deteriorating water pollution by the squatters, reported local television network GMA News on

Sunday.

The shanties belonging to an estimated 32,000 squatter families along the shoreline of Laguna Lake, which borders Pasig and Taguig cities of Metro Manila, will soon be demolished to save the lake from further

deterioration, said the report.

Officials said the shoreline of Laguna Lake stretches a total of 280 kilometers. It is the largest lake in the Philippines and the second largest inland freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. —Xinhua

*A worker paints a sculpture imitating the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, on 23 March, 2008. The sculpture is made to celebrate the upcoming 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, local media reported.—INTERNET*



## Okinawa people hold anti-US rally

TOKYO, 23 March — About 6,000 people held an anti-US rally on Sunday in southern Japan's Okinawa Prefecture, calling for revising a basic Japan-US security law and reducing the US military presence on the island.

The rally, organized by local women's groups and labour unions in the town of Chatan, was in protest against a series of crimes involving US servicemen since mid-February, when a US Marine allegedly raped a local minor girl.

Okinawa has been

lodging protests against the governments of Japan and the United States as crimes and accidents have been repeated due to the presence of the military bases here, but the voices have been trampled upon and heinous incidents have continued, Okinawa city Mayor Mitsuko Tomon said while addressing the rally.

A resolution passed by the rally said the US army failed to fulfill its promise of strengthening discipline and preventing recurrence of crimes, and pertaining problems could never be resolved only by "improved implementation" of the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement.—Internet

## Man stabs eight in Japan shopping mall, one dead

TOKYO, 24 March—A 24-year-old man went on a stabbing rampage in a Japanese shopping mall on Sunday, killing one person and of injuring seven, Japanese media reported.

Police in Tsuchiura, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) northeast of Tokyo,

arrested the man, who had been wanted as a suspect in a separate killing earlier this month, *Kyodo News* agency reported.

At least one of the seven injured was in critical condition, Japanese media said.

MNA/Reuters

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Tainted tap water sickens nearly 140 people in US town

LOS ANGELES, 24 March—Tap water tainted with salmonella has sickened nearly 140 people in Alamosa, a small town in Colorado, health officials confirmed on Saturday.

Among those infected, seven have been hospitalized for treatment, authorities said. The incident prompted Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to declare an emergency, activate the National Guard and provide as much as 300,000 US dollars for response efforts. —MNA/Xinhua

## Four US soldiers killed in Iraq, death toll 4,000

BAGHDAD, 24 March—A roadside bomb killed four US soldiers in southern Baghdad on Sunday, the military said, bringing the number of US military deaths to 4,000 since the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The statement on Monday said one US soldier was wounded in the attack on the patrol.

What impact the grim milestone will have on a war-weary American public and the US presidential campaign will be hard to assess in the short term, but war critics are likely to seize on it to bolster their case for US troops to withdraw.

The US military dismisses such tolls as arbitrary markers. "It is artificial in the sense that somehow the 4,000th tragic loss somehow will be different from the first," US military spokesman Rear Admiral Greg Smith told *Reuters* in an interview last week.

"I don't want to say that we shouldn't recognize that as a milestone. It's something that we're not focused on and certainly not going to attribute any more or any less to than any other soldier's death," he said.—MNA/Reuters

*People look at the flooded section of M0-141 at the intersection of I-44 in Valley Park, Mo, on 22 March, 2008. Heavy flooding caused much damage to the area.*

INTERNET





# Korean reunification not depend on foreign forces

PYONGYANG, 24 March — The issue of reunification, peace and prosperity of the Korean Peninsula should be settled by the Koreans themselves rather than depending on foreign forces, the official *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper said Saturday in a signed article.

If foreign forces are allowed to interfere, the situation will be more complicated, making it harder to expect any solution to the reunification issue, it said.

All the issues arising from the inter-Korean relations including the reunification of the peninsula should only be

handled by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and South Korea, it added.

The article said the anti-reunification forces at home and abroad were hamstringing the efforts to implement the 4 October declaration signed by top DPRK leader Kim Jong Il and South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun last year. In the declaration, the DPRK and South Korea pledged to work together to establish a permanent peace mechanism to replace the current truce status on the peninsula and achieve common prosperity through expanding economic cooperation.—*Xinhua*



**Palestinian prisoners cross the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza on 23 March, 2008. Egyptian authorities Sunday released a group of 34 Palestinians imprisoned in Egypt after Hamas blew open the Gaza-Egypt border in January and Gazans crossed en masse for a week into Egypt, an Egyptian security official said.**

XINHUA

## Roadside bomb kills two US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 March— A roadside bomb killed two US soldiers northwest of Baghdad on Saturday, the US military said, bringing the number killed since the US-led invasion of Iraq five years ago to at least 3,995.

Two Iraqi civilians were also killed in the attack, and one other US soldier was wounded, the military said.

As the number of US

troops killed in Iraq nears 4,000, critics of the war are likely to renew their calls for a speedy US troop withdrawal from Iraq.

Roadside bombs are the biggest killers of US soldiers in Iraq. The deaths come a day after a US soldier died from wounds sustained from "indirect fire", a term commonly used by the military to refer to a mortar or rocket attack. — *MNA/Reuters*

## One killed as tunnel collapsed under Gaza border

GAZA, 24 March — A Palestinian young man was killed and three wounded on Saturday after an underground tunnel under the border between Gaza Strip and Egypt collapsed, witnesses and medics said.

Mo'aweya Hassanein, chief of emergency and ambulance services in the Palestinian Health Ministry said that the body of Imad el-Ashi, 20, was found under the rubble of a collapsed tunnel under the border with Egypt.

Hassanein said that three were found alive under the tunnel and were taken to Rafah Town hospital for urgent medical treatment.

Witnesses said the four entered into the tunnel on

Friday, which collapsed early on Saturday.

Two weeks ago, another Palestinian was killed when another tunnel under the border between Gaza and Egypt collapsed on him.

*Xinhua*

**Residents bathe in a waterfall to beat the scorching heat at the Wawa dam in Montalban city, east of Manila on 22 March, 2008.—XINHUA**



## All items from Xinhua News Agency



**Workers on a boat conduct rescue operation at the water where the 80-metre-long (264-foot-long) Ukrainian boat, currently lying upside down at a depth of 35 metres (115 feet) in Hong Kong on 23 March, 2008.**  
XINHUA

## 18 still missing after boats collision in HK

HONG KONG, 24 March — Eighteen people are still missing after two boats bumped into each other Saturday night in Hong Kong, according to local media Sunday morning.

After spending the night

searching for the missing, who were thrown into the water by the force of the collision, marine police and other rescuers had rescued seven people, including one Chinese and six Ukrainian of a tugboat, local media reported.

The accident occurred near the Brothers, an island group located between Tun Men and the Hong Kong International Airport, at around 1300 GMT Saturday when a container-carrying freighter and a tugboat collided. — *Xinhua*

## China launches to protect Yangtze River

BEIJING, 24 March — China's Ministry of Education and UNESCO have launched a conservation project here to protect the Yangtze River in celebration of this year's World Water Day that falls on Saturday.

The "Water School for a Living Yangtze" aims to restore the ecological integrity of the Yangtze through public participation in sustainable water

resource management, said an official with the Education Ministry.

The project will develop teaching material on water conservation, train teachers, support related community activities and promote exchange at home and abroad. It will be carried out in three pilot sites along the River Yangtze: Shangrila, Sichuan and Shanghai.

More than 10,000

students are expected to participate in the programme in the first three years.

The educational programme, part of the "Water for Life" conducted by the United Nations, is sponsored by Swarovski, the world's leading producer of precision-cut crystal. Swarovski will raise around 1.5 million euros for the programme.

*Xinhua*

## Russian journalist murdered because of profession

MOSCOW, 24 March— Investigators said Saturday that one of the two murdered Russian journalists was killed because of his work in journalism, Russia's RIA news agency reported.

Two television journalists from Russia's southern republic of Dagestan were murdered on Friday in two separate

incidents. Ilyas Shurpayev, a journalist with Russia's state-run Channel One, was found stabbed to death in Moscow. Gadzhi Abashilov, head of Dagestan's state-run television station, was gunned down the same day in his car in Dagestan, a volatile province in the North Caucasus.

Investigators said that Abashilov's murder was

possibly connected with his professional work.

"The investigation is considering several versions. However, the main one is linked to Abashilov's professional activities," said Vladimir Markin, the official spokesman for the Investigation Committee under the Prosecutor-General's Office. — *Xinhua*



# COSCO Shipping reports 2007 net profit up 84%

BEIJING, 24 March—COSCO Shipping Co, a specialized equipment carrier under China's top shipper COSCO Group, said Friday its net profit rose 84.3 per cent in 2007 on surging transport demand fuelled by the booming foreign trade.

Net profit reached 1.07 billion yuan (150.7 million US dollars) or 1.64 yuan a share, from 583 million yuan or 0.89 yuan a share in 2006, the Guangzhou-based company said in a

statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Operating revenue climbed to 5.33 billion yuan last year, up 38.3 per cent from a year earlier, it said. About 60 per cent of the revenue came from shipping by multi-purpose vessels.

Revenue from export shipping surged 44.2 per cent to 2.55 billion yuan, while revenue from import shipping rose 3.24 per cent to 816.4 million yuan.

The company's

transport capacity could not meet the market demand as emerging economies such as China and India boosted the sustained and fast development of the international shipping market, the statement said.

Demand will remain strong this year with steady growth in the world economy and trade, despite the lingering sub-mortgage crisis and rocketing international oil prices, it forecast.—MNA/Xinhua



*Ships and dhows await their cargo at the traditional port of Dubai Creek. Trade between China and the Gulf emirate of Dubai jumped to 19.4 billion dollars in 2007, almost all of it in imports from Beijing, according to figures released in Dubai on Saturday.—INTERNET*

## Nestle warns biofuel boom threatens food supplies

ZURICH, 24 March—Growing use of such crops as wheat and corn to make biofuels is putting world food supplies in peril, the head of Nestle, the world's biggest food and beverage company, warned on Sunday. "If as predicted we look to use biofuels to satisfy 20 percent of the growing demand for oil products, there will be nothing left to eat," chairman and chief executive Peter Brabeck-Letmathe said.

"To grant enormous subsidies for biofuel production is morally unacceptable and irresponsible," he told the Swiss newspaper *NZZ am Sonntag*.

While the competition is driving up the price of maize, soya and wheat,

land for cultivation is becoming rare and water sources are also under threat, Brabeck said.

His remarks echoed concerns raised by the United Nations' independent expert on the right to food, Jean Ziegler.

Speaking at the UN General Assembly last year, Ziegler called for a five-year moratorium on all initiatives to develop biofuels in order to avert what he said might be "horrible" food shortages.—Internet



*A woman uses an ATM in a file photo.*

*A cash machine became a big hit this week after it started paying out twice as much money as it should.*

INTERNET

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### BoE, Fed deny mortgage security buyout plan

LONDON/WASHINGTON, 23 March—The Federal Reserve and Bank of England denied a report on Saturday that they were in talks over possibly using public funds to make mass purchases of mortgage-backed securities to ease the global credit crisis.

However, the Bank of England said it was considering a number of other, unspecified options to address the turmoil in financial markets, which has continued despite the injection by central banks of billions of dollars of liquidity and cuts in interest rates.

*The Financial Times*, without citing sources, said central banks on both sides of the Atlantic were in talks about the feasibility of buying up mortgage-backed securities — key financial instruments which have plunged in value in recent months, wreaking havoc on banks' balance sheets and shares.—MNA/Reuters

### French SocGen fined over internal system failings

PARIS, 23 March—The French financial market regulator AMF said Friday it had fined French bank Societe Generale 300,000 euros (464,000 dollars) for breaching financial industry's rules and a suspected insider trading. In August 2003, the Amber Fund, a Jersey-based hedge fund then belonged to SocGen, made a large purchase of stocks of a real estate company, Sophia, right before SocGen and a French insurance company sold a large amount of their stocks of Sophia. Societe Generale had been suspected of providing Amber with "privileged information" that led the fund to carry out the acquisitions.

AMF said that it had been unable to find evidence of insider trading of the stocks, but that SocGen's failure to identify a potential conflict of interest and police its system from leaking sensitive information to investment decision-makers were breaches of financial rules.

SocGen said it could not accept the fine, as Amber Fund had been peeled off from the bank since the end of 2005.

Societe Generale was at the centre of the biggest rogue trader scandal in history in January when it revealed losses of 4.9 billion euros (7.55 billion dollars) which it blamed on unauthorized trading by a single employee.—MNA/Xinhua

*Organizers sell chocolate bars that were used to construct a chocolate castle in Zagreb's main square.—INTERNET*

### US firm to invest \$4b in Indonesian pulp factory

JAKARTA, 24 March—US-based paper and pulp company International Paper plans to invest more

than 4 billion US dollars in a pulp factory and industrial forest in Indonesia, local Press said

Monday.

The pulp factory will have the capacity to produce 1.5 million tons of pulper per year, supported by a 500,000-hectare plantation forest, reported major newspaper *The Jakarta Post*.

Central Kalimantan and Papua provinces had been chosen as the investment locations despite a lack of supporting infrastructure because no similar businesses operated there, the newspaper said, quoting a senior official with the Forestry Ministry.—MNA/Xinhua







Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects parade columns in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress...

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Accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura

Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of

Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the attorney-general, members of Committee for Observance of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day and senior military officers, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, arrived at the Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw at 6.30 am where the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade will be held.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected the drill of Tatmadaw members, members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society, Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Cho, Kyansittha Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Col Tin Aung Hsan, Aung Zeya Column led by Column Commander Col Kyaw Than Htay, Hsinbyushin Column led by Column Commander Col Nay Win, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Cho, Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min and Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Aung Myint Oo.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected Tatmadaw members from seven columns, MPF members, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society of the parade companies and gave necessary instructions to officials and left there at 8 am.—MNA

## World TB Day 2008 marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March —Ministry of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) organized a ceremony to mark World TB Day 2008 at the ministry here today.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials concerned of the ministry, members of Myanmar Ma-

ternal and Child Welfare Association, representatives of JICA and others.

First, Dr Hans H Kluge, a medical officer of TB & TB / HIV of WHO, read out a message of the director-general of South-east Asia WHO.

At the donation ceremony, Dr Hans H Kluge handed over Euro 5,000 donated by his parents to Aung San TB Hospital in

Yangon and Mandalay TB Hospital. The donation was accepted by Deputy Director-General Dr San Shwe Win of the Health Department.

After the ceremony, Dr Mya Oo and party browsed photos and booklets on World TB Day displayed at the hall. The motto of World TB Day is "I am Stopping TB."

MNA

## Commander attends opening of paddy husk-fired power station in Twantay



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects paddy husk fired power station at Thawuntaw Village in Twantay Township. — MNA

YANGON, 23 March — Hailing the 63rd Anniversary the medical equipment spending sary Armed Forces Day, the opening of paddy husk-fired power station was held at Thawuntaw village in Twantay Township this morning under the arrangement of Yangon Division Renewable Energy Research and Development Committee.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay

Win pressed the breaker to run the generator and inspected the station.

Next, the commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai went to Thawuntaw Village Health Centre and presented iodized salt, iron tablets and cash assistance to expectant mothers and children under 5.

The newly opened paddy husk-fired generator invented by Myanmar Inventors Cooperative Limited of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone is supplying electricity to 744 households. — MNA

## SAM donates medical equipment

YANGON, 24 March —A ceremony to donate medical equipment to Yangon General Hospital by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) was held at the hospital today.

It was attended by Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha, officials of Health Department, Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar HE Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, President of SAM Mr Teddy Chia and members, member of management board of Yangon General Hospital, professors and officials.

First, the Singaporean Ambassador explained facts about the donation.

Next, the president of

SAM and the Singaporean Ambassador handed over Ultrasound device worths K 10.4 million to the Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital

who presented certificate of honour to them and spoke words of thanks.

SAM donated the medical equipment spending its charitable funds.—MNA



Ambassador of Singapore Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and Chairman of Singapore Association of Myanmar Mr Teddy Chia present Ultrasound Machine to Yangon General Hospital. — MNA



## Progress of Health Sector in the Time of Tatmadaw Government

Sr.	Subject	1988	2007	Progress
1.	<b>Upgrading of hospitals</b>			
	Hospitals under Ministry of Health	631	839	208
	Hospitals under other ministries	14	26	12
2.	<b>Traditional Medicine</b>			
	Traditional Medicine Hospitals	2	14	12
	Traditional Medicine Clinics	89	237	148
3.	<b>Health Department</b>			
	Rural Health Centres	1337	1468	131
	Regional Health Centres	64	86	22
4.	<b>Medicine and Health Teaching</b>			
	Universities	4	15	11
	Training Schools	21	43	22
5.	<b>Health Staff</b>			
	Doctors	12268	26591	14323
	Dentists	857	2305	1448
	Nurses	8349	21781	13432
	Dental Nurses	96	175	79
	Health Assistant	1238	3790	2552
	Health Staff	1557	3523	1966
	Midwives	8021	20287	12266
	Paramedics	490	4014	3524



**Minbu General Hospital (200-bed)**  
Two-storey building opened on 9-2-2008 at Minbu General Hospital (200-bed) in Minbu of Magway Division.



University of Traditional Medicine opened in Mandalay of Mandalay Division to conduct traditional medical education to students.

## Hailing 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day



### Magway General Hospital

200-bed Teaching Hospital (Magway).

### New Myeik General Hospital

The photo shows New General Hospital (Myeik) in Myeik of Taninthayi Division.





HAILING THE 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY:

# Working together in peace and harmony

Sai Thiha

## Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong



In order to build Myanmar into a sovereign nation after it became independent, the 1947 Constitution was drawn and promulgated hastily according to the wishes of colonialists. In the constitution there were points leading to discords and dissension among national brethren. Under the 1947 Constitution political system in Myanmar was parliamentary democracy system.

In the time of parliamentary democracy there were a series of conflicts and struggles among political groups. Being devastated by WW II

coupled with internal insurgency, Myanmar became a battle field. Due to adverse consequences of parliamentary democracy system, a constitution based on socialist system was drawn and promulgated in 1974. **With a view to ending internal insurgency in the nation the government extended peace to armed groups. Owing to politically sensitive demands from the other side the problem could not be handled in a peaceful way. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to protect lives and property of the people and at the same time discharge national defence duty.**

In 1988, the entire people revealed their wishes for a change in political system. Leftist and rightist destructive elements waiting for an opportune time incited riots and violence by taking advantage of the wishes of the people. The Burma Communist Party insurgents who had plotted to launch above-ground and underground attacks started to wage offensives on the Tatmadaw camps on 14-9-1988. On 23-9-1988, they launched a major offensive against Mongyan in Shan State (East). Confronted with the larger BCP strength of 1,500, the Tatmadaw first had to relinquish some of their camps. After being

reinforced, the Tatmadaw fought back with unyielding spirit. As the battle was fierce the BCP insurgents withdrew in disarray on 30-9-1988.

The KNU insurgents also launched offensives against the Tatmadaw camps in Methawaw region on 26-9-1988. As the insurgents were greater in number the Tatmadaw lost some of the defensive posts. But the battle continued. After they had reinforced themselves the Tatmadaw fought back the insurgents. The Methawaw battle in which the KNU insurgents retreated with heavy casualties took 90 days.

In the history of internal insurgency that ran to 1988, BCP was the strongest underground group in rising against the successive governments. They later had to leave the delta region and Bago Yoma as they were unable to resist the combined attacks of the Tatmadaw and the people. But they were able to control national races in the north-east region while dominating other national race insurgent groups.

However, BCP was a party relying on foreign nations. In the course of their insurgency they practised chauvinism bent on dominating other parties. With changes in political system in the

world the BCP became weak. As such, it is now on the verge of meeting its end.

On 12 March 1989, Kokang national races of Monkoe region fought back the BCP and occupied its Kokang district office. On 14 March, Kokang and Wa national races of BCP North Bureau Brigade-1 arrested leaders of BCP Brigade-888 and disarmed them. On 18 March, Kokang and Wa national races were able to control the North Headquarters (Branch) of the BCP. On 17 April 1989, Wa national races occupied the BCP Headquarters (Pansang).

**Since assuming the State responsibility the Tatmadaw has been practicing the independent and active foreign policy while laying emphasis on bringing about national reconsolidation. In the process, it invited and held peace talks.** The Kokang national races under the name of Myanmar National Races Democratic Alliance (MNDA) returned to the legal fold on 31 March 1989. The Wa national races under the name of Myanmar National Solidarity Party (MNSP) returned to the legal fold on 9 May 1989.

The Shan State Army under the influence of the BCP returned to the legal fold on 24 June 1989. The Shan and Akhar national race armed groups of Shan State (South) and East Mongla region under the name of NDAA returned to the legal fold on 30 June 1989.

The Longwaw and Lacheik national races of East Maykha region under the name of NDA that was under the influence of the BCP

returned to the legal fold on 15 December 1989, bringing the BCP to an end.

The Tatmadaw continues trying to make peace with the remnant national race armed groups. In that regard, it is practising the national policy based on Our Three Main National Causes. It doesn't accept secession while putting in the fore non-disintegration of the Union. It has a strong dislike to conflicts among national races while ensuring national solidarity. Giving top priority to perpetuation of sovereignty the Tatmadaw is constantly warding off dangers to independence.

Every armed group realizing the correct attitude and endeavours of the Tatmadaw has returned to the legal fold. The peace groups accepting Our Three Main National Causes joined hands with the Tatmadaw and are engaged in nation-building endeavours.

The Kachin national races of Kongkha region, Shan State (North) under the name of KDA returned to the legal fold on 11 January 1991. The Pa-O National Organization of Shan State (South) returned to the legal fold on 18 February 1991.

The Palaung State Liberation Army (PSLA) that was once under the influence of the BCP returned to the legal fold on 21 April 1991. During that period most parts of Shan State were able to enjoy peace. And local national races who have been deprived of peace for ages are able to enjoy the fruits of peace.

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**HAILING THE 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY:**

**Working together in peace and harmony**

*Sai Thiha*

(from page 8)

On 27 February 1992, the Kayan National Guard (KNG) also returned to the legal fold.

On 28 April 1992, the government issued the cessation of its operations in order to build peace in Kayin State. In the meantime, it halted its offensives the length and breadth of the nation.

The Tatmadaw halted its offensives as it was truly desirous of the eternal peace. It means that it has paved the way for fostering national reconsolidation. It has always regarded the national race armed groups as the national political forces.

While restoring national reconsolidation, the Tatmadaw had made arrangements for realizing the national goal through the National Convention with the participation of national race delegate groups representing people from all walks of life.

At the pre-coordination meeting for convening the National Convention held on 10-7-1992, the government issued an announcement that the remnant national race armed groups would be entitled to participate in the National Convention if they returned to the legal fold.

The National Convention started on 9 January 1993 with the participation of eight delegate groups including the invited delegate groups consisting of national races who had returned to the legal fold. Those national races

themselves attended the National Convention and held discussions with other national races from various strata.

On 1 October 1993, the Kachin Independent Organization (KIO) returned to the legal fold. On 9 May 1994, Kayinni National People's Liberation Front (KNPLF) returned to the legal fold. On 26 July 1994, the Kayan Pyithit Party (KPP) returned to the legal fold. On 9 October 1994, Shan State Nationalities Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha) returned to the legal fold.

On 28 December 1994, the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA) with a strength of 5,000 that broke away from KNU returned to the legal fold. On 21 March 1995, the Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) returned to the legal fold.

The address of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe made at the parade of the golden jubilee Armed Forces Day held on 27 March 1995 highlighted the need for national reconsolidation as well as the constant opening of peace door for the remnant national race armed groups.

On 29 July 1995 four months after the golden jubilee Armed Forces Day, the New Mon State Party (NMSP) returned to the legal fold.

On 5 January 1996, the Mong Tai Army (MTA) led by U Khun Sa with a strength of 14,000 unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, bringing in together with 9000 assorted arms.

The 17th national

race armed group that returned to the legal fold on 6 April 1997 was Burma Communist Party (Rakine State) led by U Saw Tun Oo.

In a similar manner, Battalion-16 of KNU Brigade-6 led by U Saw Thamu He returned to the legal fold and made peace with the government on 24-2-1997, the KNU Thandaung Region Group led by U Saw Phery Moe on 8-11-1997, a group from KNU (Central) led by Phado Aung San on 17-4-1998 and a breakaway group from KNU Brigade-2 led by U Ko Gyi on 10-11-1999.

On 11-2-2007, a breakaway group of KNU with a strength of 309 together with 11 family members led by Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council Major-General Htay Maung returned to the legal fold.

There are those who could correctly realize the attitude of the Tatmadaw towards peace, there are those who wrongly assume that the Tatmadaw is showing signs of giving in due to its weakness in politics and there are some who attack the Tatmadaw at the instigation of foreign nations. And there are still those who are undermining the peace process of the Tatmadaw.

Whatever may be, peace has prevailed in the whole Union with the exception of some regions where a handful of remnant insurgents such as KNU, SSA-S Ywet Sit group and KNPP that absconded to the jungles again. The successful holding of the National Convention in which

delegates from the respective peace groups had participated has enabled the nation to draw the 2008 State constitution (draft). The approval of State constitution (draft) will be sought through national referendum in May 2008.

**The foundation that would change the trend of future Myanmar politics for the better is none other than the new State constitution. The new Constitution guarantees the fundamental rights of citizens. It creates the opportunities for the entire national people to enjoy rights on equal terms.**

**In the past, due to instigation of foreign nations the national race armed groups fought each other. As a result, they were in trouble and had to live a life of constant fear. Now, they are able to engage in nation-building endeavours together in peace and harmony.**

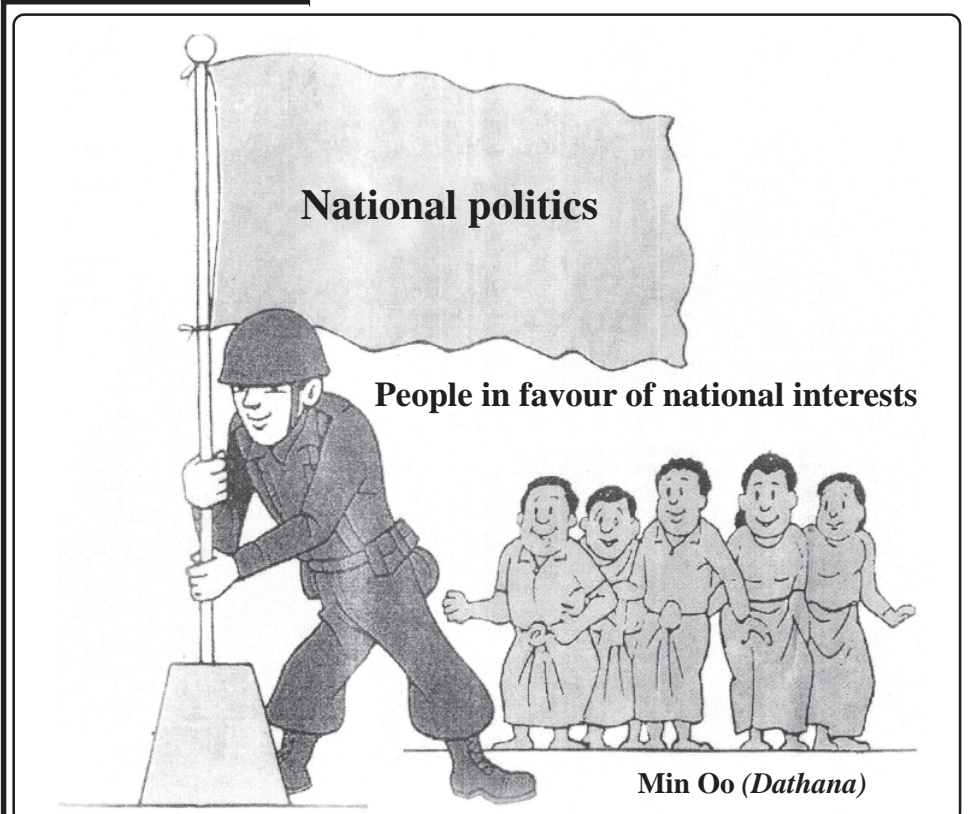
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**POEM:**

**Always for the people**

- \* Myanmar-born Thaki race  
Rooted out every enemy  
With crimson blood since Bagan  
Brave and united they were  
Came out famous Anawrahta  
Whole nation got united  
Powerful was he as ruler  
Peace, prosperity flourished  
Blooming land of Bagan
- \* Enemies he defeated  
Expanding Myanmar  
Building an empire  
With enough power  
Shaking the world  
On sword and strength  
Stood O great Myanmar  
Under Bayintnaung
- \* Famous all over Asia  
Shone Myanmar sword  
Used to eradicate enemies  
Unwavering, but united  
All under single command  
Of Alaungphaya U Aungzeya  
Wrote we history  
In driving out colonialists  
Trying to intrude nation
- \* Set up we people's Tatmadaw  
Fine traditions it has  
Under subjugation  
Nearly fell apart nation  
Fostered it patriotism and unity  
Sacrificing lives and blood  
Fought back Fascists, colonialists  
Independence it restored
- \* While routing saboteurs  
Enemies harming independence  
With zeal it revives economy  
Modern Myanmar to emerge  
National Convention it held  
And drew enduring constitution  
Our trusted Tatmadaw  
Ever stands by the people  
And always for the people

(Hailing the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day)  
Pyinmana Myint Hlaing  
(Translation)





## Commander, Minister meet departmental officials in Myeik



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with departmental officials in Myeik. — MNA

YANGON, 24 March—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan on 22 March met division, district and township level departmental officials at the meeting hall of the command in Myeik and gave necessary instructions.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo made an

opening speech on the occasion. In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that being persons who are responsible for bridging the government and the people, service personnel are required to discharge duties straightforwardly and to constantly try their best to become ones on whom the people can rely.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo.—MNA

## Myanmar ICT Exhibition continues for second day

YANGON, 24 March — Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2008 continued for the second day at Tatmadaw Hall on U Wizara Road in Dagon Township today.

At the exhibition, there were 166 booths displayed by 82 companies. ISO-recognized computers and accessories, Note Books, new technologies on Networking, Software Solutions, computer

Visitors view Toshiba brand laptop computers displayed at Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2008.



training courses, CD, electronic components and pamphlets were also displayed and sold. The exhibition continues till 25 March. — MNA

## Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) to be opened on 26 March

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — The opening ceremony of the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) will be held on 26 March.

The Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was completed under the arrangement of the Ministry of Forestry in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

One can study not only famous animals in Myanmar and rare animals such as penguins, Kangaroos and white tigers but also mammals, birds and reptiles in the zoo. Modern buildings are built among the trees, lakes and stones.

The Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) lies near Yangon-Mandalay Highway and it is a recreation place for tourists and the people. It is a zoo where one can study natural environment and gain botanical knowledge.

Arrangements have been made for elephant

and other animal shows and visitors can take an elephant ride. Amusement parks are also built for children. There will be a musical show at the opening ceremony.

The zoo is open to the public beginning 1 April. MNA



## Golfers awarded

YANGON, 24 March — The final round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship-2008 organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) was held at City Golf Club (Myakanthar) in Insein Township yesterday.

After the match, prize presentation ceremony was held at Dusit Inya Lake Resort Yangon. First, presented gifts to Director of Design and Development of IBTC U Tint Oo General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Martial Art U Thaung Htaik, Vice-Chairman of MGF U Min Thein and General Secretary of the federation U Aung Kyi.

Production Director of IBTC U Zaw Htaik presented prizes to qualify players. A team including Than Naing Oo, Than Htaik, Min Thura Aung and Aye Min Cho won the second prize and a team comprising Htain Win, Myo Win Aung, Than Nwe and Aung Kyaw Moe the first prize in the Pro-AM event.

U Aung Kyi, General Secretary of MGF, and Design and Development Director U Tint Oo of IBTC awarded winners of the professional event. Min Naing (Srixon) stood fifth in the event with 73 strokes, Htain Win the



fourth with 72 strokes, Zaw Zaw Latt and Aung San Win shared the second place with 71 strokes and Khin Zaw Win the first prize with 69 strokes.

In the final round, Thet Zaw Htwe won the fourth with 148 strokes and Lin Thae the third prize with 148 strokes. Myint Ko won the second prize with 147 strokes and Myo Win Aung the first prize with 142 at the final round, and General Secretary of MOC Director General of SMA U Thaung Htaik and Vice-Chairman of MGF U Min Thein awarded them. IBTC Design and Development Director U Tint Oo presented honourable gift to the City Golf Club through Vice General Manager U Khin Maung Yi.

The main sponsors of the championship was International Beverage Trading Co Ltd and the co-sponsors were Srixon, Alpine (Purified Drinking Water), Dusit Inya Lake Resort Yangon. Han Event Management took charge of the event.—MNA



Director U Tint Oo of IBTC awards Khin Zaw Win, a first prize winner of Pro-AM (Professional) event. — MGF



# Images of the Day



Paramilitary policemen salute while standing to form the Olympic Rings and 2008 characters to celebrate the upcoming 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, in Tianjin municipality on 23 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Powerful water : A tourist takes a photograph of famous waterfall, the world nature heritage site Cataratas do Iguacu (Iguacu Falls), seen from the Brazilian side of the border with Argentina, during the World Water Day.

INTERNET



Two tourists gaze up at the giant Colossi of Memnon statues seated across the Nile from the modern day Egyptian city of Luxor in 2007. A team of Egyptian and European archaeologists announced a string of spectacular discoveries including that of a 15 metre statue of Queen Tiy, the wife of the 18th dynasty pharaoh Amenhotep, at the site of the Colossi of Memnon in southern Egypt.—INTERNET



Models present creations designed on the basis of ancient Chinese costumes during a design contest held at a temple in the Huangpu District of Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 22 March, 2008.—XINHUA



People fight with pillows during the second International Pillow Fighting Day in the centre of Budapest on 22 March, 2008.—XINHUA

One and a-half years old Chihuahua dog 'Conan' prays with his owner and chief priest Joei Yoshikuni during a morning pray at the Shuri-Kannon do temple in Okinawa islands, southwestern Japan, on 24 March, 2008.—INTERNET



Greek actress Maria Nafpliotou, second right, playing the role of a high priestess, lights the Olympic flame near the Temple of Hera in Ancient Olympia where the Olympics were born in 776 BC during a rehearsal on 23 March, 2008.—INTERNET



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**Sixteen dead, 22 injured in S-W  
China road accidents**

KUNMING, 24 March—An agricultural vehicle turned over in the southwestern Province of Yunnan on Sunday afternoon, killing 11 people and injuring many others, said local police.

The accident happened around 2:00 pm in Sanchahe Town, about 70 kilometres from the seat of Fengqing County, Lincang City, according to information from the general office of the city government.

Another expressway accident near Kunming, the provincial capital, claimed five lives and injured 22 others around 4:00 pm on Saturday after a coach, carrying 27 people including the driver, bumped into the railing and turned over, local police confirmed on Sunday.—MNA/Xinhua

**Egypt holds talks with Gaza Islamists on truce**

ISMALIA (Egypt), 24 March—Egypt held talks on Saturday with representatives of Hamas and Islamic Jihad from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, part of a push for a truce between the militant groups and Israel, officials said. The talks were held in government offices on the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza, and attended by Khaled al-

Batsh of Islamic Jihad and Hamas official Jamal Abu Hashem, Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said. Ismail Haniyeh, who heads Hamas's government in the Gaza Strip, said they will listen to an Israeli proposal relayed by Cairo during the talks, but said "the final decision will be formed in accordance to achieving the highest interest of the Palestinian people".

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**Tropical storm kills  
12 in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 24 March—A tropical storm swept parts of Bangladesh, killing at least 12 people and injuring more than 200, media reports said on Sunday.

The storm, packing winds of up to 100 kilometres per hour (60 miles per hour), hit nine districts in north and northeastern Bangladesh, the reports said.

Heavy rain and hail damaged rice and other crops across thousands of

acres (hectares), agriculture officials told reporters.

It flattened thousands of huts and several schools.

Tropical storms and tornadoes are common in densely populated Bangladesh, killing hundreds of people every year.—MNA/Reuters

**Brazilian state Rio raises  
dengue death toll to 49**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 March—Death toll of dengue sufferers in Brazilian state Rio de Janeiro rose to 49, after the latest case was confirmed in the death of a 12-year-old child, health authorities said on Sunday.

Around 36,000 people have suffered from the disease since the beginning of the year, and more than half of them in the city of Rio de Janeiro, creating a state of emergency in hospitals, the state's Health

Secretariat said.

The total death toll nationwide could double if existing deaths are confirmed as caused by dengue.

The Secretariat reversed an earlier diagnosis of maternal dengue in the death of a pregnant woman, saying it still needs further clarification.

Health officials will meet on Monday to discuss an anti-dengue strategy, which could include sending soldiers to eliminate the disease-

spreading mosquitoes.

Dengue is caused by four closely related viruses and is spread by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, which breeds in still water. Its symptoms include high fever, nausea, rashes, backache and headaches.

Most mainstream dengue cases are not fatal, but the hemorrhagic variant, which causes severe internal bleeding as blood vessels collapse, can kill up to 20 per cent of its victims.

MNA/Xinhua

**B'desh, India to start passenger  
train service on 14 April**

DHAKA, 24 March — Bangladeshi and Indian authorities Sunday agreed that the Dhaka-Kolkata passenger train service would whistle-start on 14 April, when people on both sides celebrate the

Bengali New Year.

The decision was made at a meeting between Communications Adviser of the Bangladeshi caretaker government Major-General (ret'd) Ghulam Quader and Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty.

Communications Secretary Mahbubur Rahman told the Press that a three-day bilateral talk between the two countries would start on 1 April, and the two governments will sign the agreement on the Dhaka-Kolkata train service.

During the meeting, the Indian high commissioner urged the Bangladeshi

Government to also start container rail service between the two countries after launching the passenger train service.

"We are trying to ensure Dhaka-Kolkata passenger train service to start from 14 April. Though some infrastructure development works are yet to be completed, it would be finished within a short period," Chakravarty said.

The high commissioner hoped that the relationship between the two countries would be strengthened after the launching of the train service that will connect the capitals of Bangladesh and the West Bengal State of India.

MNA/Xinhua



A semi tractor trailer cab sits partially submerged in flood water from the Meramec River at the intersection of state route 141 and Interstate 44 in Fenton, Mo, on 22 March, 2008.—INTERNET





A demonstrator carries an anti-Bush placard in Tokyo, during a protest against the war in Iraq on 22 March, 2008. Some 1,400 protesters took part in the anti-war rally, marking the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.—INTERNET

## US meat packing plant explosion causes evacuation

WASHINGTON, 24 March — An explosion on Sunday afternoon in a meat packing plant in Arkansas, the United States, caused emergent evacuation of local residents and an unknown number of injuries.

According to local media, the explosion hit around 2 pm the Cargill Meat Solutions plant in Booneville, a town about 145 kilometres northwest of Little Rock.

Emergency management officials said that

several homes near the plant were forced to evacuate due to the ammonia leak resulted from the explosion but it is still unknown how many people were injured in the incident.

Personnel from the local hazardous materials teams have departed to the scene to evaluate the impact on the environment. Booneville is a town of more than 4,000 residents.—MNA/Xinhua

## China to prevent further bird flu outbreaks

BEIJING, 23 March — China is intensifying the monitoring of bird migration to prevent any further outbreaks of bird flu, Xinhua learnt from the State Forestry Administration on Friday.

The administration urged local authorities to beef up epidemic surveillance, raise people's awareness to prevent new

outbreaks and offer training to work staff on the treatment of bodies of animals that died from the unidentified diseases.

Experts worried migrating birds might transmit the deadly virus if they flew out of the epidemic-stricken areas.

China has had five bird flu outbreaks in poultry this year.

The latest case in Guangdong Province killed 114 domestic fowl and led to the culling of another 518.

MNA/Xinhua

## Couple drowned, girl missing in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 March—An elderly couple drowned and their granddaughter is feared dead in Malaysian central state of Pahang, local media reported on Monday.

The elderly couple wanted to give their four-year-old granddaughter a treat on Sunday, so they took her for a drive along a scenic road near Pahang River, the *New Straits Times* (NST) reported.

MNA/Xinhua

**Plumes of thick black smoke rises from central Baghdad's Green Zone after a rocket attack on 23 March, 2008.**

**Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses the Iraqi parliament and US embassy, was hit by a sustained barrage of rocket or mortar bomb fire early on Sunday, witnesses and officials said.—INTERNET**



## US kills six anti-Qaeda fighters north of Baghdad

TIKRIT (Iraq), 23 March — An American helicopter mistakenly opened fire on an Awakening Councils' group patrol in Salahudin province, killing six of the group fighters, a provincial police source said on Saturday.

The incident occurred at dawn in the Um al-Talayeb village in south of the city of Samarra, 120 kilometres north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Two more fighters of the patrol were wounded

by the helicopter attack and were transported by US ground forces to their base for treatment, the source said. The source criticized the US forces for the inefficiency in their coordination with the Iraqi anti-Qaeda groups of the Sunni tribal fighters, who purportedly have been frequently attacked mistakenly by American troops.

The area where the incident took place has long been a stronghold of the al-Qaeda in Iraq network despite many

offensives launched by US and Iraqi security forces to clear the vast open area, the source said.

However, the US military did not confirm the incident yet.

Two days ago, a provincial police source said that a US gunship targeted a car on a main road near Samarra, killing six passengers, but the US military denied the allegation, saying a helicopter targeted "terrorists" while they were planting bombs.

MNA/Xinhua



File photo shows fisherpeople transporting harvested shark fins in the southern Philippine island of Sulu. The Philippines government expressed alarm on 21 March over the commercial hunting of the endangered thresher shark.—INTERNET

## Colombia says Ecuadorean killed in anti-rebel raid

BOGOTA, 24 March — Already tense relations between Colombia and Ecuador looked set to worsen on Sunday after Colombia said it had killed a citizen of the neighbouring country in a March 1 attack on Ecuador's side of the border.

Ecuador's leftist president, Rafael Correa, has vowed that relations

with Colombia would be downgraded if it turned out that one of the people killed in the diplomatically charged operation was a citizen of his country.

"He was Ecuadorean," Defence Minister Juan Manuel Santos told reporters on Sunday, ending the speculation.

A statement from the

ministry said the dead man appeared to be a member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, who specialized in helping Marxist guerillas cross into Ecuador to hide.

"I ask the Ecuadorean authorities to not let themselves be taken advantage of by criminals," Santos said.

MNA/Reuters

## District chief killed in north Afghanistan

MAZAR-I-SHARIF (Afghanistan), 23 March — An Afghan district governor was killed in the north of the country on Saturday in an knife attack provincial officials blamed on Taliban insurgents.

Afghan officials have often been the target of Taliban attacks since the US-led and Afghan forces toppled the hardline Islamist movement in late 2001. Karim Rokai, the governor of Khanaqa District in Jowzjan Province, was killed in a knife attack, said provincial spokesman Mahbobollah Zari. He said the Taliban were responsible and an investigation was under-way to try and track down the insurgents.

MNA/Reuters



# SPORTS

## Krkc leads Barca to 4-1 win over Valladolid

MADRID, 24 March — A second-half double from forward Bojan Krkc helped Barcelona to their first league victory in four outings as they overcame a nervous spell to beat Valladolid 4-1 at home on Sunday. The victory left the Catalans four points behind leaders Real Madrid, who were at home to Valencia in a later match.

Barca headed into the match under heavy pressure after taking just one point from their previous three league games and losing to Valencia in the semi-finals of the King's Cup.

They looked edgy after Valladolid midfielder Jonathan Sesma cancelled out a Samuel Eto'o goal with a penalty on the half hour, but Andres Iniesta settled their nerves when he restored their lead at the start of the second half. — MNA/Reuters

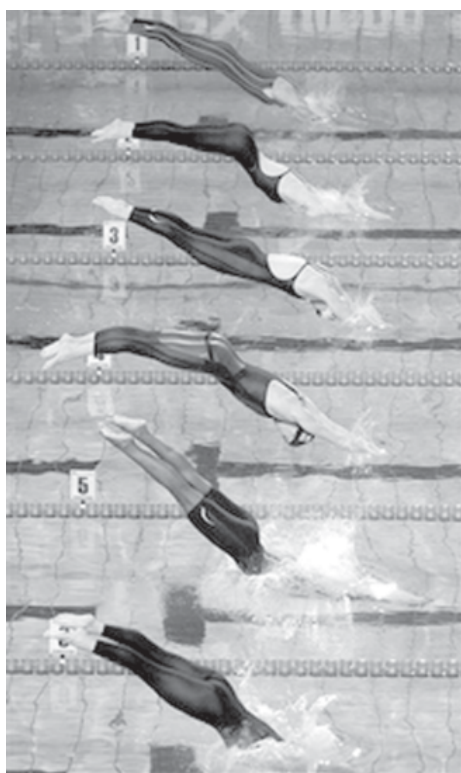
## Sharapova skips Miami tennis due to shoulder injury

WASHINGTON, 24 March — World number five Maria Sharapova of Russia has decided to skip next week's Sony Ericsson Open in Miami because of a shoulder injury, organizers said on Saturday.

The 20-year-old hinted she might withdraw from the Masters Series event after losing 6-3, 5-7 and 6-2 to fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova in the Pacific Life Open semi-finals at Indian Wells, California on Friday.

The defeat ended her winning streak of 18 matches that included her third grand slam title at the Australian Open in January.

"We wish Maria a speedy recovery and hope she is able to return to the court quickly," tournament director Adam Barrett said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters



Competitors from top: Sweden's Magdalena Kuras, Oxana Serikova of Ukraine, Sweden's Anna-Karin Kammerling, Marleen Veldhuis of the Netherlands, Malia Metella of France and Anna Gostomelsky of Israel start a Women's 50m freestyle heat during the European Swimming Championships in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, on 23 March, 2008.—INTERNET

## United beat Liverpool 3-0, take five-point lead

MANCHESTER (England), 24 March — Manchester United beat 10-man Liverpool 3-0 at Old Trafford on Sunday to go five points clear in the Premier League with seven games to go.

Arsenal relinquished second place to Chelsea in a 2-1 defeat at Stamford Bridge.

A rare goal from unsettled defender Wes Brown in the 34th minute put United ahead and, after the dismissal just before halftime of Liverpool's Javier Mascherano for dissent, Cristiano Ronaldo and Nani added late goals. United extended their streak over fierce rivals Liverpool to seven wins in their last eight meetings.

Brown, who had previously scored only two goals in 10 years for his hometown club but may

leave in the close season after rejecting a new contract offer, headed in a Wayne Rooney cross 11 minutes before halftime.

Ten minutes later, Liverpool were reduced to 10 men when midfielder Mascherano, who had been booked early on for a foul, was given a second yellow card by referee Steve Bennett.

The decision prompted a furious response from the Argentina international who had to be dragged away from the official by several team mates.

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez was also incensed by the decision over Mascherano's response to a booking for Fernando Torres, who could have been sent off himself in the second half as he allowed his frustration to show.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wes Brown (2nd L) scores past Liverpool's Pepe Reina (C) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 23 March, 2008. Manchester United defeated 3-0.—INTERNET

## Australian breaks women's 400m medley world record

CANBERRA, 24 March — Australian swimmer Stephanie Rice set a new world record in the women's 400 metres individual medley in four minutes 31.46 seconds on Saturday.

Rice, a bronze medalist at last year's Melbourne world championships in the event, shaved 1.43 seconds off American Katie Hoff's previous record of

4:32.89 on the opening night of the Australian Olympic swimming trials.

She also sliced almost six seconds off her best time to make her favourite for the event at this year's Beijing Olympics.

"I saw my time and I saw 3:31 because 3:37 was my best time but I did not think I would go that fast," she said.

Rice's boyfriend Eamon Sullivan broke the world record in the 50 metres freestyle last month, clocking 21.56 seconds to eclipse Russian Alexander Popov's 2000 mark of 21.64 by 0.08 seconds. — MNA/Xinhua

## Werder draw 1-1 at lowly Bielefeld

BERLIN, 24 March — Werder Bremen were held to a 1-1 draw at relegation-threatened Arminia Bielefeld on Sunday in a further blow to their championship ambitions.

Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich (53 points) widened their lead at the top to seven points on Saturday with their 2-1 win over third-placed Bayer Leverkusen (44), while second-placed Hamburg SV (46) were held to a 1-1 draw at VfL Wolfsburg.

Werder, with just four points from their last five league matches, are fourth on 44 points. Schalke 04, who beat Hertha Berlin 2-1 on Sunday, are fifth, behind Leverkusen and Werder on goal difference.

Werder, who had been level with Bayern on points at the midway point, were also comfortably in the top three and on course for the Champions League before their recent slump.

Brazil playmaker Diego celebrated his first match back after a three-match suspension by converting a penalty in the 70th minute for Werder, his 11th goal of the season after Bielefeld defender Oliver Kirch put the hosts in front in the 14th minute. — MNA/Reuters

## Drogba gives Chelsea priceless win over Arsenal

LONDON, 24 March — Chelsea kept alive their hopes of winning the Premier League title at the same time as severely denting Arsenal's when late goals from Didier Drogba gave them a 2-1 come-from-behind win at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Drogba scored with an unstoppable drive after 73 minutes and powerfully hooked home nine minutes later to give Chelsea victory after Bacary Sagna had put Arsenal ahead in the 59th minute with a near-post header from a Cesc Fabregas corner.

The London derby victory lifted Chelsea into second place above Arsenal on 68 points from 31 matches.

Arsenal, now without a win in five league games after four draws and this defeat -- only their second in the league all season -- slipped to third on 67 points.

After leading the table at the start of the month, their hopes of their first title since 2004 are fading fast with only seven matches to play. Champions Manchester United maintained their lead at the top when they beat Liverpool 3-0 at Old Trafford earlier on Sunday to move to 73 points. — MNA/Reuters

## Celtic ease to 3-0 win over bottom club Gretna

GLASGOW, 24 March — Champions Celtic strolled to a 3-0 win over Gretna in Sunday's Scottish Premier League clash to reduce Rangers' lead at the top of the table to just three points. Australian striker Scott McDonald side-footed a neat volley from six metres across keeper Greg Fleming into the left side of the net for the 42nd minute opener after a diagonal header from Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink at the edge of the box.

Dutch striker Vennegoor of Hesselink headed the second in 70 minutes from a cross by Aiden McGeady and Greek substitute Georgios Samaras steered a close range shot into the roof of the net for the third in the 88th minute. The match was played at Second Division Livingston's ground due to the poor condition of Gretna's ground-share pitch at Motherwell and attracted just 3,572 fans. — MNA/Reuters

## Barca close after Real lose at home to Valencia

MADRID, 24 March — Barcelona closed to within four points of Real Madrid at the top of the Primera Liga on Sunday after the leaders lost 3-2 at home to Valencia while the Catalans beat Valladolid 4-1 at the Nou Camp. Real slipped to only their second home defeat of the season when former Atletico Madrid forward Angel Arizmendi struck a dramatic 89th-minute winner in a frenetic encounter which featured two goals apiece from Raul and David Villa.

Bernd Schuster's side, who have lost five of their last eight games, lead the table on 62 points, Barca follow on 58, while Villarreal, 2-1 winners at basement side Levante, are in third spot on 56.

Atletico Madrid tightened their grip on the final Champions League berth with a 2-1 win at Sevilla on Saturday, their first win at the Sanchez Pizjuan in over 15 years.

MNA/Reuters



### Visitors' privacy to be protected during Beijing Olympic

BEIJING, 24 March — China on Sunday refuted a warning that US visitors to Beijing for the Olympic Games would be under surveillance, saying the privacy of foreign visitors would be protected.

"There's no special arrangement which is beyond the security measures widely employed in accordance with international rules at public locations, hotels and offices in China," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

Qin was responding to a question concerning a warning released by the US department's Bureau of Consular Affairs last Thursday, which said hotel

rooms and offices in Beijing are considered to be subject to remote technical monitoring and may be accessed at any time without the occupant's consent or knowledge, making US visitors' privacy hard to be protected.

MNA/Xinhua

### 2010 Shanghai World Expo plans 20,000 cultural shows

SHANGHAI, 24 March — The 2010 Shanghai World Expo has planned 33 venues for 20,000 performances during the expo period, the organizers said.

The venues include seven indoor stages for concerts, musicals or ballets and 26 outdoor

squares for parade, folk arts and street performances. They cover a total area of 0.48 square kilometres.

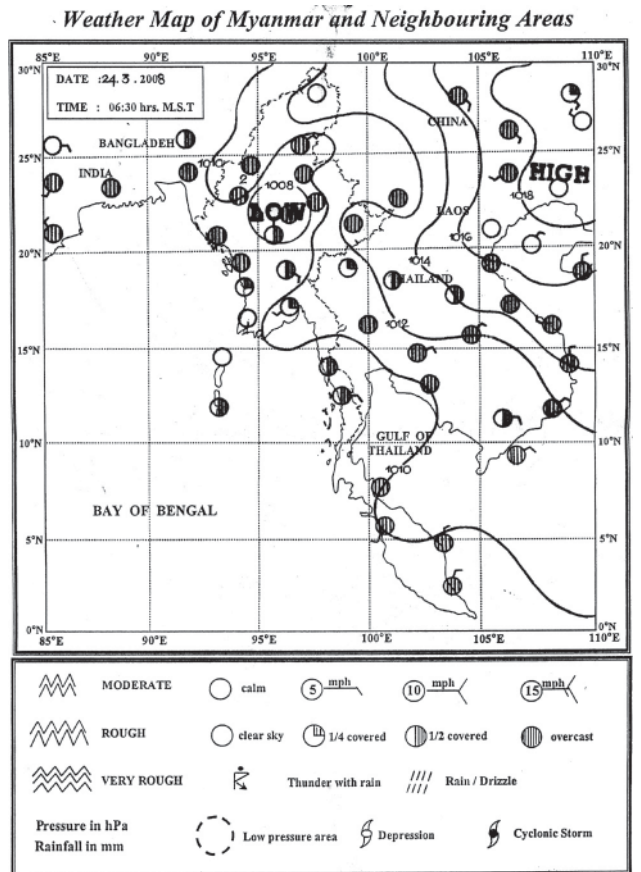
The venues can hold about 68,000 audiences. Hu Jinjun, deputy director of the Shanghai World Expo Coordination Bureau, said Saturday at least three performances will be held in each venue each day during the expo period which runs from 1 May to 31 October, 2010.

MNA/Xinhua



Each autumn, millions of monarch butterflies embark on a treacherous journey across north America to the same forest in central Mexico—a migration that baffles scientists as much as it enralls nature lovers.

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### WEATHER

Monday, 24 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (4°C) above March average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division, (4°C) below March average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (41°C), Pyinmana, Chauk, Aunglan, Taungdwingyi, Pyay and Bago (39°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Homalin (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-3-2008 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 24-3-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-3-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 23-3-2008 was (7.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-3-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 23-3-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-3-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Northern Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperature in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

### Cold weather kills 52 in Mexico since October

MEXICO CITY, 24 March — Mexico's October-March cold season has killed 52 people, the country's Health Ministry said Sunday.

Among the victims, 28 people died of carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating and 22 were killed by hypothermia, the ministry said.

The two worst hit states were Chihuahua and Sonora in the north.

MNA/Xinhua

### UNDAC conducts assessment of deadly Albanian explosions

UNITED NATIONS, 24 March — A United Nations disaster and assessment team (UNDAC) is carrying out a rapid evaluation of the situation in Albania where explosions at a military ammunition depot have killed at least 21 people, a UN statement said on Sunday.

The seven-member team, which arrived in the capital Tirana last week, began an assessment of the affected area in collaboration

with the Albanian Government at the weekend, the statement said.

Albanian authorities asked for the UNDAC team to help them identify priority needs and coordinate their response to the deadly explosions, which occurred on March 15 during a programme to destroy old military ordnance at a depot in the village of Gerdec, 15 kilometres west of Tirana.

Government figures indicate that 4,000 people

have had to be evacuated from a wide area around Gerdec.

As of last Thursday, 408 homes were reported to have been destroyed and over 3,700 others were heavily or partially damaged.

The situation is complicated by the thousands of artillery shells, mortar shells, grenades and small arms ammunition that now litter the area for up to five kilometres around the depot. — MNA/Xinhua

**TV Myanmar**

Tuesday, 25 March  
View on today

7:00 am  
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am  
3. Morning news

7:40 am  
4. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

8:05 am  
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:20 am  
6. ရိုးရာအသွင်ဆန်း ကျေးလက်ရက်ကန်း

8:30 am  
7. International news

8:40 am  
8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:55 am  
9. “သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား” (ကျော်မင်းနောင်ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောကလျာလှိုင်)

4:00 pm  
1. Martial songs

4:10 pm  
2. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုတေးများ

4:20 pm  
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

4:35 pm  
4. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:40 pm  
5. Sing and Enjoy

5:25 pm  
6. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm  
7. “ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော်” (စက်မှု၊သားငါး၊သတ္တု၊ သစ်တော၊ကျွန်း၊မာရေး၊ ပညာရေး၊သိပ္ပံနှင့်နည်းပညာ)

6:00 pm  
8. Evening news

6:30 pm  
9. Weather report

6:35 pm  
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm  
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:20 pm  
12. “အဖေတူသား”(အပိုင်း-၃) (ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ လူမင်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez)၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချိစိုးမိုး)

8:00 pm  
13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. “အဖေတူသား”(အပိုင်း-၄) (ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ လူမင်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez)၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချိစိုးမိုး)



# Prime Minister sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kostas Karamanlis, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2008. — MNA

# Max Myanmar launches taxi service in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—A ceremony to launch taxi service of Max Myanmar Co Ltd was held in front of the new office building of Thapyaykon Market here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Maj-Gen Aye Myint of Ministry of Defence, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tun Kyi, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, officials of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Chairman of Max Myanmar Co Ltd U Zaw Zaw, responsible persons and guests.

First, SEO U Than Zaw of Max Myanmar Group of Companies spoke words of thanks.

Next, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tun Kyi and Director U Ohn Kyaw of Max Myanmar Group of Companies formally opened the ceremony.

Gasohol E 25 produced by No 2 Sugar Mill (Taungsin Aye) of Myanmar Economic Corporation will be utilized in the running of the taxis.

Gasohol E25 can contribute much to environmental conservation, the substitution of petroleum and the prevention of environmental pollution.

Taxis introduced here carry metres in which passengers have to pay according to the distance of

journey they travel.

Nay Pyi Taw taxi service will go into operation with 20 taxis and 30 chartered buses and arrangements have been made for extended operation of the service.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attends opening ceremony of taxi service of Max Myanmar Co Ltd in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA

### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

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Came out famous  
Anawrahta  
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Blooming land of  
Bagan

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National politics

People in favour of national interests

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