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River water pumping stations in Yangon Division working on all cylinders

YANGON, 3 March — In meeting with departmental officials, chairmen of management committees and members and farm proprietors at the office of management committee for Nyaungnapin Vegetables Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Special Zone in special zone (2) in Hlegu Township here this afternoon, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin heard reports on agricultural and breeding tasks of the zones presented by officials and attended to the needs.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by officials at the briefing hall of Ngamoeyeik river water pumping project near Moatsoe Nyaungbin village in the township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into supply of water to the farmlands and preparations for construction of a bridge spanning Ngamoeyeik creek being carried out by YCDC. (See page 8)

Road sections of Highway uplifting Sagaing Division, Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—During his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met servicemen and their family members at the local battalion in Katha on 28 February.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, he looked into progress

of building the retaining walls and roads, construction of the extended building at the 16-bed hospital and low-cost housing for war veterans and maintenance of Katha-Indaw section of Katha-Indaw-Nantsiaung Road.

While in Indaw, he viewed development of the urban area and maintenance of road sections on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

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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



Railroad construction through the mountains on Mongnai-Langkho section of Shan State (South) in progress.

Sound of trains in operation to reverberate around Shan State

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On a recent misty morning, I left Taunggyi for Mongnai by car. I felt fresh along the scenic road through the mountains.

I had an interview with Project Engineer U Tint Lwin of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project soon after I arriving in Mongnai. He said that land survey task of 18-mile Mongnai-Langkho section was complete.

The trains have been running along 197.16-mile Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Hsikekhaung-Namsang-Mongnai railroad which was put into service on 1 January, 2006 for development of Shan State. Works are being carried out to extend the already-built one to Kengtung.

Land survey for alignment of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad started on 1 July, 2009. Upon completion, approximately, Mongnai-Kengtung railroad will be 226 miles.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 4 March 2010

Factories in good hands

Industrial development makes huge contribution to the process of modernizing a nation. The government is therefore laying basic foundations for transforming the nation into an industrialized one. As part of the drive, it has been opening more and more industries by establishing industrial regions and zones across the nation to spread its wings. There have been a growing number of import-substitute goods factories.

The Myanmar Ceramics Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 put into commission Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw) near the limestone mountain on 1 March. The plant project was launched on 1 July 2008. Now, it has started its production line.

The ministry has been setting up a large number of personal and household goods factories including Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw), which can produce 500 tons of cement a day.

Now, the whole country has seen a growing number of textile factories, pharmaceutical factories, paper and pulp mills, fire brick factories, cement plants and foodstuff factories. The factories, whose production lines are now in full swing, have to help satisfy the demand of quality products.

In the industrial regions large factories operated with advanced technologies have been manufacturing diesel engines, heavy machinery, machine tools, and hydropower turbines and generators. Due to such modern factories, the nation has more productivity methods and local people have job opportunities.

Emergence of industrial regions and zones, and modern factories and workshops throughout the nation reflects industrial development. So, all industries are to operate at full capacity, try to raise their productivity, hit the targets of annual turnovers, and meet the demands.

Sight set on cooperation in economic and industrial sectors

YANGON, 3 March—At the UMFCFI office on 10 February, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, General-Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint General-Secretary U Myint Soe and CEC members held discussion with Nepalese Ambassador Ms Guna Laxmi Sharma and President of Federation of Nepal Cottage and Small Industries (FNCSI) Mrs Lata Pyakurel and party on promotion of trade between the two countries, opportunities for cooperation in development of SMEs and joint organizing the expositions.

They signed the MoU on cooperation in economic and industrial sectors between the two countries.—NLM

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

New roads for rural people

YANGON, 3 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, opening of new Begrad-Dedok rural gravel road constructed by Kangyidaunt Development Affairs Committee of Ayeyawady Division was held on 1 March.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening ceremony.

The newly opened road, which is 5940 feet long and 12 feet wide, leading to Yangon-Pathein Road makes connection with Begrad-Malargon tarred road. So, 23,500 villagers of 68 villages from southeast of Kangyidaunt Township have better chance of transport to Pathein and Yangon Division, booming in social, economic, education and health sectors.

The commander and the minister also attended opening of Boeshwemya-Thegarad rural gravel road which is 5200 feet long and 10 feet wide in hailing the 65th Armed Forces Day.—MNA

A & I Minister meets British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—British Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Andrew Heyn called on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo at the ministry here on 1 March.

The two sides hold discussion on coordination for food security and enhancement of socio-economic status. Also present were directors-general and managing-directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Ambassador of the United Kingdom Mr Andrew Heyn.—MNA

TMW Dealer's Party & Golden Night

YANGON, 3 March — TMW Enterprise Ltd hosted a dinner in honour of dealers at Traders Hotel here yesterday.

TMW Managing Director U Wai Lwin extended greetings on the occasion and presented the most par awards to ten dealers who took part in golf tournament organized by the company.

Next, the lucky draw programme followed. In response to the support of customers, SONY, LG and

T. Home brand electronics will be sold in the sales during the respective sales promotion periods at the shops of agents and sales centers. New models go on sale at the Myanmar New Year Special Sales. Under the sales promotion programme, customers who buy SONY LCD TV and LG Air-con will be offered fair prices, gifts and cash vouchers. Ten agents who sell the most will get the ticket to South Africa where World Cup will be held.—MNA



Managing Director U Wai Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd extends greetings at dinner for sale agents.—MNA



Residents start clearing the scene after a device exploded near the entrance of a closed cafe in the Al-Ashar area of Basra city centre, wounding three students late Monday night, in Basra, Iraq, on 2 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Taleban attack wounds four children in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 March—Taleban attack in Afghanistan's eastern Kunar Province wounded four children, police said on Tuesday.

"The Taleban rebels fired rockets but the weapons hit a residential area outside provincial capital Assadabad last night injuring four innocent children," provincial police chief Khalilullah Ziae told *Xinhua*.

He did not provide more information.

On the other hand, six Taleban militants, according to officials laid down their arms and joined the government in Lalpor District of the neighbouring Nangarhar Province on Monday.

Taleban militants who have intensified their activities and carried out three suicide attacks and roadside bombings in southern region on Monday have not made comment on injuring children and surrounding their comrades in east Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Iraqi security members examine the site of a bomb attack in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 3 March, 2010.

INTERNET

BAQUBA, 3 March—Thirty three people were killed and 30 others injured in three car bomb attacks followed by a suicide bombing in Baquba, the capital of the volatile province of Diyala, on Wednesday, a provincial police source said.

"The latest toll rose to a total of 33 killed and 30 injured by the three blasts in Baquba," the source said on condition of anonymity.

The attacks occurred at about 9:30 am (0630 GMT) when two car bombs parked near two government offices in central Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, detonated almost simultaneously, the source said.

A third attack took place when a suicide bomber

blew up his explosive vest among a crowd of people gathering outside the main hospital of Baquba to receive the victims of the two car bombings, the source added.

Dr Ali al-Timimi, head of Diyala health department, was among the killed people by the suicide blast, along with one of his bodyguards, the source said. Timimi was supervising the receiving of dozens of victims at the entrance of the hospital when the suicide bomber attacked them, he said.

The toll could rise as many victims have been evacuated by civilian vehicles and ambulances to the city hospitals and medical centers, the source said.—*Internet*



An Afghan man with a life-threatening head injury receives medical treatment while en route to a field hospital, airborne over Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on 1 March, 2010.—INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 3 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 3 March reached 700413 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1264834, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700413
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1264834

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 3 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32633 Afghan people were killed and 38971 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 3 March.

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Internet

Iraqi security forces inspect the damage at the scene of a suicide attack on a checkpoint in Ramadi. The number of Iraqis killed in violence last month was nearly double the toll for January, authorities said, just days before voters go to the polls in nationwide parliamentary elections.—INTERNET

Moscow, New Delhi to develop joint fifth generation fighter

Moscow, 3 March—Russia and India could jointly develop a fifth-generation fighter jet by 2015-2016, a Russian defence industry official said on Tuesday.

"I hope that we will be able to build a joint fifth-generation aircraft in the next five to six years," said Alexander Fomin, first deputy head of the Federal Service for Military and Technical Cooperation.

The new aircraft will primarily be based on Russia's T-50 prototype fifth-generation fighter, with the addition of Indian design and development in the project.

Several integrated on-board systems by third parties could also be incorporated into the new fighter for the Indian Air Force, said Fomin as cited by the RIA Novosti news agency.

"The integration is

good because we will not have to invent a bicycle and can use the things that our neighbours already have, but it is also a difficult task because we will have to combine all the elements in a unified system," the official said.

Alexander Davidenko, main constructor of the T-50 aircraft, said the same day the Russian-Indian fifth-generation fighter might be equipped with the supersonic BrahMos missile.—Xinhua



Motor boats are docked on the dried portion of Magat dam as the water level continues to recede in Ramon in Isabela province, the province most affected by El Nino, north of Manila on 3 March, 2010. —INTERNET

120 Feared dead in landslide in eastern Uganda

KAMPALA, 3 March—About 120 people are feared dead in a landslide caused by torrential rains overnight in Bududa district, eastern Uganda, a district official confirmed on Tuesday.

Wanjusi Wasieba, the Bududa Resident District commissioner, told Xinhua in a telephone interview that 45 bodies were so far recovered from the ruins at Nametsi village, Bukalasa sub-country. The landslide occurred at about 9:00 pm local time, destroying 85 homesteads, he said.

"The landslide cleared the whole village. We have so far only retrieved 45 dead bodies. Over 120 people are feared dead," said Wasieba.

He said the rescue operation is currently being hampered by the poor terrain in the hilly area which is barely accessible by vehicles.

The accident is the worst in recent years as continuous torrential rains were experienced in the beginning of the current rainy season starting in March in parts of the country, especially in the flood-prone eastern Uganda.—MNA/Xinhua

Landslide in Uganda



Map of Uganda. Some 350 people were missing after a landslide buried homes following days of heavy rains in eastern Uganda.—INTERNET

Pakistan forces kill suicide jacket supplier

PESHAWAR, 3 March—Pakistan's military said on Wednesday that a supplier of suicide jackets and explosives who operated a key inter-city network had been killed during a gun battle with soldiers.

"Two important terrorist commanders named Muhammad Tufail alias Abdullah and Muhammad Iqbal were killed by security forces in an exchange of fire," the military announced overnight in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

The gun battle happened late Monday on the outskirts of Peshawar, a military spokesman told AFP.

The military said Iqbal belonged to Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Taleban faction in the lawless district of Khyber, which straddles the main supply line for NATO troops fighting against the Taleban in neighbouring Afghanistan.

"He was a key supplier of suicide bomb jackets and explosives to Islamabad and other cities of Pakistan," the army said.

He was accused of supplying explosives for "21 suicide vehicles" to north-west district Swat, where Pakistan launched an offensive last year to quell a Taleban insurgency, southwestern Baluchistan Province and other cities.

Internet

US closes consulate in northern Mexico for bomb threat

MEXICO CITY, 3 March—The US consulate in Juarez, a northern Mexican city notorious for drug-related violence, was evacuated on Tuesday and closed due to a bomb threat, police said. The emergency service

of Mexican police received an anonymous call before 8:00 am local time (1400 GMT) warning that a bomb had been installed in the US consulate, said Fidel Banuelos, spokesman for the Secretariat of Public Security in Chihuahua state, where Juarez is located.

Banuelos said the office was closed while explosives specialists from the Central Intelligence went into the building to search for the alleged device.—Xinhua

Malaysia reports new A/H1N1 death case

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 March—Malaysian Health Minister has confirmed that one more woman died of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the country's total death toll up to 78.

The woman, aged 22, received fever and cough treatment in a private clinic eight days before she was admitted to University Sains Malaysia hospital (HUSM) in northeast state of

Kelantan on 15 Feb, local newspaper the New Straits Times quoted Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai as saying on Wednesday.

She was confirmed of being infected by A/H1N1 flu on 16 Feb in HUSM and was treated with antiviral drug, said Liow.

She was transferred to the intensive care unit on 17 Feb on complications from a lung infection and

died of "septicemia shock with acute respiratory distress syndrome secondary to H1N1 infection" on 28 Feb, he said.

Liow warned Malaysians to be vigilant over the A/H1N1 virus which is still spreading throughout the country and urged them to go to hospitals as soon as they find symptoms of the disease especially continued fever and cough.

MNA/Xinhua

Partial view of the sea wall that protects the northern part of the Ile de Re island, near La Rochelle, western France, on 1 March, 2010, the wall was broken by Sunday's deadly storm that hit most part of France.

INTERNET



Sudanese President vows to preserve peace between north, south

KHARTOUM, 3 March—Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has vowed to preserve peace between north and south Sudan and respect the choice of the southerners if they opt for separation in the 2011 referendum, the Al-Ahdath daily reported on Tuesday.

The Sudanese President on Monday started a two-day visit to south Sudan as part of his electoral campaign for the general elections, scheduled for April this year.

"We will work to fully implement the Compre-

hensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and we will firmly respond to whoever intends to disrupt or damage it," said al-Bashir when addressing a gathering on Monday in Juba, south Sudan, according to the report. He pledged to respect the southerners' choice if they opt for separation from the north, saying that "if the southerners opted for separation in 2011 referendum, we will come to Juba stadium to celebrate with you."

The Sudanese President, however, urged for enhanc-

ing the unity between north and south Sudan, saying "we have tried the enforced unity and we want to try the voluntary unity."

In the meantime, al-Bashir declared that all suspended issues between the Sudanese government partners — the National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) — have been resolved, referring to a recent agreement between the two sides on the issue of the population census.

Xinhua

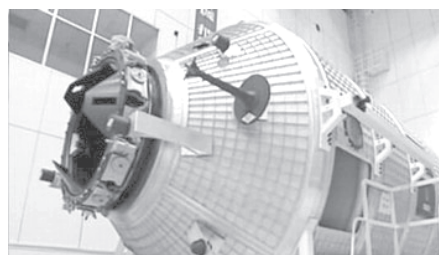


People clean the blast site in the capital city of southern province Taiz of Yemen, on 2 March, 2010. At least seven people were killed and eight others wounded on Tuesday when a fireworks store exploded in the capital city of southern province Taiz, a security official told Xinhua.—XINHUA



Rescuers are working all-out to drain water from a flooded pit of Luotuoshan Coal Mine in Wuhai City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 2 March, 2010, hoping to lift 31 people out of the pit. Water gushed into the pit of Luotuoshan Coal Mine in Wuhai City, at least 600 kilometers from the regional capital Hohhot at around 7:30 am Monday.—XINHUA

China to put Tiangong-1 into space next year



BEIJING, 3 March—China is to put an unmanned space module, *Tiangong-1*, into space in 2011, a space expert said here on Wednesday.

Qi Faren, former chief designer of China's Shenzhou spaceships, said the country planned to launch *Shenzhou-8*, *Shenzhou-9* and *Shenzhou-10* spacecraft within two years to dock with *Tiangong-1*.

Qi, a member of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, made the remarks on the sidelines of the annual full session of the country's top political advisory body.

Weighing about 8.5 tonnes, *Tiangong-1* is able to perform long-term unattended operation, which will be an essential step toward building a space station.—Xinhua

Pakistan, Australia to enhance trade, defence co-op

ISLAMABAD, 3 March—Pakistan and Australia on Tuesday reiterated their desire to intensify efforts to promote bilateral cooperation in the areas of trade, economy and defence.

At a meeting between Pakistan's Minister for Defence Ch Ahmad Mukhtar and the visiting Australian National Security Advisor Dancan Lewis, views were exchanged on different subjects, according to the official news agency APP.

The meeting deliberated upon Pakistan's anti-terror contribution, defence cooperation, and the security environment of the region with special reference to Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Iran, Turkey agree to establish joint industrial estate

TEHERAN, 3 March—Iran and Turkey signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish joint industrial estate on the border of the two countries, the state IRIB TV reported on Tuesday.

The MoU was signed

by Iran's Small-Scale Industries and Industrial Estates Organization Director Khodamorad Ahmadi and Turkey's Artisanry and Small Industrial Sites General Director Ramazan Yildirim in the first joint meeting

of the expert working groups of the Islamic republic and Turkey in Teheran on Monday.

At the meeting, both sides reviewed different aspects of the agreement to exploit the industrial and economic potentials between the two countries and to adopt necessary regulations for investment, custom service, insurance and travelling, the report said.

Establishment of the joint industrial estate on Iran-Turkey border would strengthen security of the region as well as welfare of those who are residing in the two countries' border region, Ahmadi said.

For his part, Turkey's Yildirim expressed hope that the two countries' economic ties would be expanded.

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Croatia to join South Stream pipeline project

MOSCOW, 3 March—Russia and Croatia on Tuesday signed an agreement for Croatia to join South Stream, a Moscow-backed pipeline project rivaling the EU-sponsored Nabucco project.

Russian Energy Minister Sergei Shmatko and Croatian Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship Minister Djuro Popijac signed the agreement in the presence of Russian and Croatian Prime Ministers Vladimir Putin and Jadranka Kosor.

Putin said later in televised remarks that the South Stream project has gained broad support, which Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, Serbia and Slovenia have already joined.

Xinhua

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A staff member displays a reusable bag which is handed out to members of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) for carrying meeting materials during the CPPCC session in Beijing, China, on 2 March, 2010. XINHUA



Ford overtakes GM in US sales, Toyota falters amid recalls

CHICAGO, 3 March—Ford Motor Co overtook rival General Motors for the lead in US sales Tuesday as Toyota faltered amid a series of mass recalls and congressional investigations into its safety standards.

Ford appeared to have capitalized on Toyota's woes as its February US

sales jumped 43 percent to 142,285 vehicles, overtaking GM, which sold 141,951. It was the first time Ford had surpassed GM in monthly sales since the top US automaker's sales were hit by a strike at a key supplier in 1998. Competition was set to be fierce in March as automakers sought to

match the zero percent financing incentives Toyota offered wary customers.

Toyota reported an 8.7 percent drop in February US sales to 100,027 vehicles while its market share slipped 3.1 points to 12.8 percent, according to the research firm Autodata.

"I'm surprised that we sold as many vehicles as we did," said Bob Carter, vice president of the group's Toyota division.

Internet



The new Ford Focus Wagon is presented during a press conference during the second press day at the 80th Geneva International Motor Show at Palexpo in Geneva.

INTERNET

RAF jets scrambled after disruption on AA flight

LONDON, 3 March—British officials say two Royal Air Force jets were dispatched after reports of a disruptive passenger on an American Airlines jet bound for Heathrow Airport.

The Ministry of Defence says the planes were recalled to base after the incident was found not to be terrorism-related.

Police say the plane, AA Flight 78 from Dallas, landed safely at about 11 am (1100GMT) Tuesday and a woman was arrested on suspicion of endangering an aircraft.

The woman's details age, nationality and name were not released.—*Internet*

Too little, too much sleep ups belly fat

WINSTON-SALEM, 3 March—African-American and Hispanic US young adults who sleep too little or too much have greater increases than others in belly fat, researchers found.

Compared with people who reported a nightly sleep duration of six to seven hours, those with a self-reported sleep duration of five hours or less per night had an average body mass index increase over a five-year period that was about 4 pounds

higher, and greater accumulations of subcutaneous adipose tissue and visceral adipose tissue — belly fat.

Those who reported

sleeping eight hours or more had a BMI increase that was 1.75 pounds higher, as well as greater accumulations of belly fat.—*Internet*



A vehicle makes its way through a street flooded with seawater in Kesennuma, northern Japan on 28 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Sudan's land of 'black pharaohs' a trove for archaeologists

There is not a tourist in sight as the sun sets over sand-swept pyramids at Meroe, but archaeologists say the Nubian Desert of northern Sudan holds mysteries to rival ancient Egypt.

"There is a magic beauty about these sites that is heightened by the privilege of being able to admire them alone, with the pyramids, the dunes and the sun," says Guillemette Andreu, head of antiquities at Paris' Louvre museum.

"It really sets them apart from the Egyptian pyramids, whose beauty is slightly overshadowed by the tourist crowds."



Pyramids are pictured in the Meroe desert, north of Khartoum. Archaeologists say the desert of north Sudan holds mysteries to rival ancient Egypt. The Louvre will host its first exhibition at the end of March on the Meroe dynasty, the last in a line of "black pharaohs" that ruled the Kush kingdom on the banks of the Nile for more than 1,000 years until its demise in 350 AD.

Meroe lies around 200 kilometres (120 miles) northeast of Sudan's capital Khartoum and was the last capital of Kush, also called Nubia, an ancient kingdom centered on the confluence of the Blue Nile, the White Nile and the River Atbara.

Kush was one of the earliest civilisations in the Nile valley and, at first, was dominated by Egypt.

Study focuses on nevirapine HIV therapy

US scientists say women given nevirapine to protect the fetus from HIV should not use that drug for at least a year after childbirth.

University of Alabama at Birmingham researchers said despite nevirapine working well to prevent mother-to-child transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus, a single dose of nevirapine in infected pregnant women can trigger resistance to some forms of the AIDS-drug cocktail known as combination anti-retroviral treatment.

Professor Jeffrey Stringer, who led the study, said the nevirapine-induced resistance fades after about 12 months.

"This study shows that women who need treatment more than 12 months after using nevirapine to prevent mother-to-child transmission safely can use standard first-line treatments in their countries," Stringer said.

US daredevil smashes Harley-Davidson jump record

An American motorcycle stuntman twice broke the world record for the longest distance jumped on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, sailing through the air near Australia's Sydney Harbour to shatter the previous 10-year-old record.

Seth Enslow flew to a new record distance of 183.7 feet (56 metres) on his Harley-Davidson XR1200 shortly after a 175 foot (53.34 metres) jump. Bubba Blackwell set the previous record with a 157 foot (47.85 metres) jump in Las

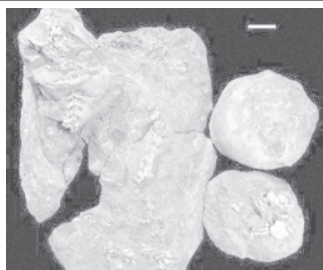


Seth Enslow of the US makes a record-breaking jump on his Harley-Davidson in Sydney on 2 March, 2010. Enslow jumped 183.7 feet (56 metres) to break the world record for a long distance jump on a Harley motorcycle, according to organizers.

Vegas in 1999.

"This is awesome! I'm stoked!" Enslow said after entering the record books. Enslow appeared to be in pain after the jump, but members of his stunt team said he was fine.

"We've worked hard at creating history and we're all glad he landed it safely," Harley-Davidson spokesman Adrian O'Donoghue said.



An undated handout photo shows fossils containing the Sanajeh indicus snake with a clutch of three sauropod eggs and a sauropod hatchling found in Gujarat, India. Ancient snakes in India may have fed on baby dinosaurs to survive, fossils unearthed in sediments dating back to 67 million years ago show, according to a study published in this week's issue of the journal PLoS Biology.

NEWS ALBUM



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Zaw Creek RC Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road Section.—MNA

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

Road sections of Highway ...

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In meeting with officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye stressed the need to ensure durability of the road sections. He also inspected construction of Zaw Creek RC Bridge and Wadon Bailey Bridge.

After viewing the condition of Kanbalu-Shwebo road section, he looked into the teak plantation of Hlwesek Forest Reserve in Kanbalu Township.

MNA

DHF preventive measures stepped up in Thingangyun

YANGON, 3 March — Local authorities in Thingangyun Township stepped up efforts to prevent outbreak of dengue fever epidemic in the township.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin visited the places where the local authorities put into practice the preven-

tive measures including fumigation and dredging drains for proper flow of water while educational and operation actions are being stepped up.

Before the visit, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa met officials of Thingangyun Township Development Affairs Committee at the depart-

ment and heard reports on efforts for preventing and keeping the mosquito-borne disease from spreading.

During the tour of inspection, the mayor also visited No.9 Basic Education Primary School and met school children attending course on national culture during the summer holidays.

MNA

Veterinarians meet for animal influenza

YANGON, 3 March—Animal Influenza Surveillance Planning Workshop (Lower Myanmar) was opened at Sedona Hotel here yesterday.

The workshop is

jointly organized by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations. Director-

General Prof Dr Myint Thein of LBVD addressed opening ceremony.

Technicians from FAO and LBVD shared experiences on blood tests of ducks and laboratory experiments, and discussed plans for animal diseases surveillance and recruiting new rural veterinarians and bird flu control measures.

The workshop, which will end tomorrow, was participated by 78 staff from State and Division LBVD of 11 states and divisions in lower Myanmar. A similar workshop for LBVD staff in upper Myanmar will be held in the second week of this month.—MNA

MPPEEA to visit cGMP system of factories in ROK

YANGON, 3 March—Myanmar delegation led by Secretary U Zaw Moe Khaing of Myanmar Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association left here for the Republic of Korea yesterday, at the invitation of Korea Pharmaceutical Industry Cooperation Association. The delegation comprises of CEC member Dr Zaw Tun Aye, executive U Win Lin Tun, members U Thein Lwin and U Zaw Lin Soe. While in ROK, they will meet KPICA, visit cGMP system of Pharmaceutical factories and attend Buy Korea 2010 show and Buyer-Seller Meeting.—MNA

Greater orientation to banking services

YANGON, 3 March — Organized by the Supervisory Committee for Banks, General Banking Services Course No (15) concluded on 1 March with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar completion certificates to trainees and certificates of honour to course instructors.

A total of 11 from State-run banks and 33 from private-owned banks attended the 10-week course.

MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun presents first prize to Daw Myinzu Soe of Central Bank of Myanmar.—F&R

UMFCCI sees mutual interests with Thailand, India

YANGON, 3 March—Vice-President U Zaw Min Win together with General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and entrepreneurs of iron and steel firm received a Thai delegation led by Deputy Managing Director Mr Ramet Opatumphon of Technological University (iron and steel) of Ministry of Industry of Thailand at the federation's

office on 18 February.

In the evening, the officials of the UMFCCI also received Indian delegates headed by Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Mr B R Nahar of Birla Corporation Limited of India at the same venue.

In the discussions with the two delegations separately, the UMFCCI officials focused on improvement of economic, agriculture, investment and trade sectors.—NLM

River Water pumping stations...

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On his arrival at the site of Letpan river water pumping project in the township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw supply of irrigation water to the farmland.

On his visit to Ye Mon(1) river water pumping project in the township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected an alignment for construction of main canal.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views Ngamoeyek River Water Pumping Station in Hlegu Township.

MNA

CPT Minister inspects communication stations



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visits Yatanarpon Pan Myanmar Factory in Yatanarpon Myothit of PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw called for extension of auto exchange lines at Mogaung auto exchange in Kachin State on 28 February.

He visited Hsahmaw

microwave station and Pimbaw auto exchange.

On 1 March, he inspected construction of microwave station, microwave tower, auto exchange and D-Amp cellular room in Mohnyin.

At Yatanarpon new town project near PyinOoLwin, the

minister yesterday inspected communication station, completion of buildings, visited Yatanarpon Optical Fiber Factory, Yatanarpon Pan Myanmar factory, and viewed construction of factory by Asia World Co.—MNA



New roads commissioned in Pantanaw, Kyaunggon

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The inauguration of Peinchaung-Zayathlakyi rural gravel road in Pantanaw Township took place on 1 March.

The upgraded facility built by Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Committee in 2009-2010 financial year benefits 18 villages in the township.

Bandoola, Oo-yin (2), and Myopya tarred roads in Kyaunggon were put into service later the same day, which facilitates the transport in Ward (1), Ward (2), and Thitseintkon Village-tract in the township.

The opening ceremonies were graced by the presence of Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.—MNA

Minister supervises forestry works in Muse, Kutkai

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met the chairman of China International Forestry Group (CIFG) and party in Muse on 28 February.

The chairman of

CIFG donated four timber loaders to the Ministry of Forestry.

In meeting with staff of Muse District Forest Department, the minister stressed the need to avoid malpractices, make all-out efforts for realizing the

aims of the department and cordially conversed the local people. In the evening, the minister heard reports on conservation of forest plantation presented by the head of Kutkai Township Forest Department.

MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung views four timber loaders donated by CIFG.—FORESTRY

Those from US and British embassies visited NLD (HQ) 27 times in February

YANGON, 3 March—The National League for Democracy (Central) has kept in touch with the US and the British Embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine Street here 27 times in February 2010. During their visit they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

13390.09 acres of poppy plantations obliterated in 2009-2010

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The officials concerned had been combing and destroying poppy plantations in 2009-2010 poppy growing season. Up to 20 February 2010, 13139.09 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in states and divisions.

From 21 to 27 February, another 251 acres of poppy plantations—56.8 acres from Tangyan, Momeik, Kutkai, Namhkam and Mantung Townships of Shan State (North), 114.7 acres from Pinlaung and Pekhon Townships of Shan State (South), and 79.5 acres from Mongping and Mongton Townships of Shan State (East)—were destroyed again, 13390.09 acres in total.—MNA

Kyaukse Association invites members for AGM

YANGON, 3 March—Kyaukse Association (Yangon) has arranged to hold its eight annual general meeting for 2009 at Kyaukse Dhammayon in Bahan Township here

on 21 March.

Invitations and annual reports have been sent to members and Kyaukse District natives in Kyaukse, Singaing and TadaU townships are also

invited. For further information, contact the office of the association at the Kyaukse Dhammayon (Ph: 01-552736).

MNA



Consecration ceremony organized at Zabu Nyeinaye Pagoda of Panwa

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—A ceremony to consecrate Buddha Images to be kept at Zabu Nyeinaye Pagoda in Panwa of Myitkyina District was held at the precinct of the pagoda on 26 February.

First, members of

the Sangha consecrated the Buddha image, and then recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, Minister for

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and leader of local national race U Za Khun Ting Ring offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

They later shared merits gained.

MNA

F & B at Star Resources

YANGON, 3 March—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open SOP Course for Hotel & Cruise Staff in the third week of March for those wishing to find a job in hotels, restaurants and on cruisers.

The three-month course includes F & B

Service and Housekeeping which are most popular jobs in tourism industry. Those with working experience in international five star hotels will teach the theory-practice combined curriculum in accordance with the standard course guide lines of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Educa-

tional Institute (AHLA-USA).

The contact address of Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy is Room 302, Building-267, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, here, Ph; 01-523200, 523623, 4412256, 09-5020302.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Sound of trains in operation...

(from page 1)

Land survey task of nine-mile Mongnai-Pandaung section was complete. It is planned to build the railroad from Mongnai to Kengtung through Langkho, Mongpan, Tahsan, Mongton, Monghsat, Mongkhok and Mongphyat. It is not easy to construct the railroad through mountains.

Arrangements are

being made to build a Thanlwin River crossing Bridge near Tahsan as Mongnai-Kengtung railroad being implemented by Myanmar engineers will cross the river.

Out of 16 scheduled to be built after completion of land preparation and earthwork on Mongnai-Langkho railroad section, four bridges have been constructed so far and three are under

construction. I saw arrival of construction materials for the remaining ones.

One can see considerable difficulties in building the railroad through mountains and valleys in the hilly region, spending huge amounts of money. It is not easy to carry out land survey either, the first step for the railroad construction. Overcoming the challenge of natural barriers railroad networks have



Photo shows land preparation for Mongnai-Langkho railroad section.

Golden umbrella hoisted atop Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Tamoenye



Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hoist diamond orb atop of the pagoda.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—A new golden umbrella was hoisted atop Yanaungmyin Pagoda in Tamoenye of Muse District on 1 March.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut con-

veyed the umbrella, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint the pennant-shaped vane, the wife of the commander and officials Sasana flag, three tiers of zoon, cone and the remaining tiers and golden umbrella for the encircled zedis round the pagoda.

Next, the commander and the minister hoisted the diamond orb, the pennant-shaped vane and tiers of umbrella atop the pagoda. Members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda. Later, they offered meals to members of the Sangha.

MNA



Finishing touches are being put to earth work of Mongnai-Langkho railroad section.

emerged in the all parts of the country.

It is sure that efforts on regional development tasks will be more effective and Shan State will be in blossom with development flowers because a dream is going to come

true with the emergence of Mongnai-Langkho road section and Mongnai-Kengtung railroad network one after another. Moreover, one can travel by train around the Shan State surrounded by natural beauties. Na-

tional brethren of the state will enjoy the fruitful result of better transport that can contribute towards swift flow of commodities.

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Upon completion of Mongnai-Langkho railroad section, a link between Mongnai and Kengtung will emerge and more emphasis will be placed on development of Shan State. Moreover, it will enable everyone to travel by train around the Shan State surrounded by natural beauties and contribute to swift flow of commodities.

Hard surfaces can harbor virus for 48 hrs

NORTH CANTON, 3 March—Hard surfaces emerged as a key source of bacterial and viral infections during the H1N1 pandemic, a US physician says. Dr Robert Arnot, a TV medical correspondent and chief medical educator of www.touchesurfaces.org, says studies show people unknowingly infect themselves by touching bacteria-laden surfaces and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

Arnot says the average adult, per hour, brings his or her hand to the face 17

times, the eyes five times, the nose three times, and the mouth 1.5 times, with the figures reaching far higher for children.

Viruses such as H1N1, seasonal flu or the stomach flu do not survive long on porous items, but they can last up to 48 hours on non-porous surfaces, Arnot says. Scientists have thought infectious diseases were spread through the air or by direct person-to-person contact, but H1N1 virus can live up to 22 hours on a hard surface and be contagious to others for up to 8 hours. Hard surfaces

are emerging as a potential key source of infection.

Hard surfaces include stainless steel, toilet seats, phones, computer keyboards, communal coffee pots, water coolers, ATM machines, subways and buses, handrails, playground and gym equipment. The list also includes toys — at home and in doctors' offices — doorknobs, remote controls, shopping carts, gas station pump handles and keypads, gym equipment, buffet spoons and high-use telephones, Arnot says.

Internet



Rescuers are busy on the site of a collapsed building in Concepcion, southern Chile, on 2 March, 2010. There are still seven people buried in the ruins here. The 8.8-magnitude devastating earthquake which hit Chile on Saturday has killed at least 763 people, reports quoted Chile's emergency office as saying on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Pre-cancer diet a factor in survival

CHICAGO, 3 March—What a woman ate three to five years prior to a diagnosis of ovarian cancer can impact her chances of survival, US researchers found.

Researchers from the University of Illinois at Chicago found women who ate higher totals of fruit and vegetables — and higher vegetable consumption alone — up to five years before diagnosis had a survival advantage.

The study, published in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, also observed a statistically significant improvement in survival for those eating the healthier grains. However, eating less-healthy meats — red and processed meat — was associated with a survival time disadvantage.—Internet



The workers work at the entrance of the 2010 World Expo Culture Centre in Shanghai, east China, on 2 March, 2010. The construction of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Culture Centre came into the phase of final sprint on Tuesday, the 60-day countdown to the opening ceremony.—XINHUA

New therapy suggested for liver fibrosis

BARCELONA, 3 March—Spanish medical scientists say they've found that lab rats treated with ghrelin, a stomach hormone, displayed a reduction in liver fibrosis.

The scientists at Barcelona Hospital said ghrelin reduced the amount of fibrogenic cells by 25 percent in the treated rodents, as well as preventing acute liver damage and reducing oxidative stress and inflammation.

Dr Ramon Bataller, lead author of the

study, said there are no current anti-fibrotic therapies for patients with liver disease, such as hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer.

"Our aim was to determine if recombinant ghrelin could regulate the formation of fibrous tissue associated with chronic liver damage," Bataller said. "In our study, we demonstrate that recombinant ghrelin regulates the fibrogenic response of the liver to acute and chronic disease."—Internet

Dirty air triggers illness, costs millions

SANTA MONICA, 3 March—Air pollution in California triggered asthma and pneumonia that caused \$193 million in hospital-based medical care from 2005-2007, a US non-profit group says.

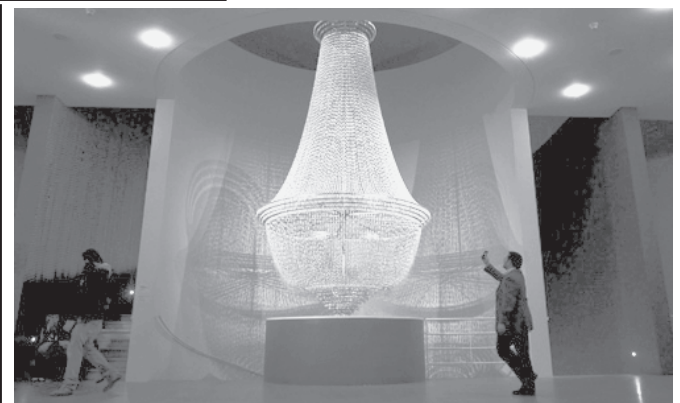
Researchers at the Rand Corp estimate exposure to excessive levels of ozone and particulate pollution caused nearly 30,000 emergency room visits and hospital admissions during the study period.

Public insurance programmes were responsible for covering most of the costs, with Medicare and Medi-Cal picking up more than two-thirds of the expenses, the study finds. "California's failure to meet air pollution standards causes a large amount of expensive hospital care," lead author John Romley, an economist, says in a statement. "The result is that insurance programmes — both those run by the government and private payers — face higher costs because of California's dirty air."

Romley said the findings show private insurers, employers and public insurance programmes all have a financial stake in improving California's air quality.

"These costs may not be the largest problem caused by dirty air, but our study provides more evidence about the impact that air pollution has on the state's economy," Romley says.—Internet

A visitor uses a mobile phone to take a photograph of a piece called "The Bride" by Portuguese artist Joana Vasconcelos during her presentation of the "Netless" exhibition at Belem Cultural Centre in Lisbon on 1 March, 2010. The materials used in the piece include tampons, stainless steel and cotton thread.—XINHUA



Demographics key to cancer screenings

BOSTON, 3 March—Education, race, ethnicity, income and age are related to a patients' willingness to participate in cancer screenings, US researchers found. Lead author Nancy Kressin, director of the Healthcare Disparities Research Unit and Boston University School of Medicine, and colleagues said prior studies showed screenings are crucial in identifying cancer in

its early stages and minorities have lower screening rates for certain types of cancer, such as cervical and colorectal cancer.

The researchers examined patients' agreeability to engage in cancer screening in the context of varied symptoms and screening settings.

A random sample was conducted using telephone interviews in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Baltimore

and New York.

Less-educated individuals with lower incomes received fewer cancer screenings than those with higher levels of each and these rates may lead to disparities in cancer-related mortality. However, racial and ethnic minority status, age and lower income were frequently associated with willingness to receiving a cancer screening.

Internet



Wind turbines at the island of Mariahamn between Sweden and Finland, in 2009. Sweden will build 2,000 new wind turbines over the next decade as part of a bid to dramatically increase its production of renewable energy, Enterprise and Energy Minister Maud Olofsson said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Nissan recalls nearly 540,000 vehicles worldwide

TOKYO, 3 March—Nissan Motor said on Wednesday it will recall nearly 540,000 vehicles worldwide, most of them

in the United States, due to brake pedal defects and faulty fuel gauges.

Nissan said in a statement it plans “to inspect

and, if necessary, repair brake pedal pins and fuel-gauge components on certain trucks and minivans.”

“No accidents or injuries have been reported with these issues,” it said.

The recalls also affect Canada, Mexico, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan, the statement said. The models with faulty brake pedal pins are the Titan pickup trucks, the Armada and Infiniti QX56 SUVs and Quest minivans built between 2008 and 2010, the company said, adding that it would pull 178,916 units from the US.

The company said there were three reported cases of brake pedal pins loosening and causing problems with braking.

“Nissan has determined that a manufacturing error on the part of the supplier is at the root of this issue,” it said.

Internet



The Nissan Juke is shown at the Geneva Motor Show in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Hyundai Motor Co February sales jump 23.4 percent

SEOUL, 3 March—South Korea’s leading automaker, Hyundai Motor Co, saw its February sales jump 23.4 percent compared to a year earlier, posting a worldwide sales of 250,995 units in the month, the company said on Wednesday.

“We expect drastic changes in the global market outlook as well as stiffer competition from other companies following an economic downturn around the world,” the company said in a statement, vowing to increase its efforts to become a global leader in the auto-industry.

Hyundai’s domestic sales grew 9.2 percent last month, amounting to

48,981 units, fueled by stronger sales in new releases of its Sonata and Tuscan models, the company said, while its overseas sales jumped 27.3 percent in the cited period to reach 202,014 units sold, largely due to boosts in production from its overseas plants in China and India as well as the Czech Republic.

However, monthly sales have dropped compared to the previous month both in the local and foreign markets by 18.1 percent and 8 percent respectively, mainly because of the shorter month that included the Lunar New Year holidays, according to Hyundai.—Xinhua

US state, local govts face financial pressure amid economic rebound

WASHINGTON, 3 March—In spite of indicators suggesting the United States is pulling out of the worst recession since the 1930s — albeit at a snail’s pace — state and local governments are likely to lag behind the national recovery and face financial pressures for some time, experts said.

But the extent to which this will occur varies from city to city. While Harrisburg, Pennsylvania officials have talked of declaring bankruptcy, ob-

servers speculate more such cases could follow.

Moody’s Investors Service said in a recently released report that it expects state and local governments to lag behind the national rate of recovery and face a number of financial challenges through 2010 and into the following year.

Many will continue to face credit pressures due to declining tax receipts, pressures to boost spending and weakened balance sheets, the report said.

But while it expects defaults and bankruptcies to be rare, the organization maintains that such possibilities exist and the likelihood of defaults could increase in the future.

“In our opinion, it is extremely unlikely that there will be a cultural shift in the market towards increased use of Chapter 9 bankruptcies or a wholesale erosion of investor appetite sufficient to threaten liquidity to this market,” Moody’s said.

Xinhua

India telecom tycoon Africa moves spook investors

NEW DELHI, 3 March—Indian telecoms tycoon Sunil Bharti Mittal may be known for his Midas touch, but investors are questioning if his multi-billion-dollar bid to gain a foothold in Africa is a step too far.

Mittal, chairman of Bharti Airtel, has seen shares of India’s biggest

mobile firm tumble since he made his 10.7-billion-dollar offer for the loss-making African assets of Kuwait’s Zain Telecom last month.

Mittal, stymied in two previous bids to tie up with South African flagship telecom company MTN, Africa’s largest mobile operator, has

staunchly defended his latest attempt to break into the African market.

Africa represents “the most under-penetrated market in the world”, offering huge potential growth, said Mittal, who built Bharti into an Indian telecom powerhouse in just 15 years.

Internet



An Indian man talks on his mobile phone next to a Bharti Airtel sign in New Delhi. Shares in India’s biggest mobile firm have tumbled since they made a multi-billion dollar offer for the loss-making African assets of Kuwait’s Zain telecom last month.—INTERNET

Adidas 2009 profit falls by 62 percent

FRANKFURT, 3 March—German sportswear and equipment maker Adidas said on Wednesday that its 2009 net profit plunged by 62 percent to 245 million euros (334 million dollars).

In the fourth quarter of the year, net profit fell by 64 percent to 19 million euros, the company added, well below an average analyst forecast of 25 million compiled by Dow Jones Newswires.

Adidas said sales this year were expected to gain between one and six percent, with the results and forecast demonstrating once again the tough conditions faced by retailers.—Internet



The distinctive three stripe brand of German firm Adidas. The sportswear and equipment maker has said that its 2009 net profit plunged by 62 percent to 245 million euros (334 million dollars).

INTERNET

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Miss World Malaysia 2009 Thanuja poses for a Public Service Advertisement on animal sterilization in Selangor, Malaysia, on 2 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Typhoid spreading in Fiji, 99 infected

WELLINGTON, 3 March—An outbreak of typhoid in Fiji was spreading rapidly, with 99 people now confirmed with the disease, New Zealand media reported on Tuesday. Fiji Deputy Secretary of Public Health Josefa Koroivueta said 55 people have been infected with typhoid in the past week and the illness is spreading to new areas, Radio New Zealand International reported.

Typhoid is transmitted by bacteria and the health ministry suspects contaminated water to be the source in one area, and food in the other areas.—Xinhua



Rescue workers search for the missing in a flooded residential neighbourhood in La-Faute-sur-Mer, western France, on 2 March, 2010 after a major storm named Xynthia hit western Europe, killing at least 62 as of on 2 March.—XINHUA

Israel could end natural gas imports

TELAVIV, 3 March—A US energy company announced on Tuesday that a project it is developing off the Israeli coast could soon end the country's longtime dependence on natural gas imports.

Noble Energy Chief Executive Charles D Davidson said the Tamar gas field — set to become operational in 2012 — will allow Israel to meet its own energy needs, and

potentially even become an exporter of fuel.

"Our thoughts are that will exceed what the market will need," Davidson said. "It's significant to Israel and what it can do for this country in terms of lowering energy costs."

Tamar's five wells are each expected to pump 150 million cubic feet of natural gas per day — a pace on par with the Houston company's other

wells operating in places like the Gulf of Mexico, he said. The company hopes to open operations in a second Israeli field, called Dalit, at a later time.

The possibility of exporting fuel would mark a dramatic turnaround for Israel, a country in an oil-rich region that is notoriously empty of natural resources and has always relied heavily on fuel imports.—Internet

Hyundai Motor Co recalling 515 vehicles in US over airbag defect

SEOUL, 3 March—South Korea's top automaker Hyundai Motor Co said on Tuesday it is voluntarily recalling 515 vehicles in the United States due to a defect in the airbag system.

According to Hyundai, Tucson sport-utility vehicles produced in South Korea from 10 and 30 Nov last year and exported to the US will be subject to the recall.

The move comes as the company found a defect in the airbag system in the front passenger seat, which may not properly work in a crash, the company said.

The recall came less than a week after Hyundai decided to recall about 47,000 units of its new Sonata sedan in the US and South Korea, citing a glitch in the front-door locks.

Xinhua

Two employees killed in New Mexico oil refinery fire

ARTESIA, 3 March—Authorities say two employees at an oil refinery in southeast New Mexico are dead and two others critically injured after a storage tank exploded into flames. Artesia police say warning sirens sounded just before 1 pm on Tuesday at the Navajo Refinery. Emergency crews arrived and were able to contain the fire a short time later.

Authorities say two employees, both from Texas, died from injuries sustained in the explosion. Two other workers were airlifted to the Lubbock Hospital in Texas, where authorities say they remain in critical condition. No names were released.

Authorities say the explosion's cause remains unclear. Calls to the Dallas-based company that owns the refinery were not immediately returned on Tuesday night.

Xinhua

14 die in artillery, gun battle in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 3 March—Witnesses in Somalia says at least 10 civilians and four militants have been killed in a gunbattle between Islamists and government forces in the capital.

Resident Sa'id Ahmed said the fighting started late Tuesday when government forces moved into an insurgent-held neighbourhood of Mogadishu. He said the soldiers killed four al-Shabab fighters before militant reinforcements arrived.

Ali Muse of Mogadishu's ambulance service says his facility collected the bodies of 10 civilians. He said 39 wounded people were taken to hospitals.

For the last three years, thousands of civilians have died in violence-wracked Mogadishu in a conflict that pits militants against a weak, UN-backed government.—Xinhua

Italy to showcase "Rome Experience" at Shanghai Expo

ROME, 3 March — Italy's capital will showcase the lifestyle of its people at the Shanghai 2010 World Expo, local official Francesco Maria Orsi told *Xinhua* in a recent interview. With its theme of "The Rome Experience," the events and projects to be staged by Rome have a double goal: promoting Rome's image on the international stage and opening up opportunities for Roman firms wanting to do business in China, said Orsi, mayor Gianni Alemanno's del-

egate for the Expo.

"Rome has all credentials to be an ideal model of the Expo's theme 'Better City, Better Life' thanks to its unique historical and architectural beauties, life quality and style," Orsi said.

What makes Italy's capital so special is its life "experience," its most precious asset. Apart from Rome's monuments, which have witnessed a great imperial past, Orsi stressed that Rome is at the same time a symbol of beauty, love of life and well-being.

"Everyone visiting our city is enchanted by its beauties and unique way of life.

There is no doubt that Rome is one of the most beautiful and best cities in the world, and it's exactly this notion we will showcase in Shanghai," he said.

Recalling a television broadcast seen during his last visit in Shanghai, Orsi said he was impressed by the answers the Chinese public gave to what they believed made up Rome's appeal.

Xinhua



File photo shows Japanese fishermen slaughtering a 10m-long bottlenose whale at Wada port in Minami-Boso, Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo.

INTERNET

Police fail to find bomb in Wellington CBD

WELLINGTON, 3 March — New Zealand police failed to find the bomb at the centre of a scare in central Wellington on Wednesday afternoon and have scaled back their search.

Bomb squad experts were called to investigate a threat at Willeston House in central Wellington after a threatening email and note were sent.

The building had been evacuated following the threat at 3:34 pm local time. After a thorough search of the floor, the squad failed to locate anything suspicious, but would continue searching other parts of the building, police said. —*Xinhua*



Two F-5 warplanes crashed into a rice paddy northeast of Seoul in 2008. South Korea's air force grounded most of its fighter jets for safety checks on Wednesday, a day after two of them crashed into a mountain killing three pilots.

INTERNET

country since 2000, *Yonhap* said.

South Korea now operates about 180 F-5 fighters. *MNA/Xinhua*

Two S Korean fighter jets crash kills three

SEOUL, 3 March — South Korea's Air Force confirmed late Tuesday that two F-5 fighter jets crashed earlier in the day during a drill near the East Sea, killing three pilots.

The bodies of the pilots and some debris of the planes were found near a mountain peak in Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province, an official of the Air Force was quoted by Seoul's *Yonhap* news agency as saying.

The two jets was on their training flight after taking off from an airbase in Gangneung, Gangwon Province, at around 12:20 pm local time (0320 GMT), and lost communication with the ground five minutes later. They

were believed to crash into Mount Hwangbyeong, about 20 kilometres west of Gangneung at around 12:33 pm local time (0333 GMT), the Air Force added.

The accident might be caused by poor visibility from the foggy weather, but further investigation will be conducted to determine the cause, the official said.

The rescue team has been forced to suspend its operation due to the bad weather in the area, and the research will be resumed on Wednesday.

Tuesday's accident is the seventh crash involving a F-5 fighter jet in the

Air India risks turbulence as it seeks to cut costs

MUMBAI, 3 March — State-run carrier Air India is set for dramatic cost-cutting in the months ahead as part of a government bailout that will test the willingness of workers to accept painful restructuring. Last month, the Indian government approved an injection of 173 million dollars for the ailing company and Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel has told the airline it must "shape up" to receive the funds.

The money is part of a phase planned government injection of 50 billion rupees (1.1 billion dollars) over three years for the carrier, which has reported massive losses in recent years.

But the government

has insisted the money will only be handed over if the airline reduces costs — partly by reducing its bloated fleet size by some 30 percent to 105 aircraft by March 2011, and also by cutting wages.

"The airline is in a

mess. Tough decisions will need to be made, for which the Air India leadership needs a free hand," said KPMG India aerospace analyst Amber Dubey, arguing that a temporary shutdown might be necessary. —*Internet*



Indians walk past the Air India headquarters in Mumbai in June 2009. State-run carrier Air India is set for dramatic cost-cutting in the months ahead as part of a government bailout that will test the willingness of workers to accept painful restructuring. —*INTERNET*

Tobacco Kills

Scientists now listen to the solar wind

ANN ARBOR, 3 March — US scientists say they have "sonified" solar wind data, allowing researchers to listen to the solar wind that's usually represented as numbers or graphs.

University of Michigan researchers said they created an acoustic, or musical, representation of the solar wind in order to hear information that their eyes might have missed in solar wind speed and particle density data gathered by NASA's Advanced Composition Explorer satellite. The solar wind is a stream of charged particles emanating from the sun.

The process of sonification isn't new, the researchers said, noting that is the process used by Geiger counter radiation detectors that emit clicks in the presence of high-energy particles.

"What makes this project different is the level of artistic license I was given," said composer and recent School of Music alumnus Robert Alexander. The product, which Alexander says is "in between art and science," uses a drum beat to represent the rotation of the sun, and the voice of a singer — his sister — to represent the charge state of carbon atoms.

"Every piece of scientific data tells a story. I'm expressing this story through music," Alexander said. "These sonifications present scientific data in a way that is immediately visceral."

Internet

SPORTS

Aussie football coach hopes for Asian Cup finals



Indonesia's Isnain Ali is pursued by Australia's Danny Allsopp during the group B Asian Cup 2011 Qualifiers in Jakarta in late January.
INTERNET

SYDNEY, 3 March—Coach Pim Verbeek is banking on a largely home-based Australian side to get past Indonesia on Wednesday and clinch a berth in next year's Asian Cup finals.

Australia need a draw to secure a place in next January's Qatar showpiece, but Verbeek has only three first-choice players — Jason Culina, Josh Kennedy and Luke Wilshire — in his squad to take on the out-of-contention Indonesians in Brisbane.

The Dutchman has been burnt in the past fielding a domestic lineup in Asian Cup qualifying, losing 1-0 to Kuwait in Canberra a year ago.

But a lengthy injury list and a short FIFA international window have made it difficult to call on his European-based stars, with Dinamo Moscow's Wilshire the only first-team regular summoned.

Verbeek, who has already steered the Socceroos to June's World Cup finals in South Africa, is confident he has the players to do the job against the 136th-ranked Indonesia.

"There is no reason to be nervous," Verbeek said. "Of course, we all know with the best players available it could have been easier and we will have to work hard because it will be a hard game."

INTERNET

Woods back from family counseling

JACKSONVILLE, 3 March—Tiger Woods is back on the practice tee and working to get back on the course.

Woods has returned home after a week of family counseling in Arizona and is trying to get back into a routine that includes fitness and his first significant practice in 15 weeks, a person with knowledge of his schedule said Tuesday.

Woods returned to his home near Orlando on Saturday and has been hitting balls on the range at Isleworth, not far from where he ran his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree in the middle of the night on 27 Nov, setting off shocking revelations of infidelity.

INTERNET



File photo shows Tiger Woods watching his tee shot on the fifth hole during the second round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.—INTERNET

Dunga admits Brazil must go up another level at WC

LONDON, 3 March—Brazil coach Dunga admits his side must raise their game to an even higher level to live up to their billing as World Cup favourites.

Dunga's team showed the good and bad sides of their game in Tuesday's 2-0 friendly win over the Republic of Ireland at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium and the Seleccion coach knows there is still room for improvement in South Africa later this year.

As ever, the five-time World Cup winners are re-



Brazil's coach Dunga

garded as strong contenders to win the tournament, but Dunga claims he is surprised by that tag because he keeps hearing how badly his players are performing in Europe this season.—INTERNET

Davydenko to miss Davis Cup clash with India

MOSCOW, 3 March—Russia's top player Nikolay Davydenko will miss Russia's Davis Cup opening round clash with India, which will be played in Moscow this weekend, local media reported on Tuesday.

Reports said Davydenko, 28, who is currently ranked sixth in the world, will have to withdraw from playing for his country because of a left wrist injury, which he sustained during his semifinal loss in Rotterdam last month.

Russia's tennis federa-

tion chief Shamil Tarpishchev named Igor Andreev, who is currently 38th in the ATP rankings, as a replacement for Davydenko for the World Group clash with India.

Tarpishchev also included Mikhail Youzhny, Teimuraz Gabashvili and Igor Kunitsyn in the Russian team.—INTERNET



Russia's top player Nikolay Davydenko

Henry calls for coach appointment delay

PARIS, 3 March—Thierry Henry on Tuesday said he would prefer the successor to national boss Raymond Domenech to be named after the World Cup, and not before the tournament as planned.

"Personally, I'd prefer us to talk about it after, and definitely not now. It's not a debate," said France skipper Henry.

Henry joins international colleagues William Gallas and Florent Malouda in expressing reservations about the decision to reveal the identity of France's next coach before the World Cup.

Under the timescale announced by French Football Federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes, Domenech's successor will be named in late April or May. Speaking at the weekend, Domenech himself said the timing of the announcement could undermine his preparations for the tournament.

"Everything that comes from outside can disrupt, undermine and create weaknesses that could prove harmful during a long competition," said Domenech, whose side face Spain in a friendly here on Wednesday.

INTERNET



Raymond Domenech

Capello warns England stars to stay out of trouble

LONDON, 3 March—Fabio Capello has warned his pampered England players that they cannot afford to let their private lives get in the way of his World Cup preparations.

Capello has grown weary at fending off a barrage of questions about the late-night liaisons of England defenders John Terry and Ashley Cole and he delivered a brief but emphatic statement of intent to his squad



England manager Fabio Capello answers questions during a press conference on the eve of their International friendly against Egypt at London Colney, on 2 March.—INTERNET

when they met up for this week's friendly against Egypt.

INTERNET

Mexico, New Zealand to clash in World Cup warmup

PASADENA, 3 March—World Cup veterans Rafael Marquez and Cuauhtemoc Blanco will lead Mexico against New Zealand Wednesday in a friendly football match that will serve as a World Cup tuneup for both.

For Mexico the match is the second in a series of six friendlies in the United States as they prepare to open their World Cup campaign against hosts South Africa on June 11.

Their first-round group also includes France and Uruguay.

"I think this is the moment for us to do something big, something historic," said defender Marquez, who says the 2010 World Cup will be his last. "We have players with lots of experience and young people who have the hunger to win."—INTERNET

Japan face Bahrain for top spot

TOYOTA, 3 March—Japan and Bahrain on Wednesday will slug it out for top spot in their group in the last game of the final qualifying round for the Asian Cup.

Both sides have already qualified for the competition in January next year in Qatar, but Japan, who are at full strength for the clash, currently head Group A with a marginally superior goal difference.

"We want to finish top of the group, which will help us in the draw for the Asian Cup," said Bahrain's Czech coach Milan Macala ahead of the showdown at the Toyota Stadium in central Japan.

While the home side made the World Cup in South Africa in June, Bahrain narrowly missed out to New Zealand in a play-off.

INTERNET



Japanese players celebrate after scoring a goal during a recent football match in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Rare tiger cub found in China dies of malnutrition

BEIJING, 3 March— A rare Siberian tiger discovered near the Russian border seemed and auspicious beginning to China's Year of the Tiger; but within days, the emaciated cub had died of malnutrition.

The cub, believed to be about 1 year old, was already in poor shape just after it was found on 26 Feb trapped in a fence, a security official with the forestry bureau in the northern Province



A rare Siberian tiger.

of Heilongjiang said Tuesday.

"It lay on the ground and looked so weak. We've had heavy snow these days, and it must have been starving," said the official, who would only give his family name, Zhang.

Siberian tigers are one of the world's rarest species, with just 300st believed remaining in the wild. In China, killing one of the big cats is punishable by death.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (4-3-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions

	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (4-3-10 11:30 am ~ 5-3-10 11:30 am) MST

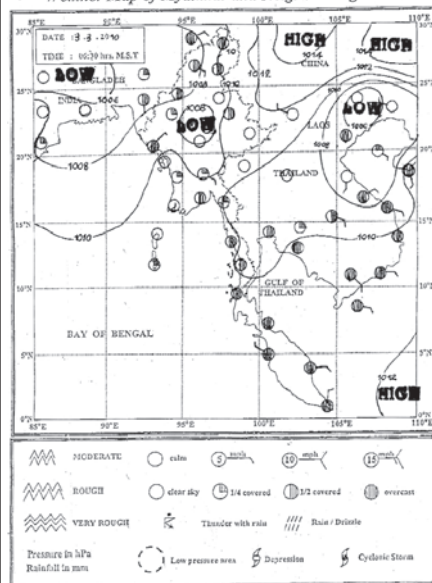
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
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- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Taunggyi Sub-printing House: Knowledge Bank of Shan State (South)
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * News
- * Road to Mingun
- * A Safe Haven-For Older Persons (Kayah State)
- * News
- * Utmost help of MRCS...Committed to quench all distress
- * Percussion of "Pan" (or) Communal Drum
- * Tiger Population Counting (Part-II)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 3rd March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been partly isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3 °C) to (4 °C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperature was Chauk (40 °C) Minbu and Magway (39 °C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.63) inch and Putao (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-3-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 3-3-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-3-2010 was 72%. Total sun shine hours on 2-3-2010 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, KabaAye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 2-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4th March 2010: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Northern Shan States, Upper Sagaing Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon Divisions and Taninthayi generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-3- 2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-3- 2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-3- 2010: Partly cloudy.

Myanmar



Thursday, 4
March
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်တော်တော်မူသောဥပသုတ္တံတော်

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-

မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- Dance Variety

8:25 am

- (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့ဂုဏ်အစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- Musical Programme

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:05 pm

- Dance of Natioanl Races

4:15 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

- Cute Little Dancers

4:40 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

4:55 pm

- အသေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရပ်ခြင်းသင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအိမ်တွင်း စီးပွားပြည်သူ့ရေးရာ အထူးပြုများ)(စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

5:10 pm

- Songs for Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

- "မြို့ကင်းသောတိမ်"

5:30 pm

- ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

5:50 pm

- (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "စော့သည့်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅) (မိုးမိုးသလင်းညီတော်၊ ယုဇနဝိုင်းမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm

- ထူးဆန်းထွေးလားကို သိပ္ပံမြင်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

8:00 pm

- News

- International News

- Weather Report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကိုယ်ရံတော်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

18th Military Band Contest kicks off



Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win enjoys the performance of State Band at opening of 18th Military Band (Army, Navy and Air) Contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The 18th Military Band (Army, Navy and Air) Contest to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day was opened at the parade ground of No. 7 Transit Centre (Ywadow), here, this morning, with an

address by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Lt-Gen Hla Htay

Win took the salute of the military bands. Next, they all saluted the State Flag.

Afterwards, the Chief of Armed Forces Training delivered an address. Later, he left the dais after taking the salute of the military bands.

The State Band demonstrated their skills. Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win presented cash award to the State Band.

Altogether 43 military bands are taking part in the contest that will last from 4 to 8 March.

MNA

A (H1N1) flu outbreak under control in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March — There is no A/H1N1 death case in the country despite 63 were infected with the virus in the country as of January this year.

Only two patients are now undergoing treatment at a hospital today and they are now in good condition, the Ministry of Health said.

The outbreak of new flu A(H1N1) was controlled in the country within a short time as the Ministry of Health, local authorities and the peo-

ple joined hands and stepped up preventive and control measures against the virus. The Ministry of Health is on alert to monitor the disease and has carried out the preventive measures against the disease.

The health department has urged the people to follow the prescribed measures against the virus in order to prevent the spread of the virus in the public and to take part in the campaign to combat the disease.—MNA

Beware of under-construction jetties in Hline River

YANGON, 3 March—Two jetties are under construction on the east bank of Hline River in front of No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy.

Both jetties 148 feet stretch into Hline River from the east bank.

The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reminded the watercraft to sail along the water course near the west bank.—MNA