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Tatmadaw with fine traditions

Our Tatmadaw was born of the nation's historic demand. It was not founded just for the sake of having one. The Tatmadaw which took history's heritage is replete with fine traditions. From the period of independence struggle to date, the young men who joined the Tatmadaw did not look to any privileges for personal gain, and joined only with the spirit of serving the nation and the race.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the speech delivered at the 53rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Bangladeshi President

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—On the occasion of the anniversary of the National and Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, which falls on 26 March 2010, 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. Mohammad Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.—MNA

PM sends felicitations to People's Republic of Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—On the occasion of the anniversary of the National and Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, which falls on 26 March 2010, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Yangon Division hails Armed Forces Day with new road, bridge

YANGON, 25 March —Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a new link road and a bridge were put into service in Yangon Division this morning.

The link road between No 5 Hlinethaya-Pathein Highway and Dalla-Twantay road was opened in Hlinethaya in the presence of Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

The newly commissioned bridge is on Kungyangon-Tawkhayan-Anaukbodin road designated as the No 1/1 bridge in Kungyangon Township. On both occasions to mark the opening of the facilities, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint made speeches and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint explained salient points of the facilities.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence strolls on the newly inaugurated No 1/1 bridge on Kungyangon-Tawkhayan-Anaukbodin road in Kungyangon Township.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Networks of roads, railroads and bridges built for strengthening Union Spirit

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road was opened in Bawdigon village, Owtin Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division, on 24 March. Prime Minister General Thein Sein graced the opening ceremony with his presence and unveiled the stone plaque of the road.

With the central Yoma between the eastern part and the western part of Bago Division, there were development gaps among the regions of the division. But the newly-opened road has helped travellers take about four hours to complete the 120-mile journey.

Although Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road had been constructed for years passing through the Yoma, it was not safe to travel due to regional instability and thick forests.

According to the country's geographical conditions, most of motor roads and railroads were north-south running. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, priority has been given to better transport for national development.

Networks of motor roads, railroads, waterways, airways and telephone lines have been built in order to have easy access to all parts of the Union. Moreover, more river-crossing bridges have been built and there are now eight bridges across the Ayeyawady River alone. Another five bridges are also under construction on the nation's artery.

The government's endeavours for building roads and bridges one after another is to ensure easy access to every region, speedy flow in commodity, reduction in regional development gap and strengthened Union Spirit, thereby contributing to improvement of people's living conditions and socio-economy. All the national people, therefore, are to harmoniously maintain the roads and bridges for their durability.

MMCWA concludes Basic Sewing Course

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—The conclusion ceremony of Basic Sewing Course No. 1/2010 aiming to raise family incomes conducted by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at its office in Dakkhina Thiri Township, here, on 19 March.

Chairperson of MMCWA Daw Nilar Thaw presented awards to outstanding trainees. The responsible persons gave off gifts to course instructors and completion certificates to a total of 33 trainees who are from the association of Dakkhina Thiri and Lewé Townships and other interested persons.

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Chance to pursue higher education in S Korea

YANGON, 25 March—Under the scheme of Year 2010 Korea Government Scholarship Program for Graduate Students, National Institute for International Education Department of the Republic of Korea will pick out 12 Myanmar students for Master's Degree Course and Doctoral Degree Course.

The purpose of the scheme is to have a chance

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

Jetties and airport in Rakhine State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thauung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 23 March inspected Zaygyi Bridge construction and Sittway Jetty in Sittway the state's capital.

On arrival at Yathedaung Jetty in the town, they viewed the construction of retaining wall. They also inspected Sittway Airport yesterday.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Thauung Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe at Yathedaung Jetty.

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FM sends felicitations to Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—On the occasion of the anniversary of the National and Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, which falls on 26 March 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr Dipu Moni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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Health Minister makes inspection tour of health facilities in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint made inspection tours of Patheingyi Township People's Hospital, TB Specialist Hospital, National TB Control Project (upper Myanmar), and University of Medical Technology in Mandalay Division on 21 of this month. At the university, he called on responsible persons to nurture well qualified human resources capable of serving the people's



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects Patheingyi Township People's Hospital.—MNA

healthcare.

He also made further

inspection of Wundwin Township People's

Hospital on the next day. MNA

Kyartawya road in Nyaunglaybin opened

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Hailing 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Kyartawya tarred road was opened in Nyaunglaybin Township yesterday morning.

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for Myanmar students for taking education in Korean universities, and to cement bilateral friendship.

Applicants must submit their application form and other related documents to Korean embassy in Yangon by 30 April. For more information, visit <http://www.niied.go.kr> and also the Korean embassy.—MNA

US, Russia “very close” to nuclear disarmament deal

WASHINGTON, 25 March—The White House said on Wednesday that the United States and Russia are “very close” to reaching a new nuclear disarmament treaty to replace the expired Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

“We are very close to having an agreement on a START treaty, but we won’t have one until President Obama and his counterpart Medvedev have a chance to speak,” White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters at the daily Press briefing.

Gibbs said the two presidents would speak in the coming days on “some things that need to be worked out,” adding that the new treaty would be signed in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic,

where President Obama announced his vision of a nuclear-free world on 5 April, 2009. Earlier reports quoted a Russian official as saying that the two countries had finalized “all documents for the signing of (a new) START,” and that the new treaty would be signed in April in Prague.

Under the new and more ambitious initiative, the nuclear warheads held by the two super nuclear powers are expected to be reduced to 1,500 to 1,675, while the launchers limited to 500 to 1,000.

The two leaders have vowed to work together in the spirit of the START treaty following its expiration on 5 Dec, 2009, in order to ensure that a new treaty on strategic arms can enter into force at the earliest possible date.—Xinhua



Villagers work in their field in Pengshui County, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 24 March, 2010. Rain fell in most parts of Chongqing since Monday offering some respite to this drought-stricken area.—XINHUA

A postoffice worker displays one of the two Shanghai World Expo commemorative stamps, in a face value of 38 Algerian dinars, in Algiers, capital of Algeria, on 24 March, 2010. Algerian Postal Service Wednesday issued two Shanghai World Expo commemorative stamps, in denominations of 15 and 38 Algerian dinars (1 US dollar equals about 73 dinars).—XINHUA



Five Iraqi soldiers killed at Baghdad checkpoint

BAGHDAD, 25 March— Militants attacked an Iraqi Army checkpoint in southwestern Baghdad on Wednesday, killing five soldiers, a security source said.

The attack took place at the Radhwaniyah area when unknown gunmen stormed an army checkpoint, killing five soldiers, the source from Baghdad Operation Command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area and conducted search operation, detaining 17 suspects for interrogation, the source said without giving further details. On Monday, gunmen killed two policemen at a police checkpoint in the same area.

Xinhua

India to deploy first indigenous stealth frigate next month

MUMBAI, 25 March— The Indian Navy will induct the first homemade stealth frigate next month, India's media reported on Thursday.

The first indigenous stealth frigate Shivalik will be commissioned “by the second week of April”, the Indian newspaper Mint quoted Parvez Panthaky, spokesman of Shivalik's maker Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Ltd, as saying.

Shivalik is the first ship of 12 Shivalik-class stealth frigates being built or planned to be built by the Indian Navy, and two more Shivalik-class frigates will be deployed within a few months of each other, said the spokesman.

Xinhua

Teenage bomber kills three in west Iraq blast

RAMADI, 25 March — A teenage suicide bomber killed three people on Wednesday in an attack targeting a local anti-terror chief, police said, amid a spate of violence across Iraq that left 10 dead.

The bombing in the western town of Heet was the second targeting Lieutenant Colonel Walid Sulaiman al-Heeti's house in less than three months and wounded two people, although Heeti himself was unharmed.

“Witnesses said that the attack was committed by a boy whose age did not exceed 14,” police Captain Walid al-Heeti said.

The blast killed two housebuilders and a policeman who were at Heeti's home at the time of the attack.—Internet

Runaway train cars crash in Norway, three dead

OSLO, 25 March— Sixteen runaway train cars careened downhill for three miles (five kilometres) and crashed into a port building on Wednesday, killing three workers, before two of the cars plunged into the water.

The empty train cars broke loose from a cargo train and slammed into the port terminal on the edge of the Oslo fjord, destroying the building, police and rail-road officials said.

The victims had been working in or around the terminal, police spokeswoman Martine Laeng said. A worker initially reported missing was later confirmed as one of three casualties; three people were reported injured.

It was not immediately clear how the train cars became detached. Authorities said they started rolling from a rail yard in eastern Oslo and accelerated as they moved toward the industrial port, about three miles (five kilometres) down the tracks.—Internet



slammed into a building at a port in Oslo, Norway, on 24 March, 2010. Three people were killed and three others injured in the accident.—XINHUA

Foreign soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 March — A NATO soldier has been killed during a firefight with militants in southern Afghanistan, the alliance said, taking to 134 the number of foreign troops killed this year in the country.

“An ISAF service member died as a result of a small-arms attack in southern Afghanistan,” NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement released late Wednesday.

Internet



In this image from 29 March, 2007, Fonterra, the world's biggest trader in dairy products, Whareroa processing plant is seen near New Plymouth, New Zealand.—INTERNET

Chinese investors eye New Zealand's dairy sector

WELLINGTON, 25 March — A Hong Kong-based investment group says it wants to invest up to New Zealand dollars 1.5 billion (\$1.1 billion) in New Zealand's dairy industry to make high-quality infant formula and long-life milk products for the Chinese market.

The move comes two years after China's 2008 tainted milk scandal that left six children dead and more than 300,000 sickened when dairy suppli-

ers added the industrial chemical melamine to milk to boost its apparent protein content. More than 20 dairy companies were closed by authorities and two men were executed for their part in the scam.

Natural Dairy (NZ) Holdings Ltd, formerly China Jin Hui Mining Corp Ltd, has already struck a deal to buy four New Zealand farms and is negotiating with Crafar Farms, which is in receivership, for 24 others, said Kerry Knight, a lawyer acting for Natural Dairy.

Natural Dairy has raised \$105 million in initial capital, and said its total investment in New Zealand could reach \$1.1 billion for "farms, livestock and milk powder production plants."

Michael Stiassny of KordaMentha, the receiver for the 24 Crafar farms, confirmed the Chinese offer.

Internet

Brazilian oil company announces discovery

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 March — Brazilian private oil company OGX on Wednesday announced a new discovery off the country's southeastern coast.

Traces of hydrocarbons were found during the drilling of a well nicknamed Fuji in the Campos Basin, some 82 km off the coast of Rio de Janeiro state, said the company. The water depth in the area is of approximately 125 metres.

OGX, the largest private oil company in Brazil, said the drilling of the Fuji well is in its final stage and is expected to reach a final depth of 3,600 metres.

It was OGX's third oil discovery announcing this month.—Xinhua

S Korea to share know-how in economic development with world

SEOUL, 25 March — South Korea is expanding the government-led programme aimed at sharing its experiences in emerging from a war-torn country to a robust economic powerhouse, local media reported.

The government is now seeking to invite several developing countries that fought on the side of South Korea during the devastating 1950-1953 Korean War to join the so-

called Knowledge Sharing Programme, led by Seoul's Ministry of Strategy and Finance.

The programme, which started in 2004 at the request of developing nations looking to tap into South Korea's know-how, include Providing comprehensive economic policy consulting to rising economies.

The number of countries receiving three-year financial consulting has

risen for the past years, from two when the programme kicked off to up to 17 countries this year, according to Yonhap News Agency.

The ministry previously said the programme is part of an effort to establish South Korea's own model of official development assistance (ODA) that can be distinguished from the Western models.

Xinhua



A factory worker is pictured checking an assembled Prius hybrid vehicle in its final stage of the assembly line at Toyota Motors' Tsutsumi factory in Toyota, Aichi prefecture. INTERNET

Toyota domestic plant review aims to slash costs

TOKYO, 25 March — Crisis-hit Toyota plans to reorganize its Japanese manufacturing operations in a bid to boost productivity and slash costs, the world's biggest automaker said on Thursday.

Toyota is aiming for annual savings of about one billion dollars, said a newspaper report, sending its share price higher despite the looming threat of a mass class action in the United States over vehicle safety defects.

Toyota shares rose 25 yen or 0.67 percent to 3,740 yen in the morning.

The auto giant said it will for the first time reorganize domestic output operations by type and size of vehicles across the group's firms.

The Toyota group now makes vehicles at 17 plants in Japan, including four facilities operated by its affiliates, small-car maker Daihatsu and truck manufacturer Hino.

"Toyota is always studying ways to provide products flexibly and competitively to best meet changes in the market," the firm said in a statement.

"The company now is reviewing domestic output to reorganize operations by type and size of vehicles."

Through the reorganization, Toyota aims to shave 100 billion yen (1.09 billion dollars) off its annual costs by 2012, the *Nikkei business* daily said without citing sources.

Manufacturing similar vehicles in one location is expected to facilitate quality control and technological improvements, the report said.

Internet

Commercial airlines face \$2.8 bln loss in 2010

SANTIAGO, 25 March — Commercial airlines worldwide should lose about 2.8 billion dollars in 2010, but start enjoying a turnaround next year with the outlook rosier in Latin America and Asia, the IATA reported on Wednesday.

The International Air Transport Association said airlines were the hardest hit in the United States and in Europe, where they had to boost efficiency as they struggle amid the global economic lull.

"For the United States, the loss is 1.8 billion dollars; it is 2.2 billion dollars for Europe and 400 (million dollars) for the Middle East," IATA chief Giovanni Bisignani said at the International Air and Space Fair under way in Chile's capital.—Internet



An airplane comes in for a landing. Commercial airlines worldwide should lose about 2.8 billion dollars in 2010, but start enjoying a turnaround next year with the outlook rosier in Latin America and Asia, the IATA reported on Wednesday. INTERNET

Russia, Qatar pledge coordination on fuel markets

MOSCOW, 25 March — Russia and Qatar should coordinate their work on global gas and oil markets, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

"It is important for us to coordinate our joint work on markets," the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Putin as saying while opening talks with his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim al-Thani.

As two of the world's largest hydrocarbon producers, Russia and Qatar already have energy contacts through the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF). Putin recognized the prospects of Russia-Qatar fuel cooperation.—Internet

Sino-Finnish cooperation enjoys great potential

HELSINKI, 25 March—Sino-Finnish relations have made remarkable progress and cooperation between the two countries enjoys great potential, Chinese Ambassador to Finland Huang Xing said.

Sino-Finnish relations are a role model for countries with different social systems and different cultural traditions to treat each other as equals, maintain friendly exchanges and cooperation of mutual benefits, Huang told *Xinhua* in a recent

interview prior to Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping's visit to Finland.

Although Finland, known as "land of a thousand lakes," is geographically far from China, the two countries enjoy traditional friendship, Huang said, noting that Finland was one of the first western countries that established diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China.

The past six decades since the two countries formed diplomatic ties in

1950 have seen sound and steady development of their bilateral relations, Huang said, adding that the relations have reached an unprecedented scale particularly in the past 30 years.

Huang said the two countries have given priority to developing their bilateral ties, noting that the Finnish government has consistently adhered to the one-China policy and actively promoted the development of China-EU relations.—*Xinhua*



Wang Yongping (front R), commander of the Chinese Navy Frigate *Maanshan*, receives a souvenir from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navy Rear Admiral Sheikh Saeed bin Hamdan Al Nahyan at a welcoming ceremony in honour of the Chinese Navy Escort Task Group in Abu Dhabi, capital of the UAE, on 24 March, 2010.—*XINHUA*

Aircraft crashes at campus in Kedah State of Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 March—A Royal Malaysian Air Force Pilatus aircraft crashed in a campus early on Thursday in Alor Setar, state capital of the Kedah State in northern Peninsular Malaysia.

The Star, a local daily, reported on Thursday that the Vice-Chancellor of University Utara Malaysia, or literally the Malaysia Northern University has confirmed the incident.

According to the daily, the incident happened during the university's convocation festival.

The fate of the two pilots is unknown.

—*Xinhua*

Chinese Naval warships pay first-ever visit to UAE

ABU DHABI, 25 March—Two Chinese naval warships on Wednesday arrived in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), kicking off the first-ever visit to the Gulf nation and the region.

The vessels, Frigate *Maanshan* and Comprehensive Supply Ship *Qiandaohu*, are part of the fourth Chinese Navy Escort Task Group, which just completed the escort mission in the Gulf of Aden aimed at protecting commercial ships in pirates-harassed Somali waters. Addressing a welcoming ceremony, Qiu Yanpeng, commander of the task group, said the visit held particular importance in the history of interaction between the two countries and armed forces.

"Ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the UAE, our bilateral ties have grown steadily and both sides favoured each other with valuable support and cooperation on international and regional affairs," he said.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



OpenSkies "Biz" seat is pictured with refreshments and personal entertainment units on one of its Boeing 757-200 jets that features business class only cabins in Dulles, Virginia, on 24 March, 2010.—*XINHUA*

Brazil demands pre-purchase "definitive" technical report on fighter jets

BRASILIA, 25 March—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Wednesday he hopes to get a "definitive" report of the technical capabilities of three models of fighter jets before finalizing the planned purchase.

Lula made the remarks during his talks with visiting Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf, who is now in Brazil to promote his country's fighter jet Saab Gripen.

Brazil plans to buy 36 new fighter jets in a bid to update the country's air force fleet. It is choosing from among three models of fighter jets—the Rafale made by the French company Dassault, the F/A-18 Super Hornet from the US company Boeing and the Swedish Saab Gripen.

During their talks, the Swedish king insisted on the advantages of the Swedish Saab Gripen.

At a Press conference after the talks, Lula said he still wants to get some technical advice before

making a final decision.

The president reaffirmed that the company that guarantees unrestricted transfer of technology to the South American country will emerge as the winner.—*Xinhua*

Car bomb explosion kills seven in Colombian port city

BOGOTA, 25 March—At least seven people were killed and 50 others injured on Wednesday when a car bomb exploded in the port city of Buenaventura in southwestern Colombia. The explosion occurred at 9:45 am local time (1445 GMT) in downtown Buenaventura, just 20 meters away from the mayor's office, and caused huge damage to nearby buildings, police said.

The car bomb was detonated when a police vehicle passed by, immediately killing one policeman. The other victims included pedestrians and vendors. Calling the terrorist attack "a massacre," Colombian Defence Minister Gabriel Silva said police had found some clues to the attack and offered a reward of 150,000 US dollars for anyone who captured the terrorists.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam to strengthen management on coastal areas

HANOI, 25 March—Vietnamese environmental experts said here on Wednesday that Vietnam should finalize legal documents on management of the country's coastal areas.

The proposal was made at a conference held here by the General Department of Sea and Islands of Vietnam and Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia.

Vietnam is facing a reduction of resources and degradation of environmental quality in its sea and seashore areas. It can be seen in the reduction of seafood resources, coral reefs and sea water quality, according to a report of Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment at the conference.

—*Xinhua*



Onlookers watch as a policeman stands near the scene of a car bomb in Buenaventura on 24 March, 2010. A car bomb exploded in the Colombian port town of Buenaventura on Wednesday, killing at least 7 people and wounding 50, the military said.—*XINHUA*

Union Election Commission accepting applications

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Persons wishing to set up political parties are beginning to submit applications presenting the names of the parties to the Union Election Commission. The following parties presented

applications on 22 March:

- (a) The 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar)
- (b) The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics

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New dam diverts turbine-run water for irrigation in Bago Div

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Bago Division hailed the Armed Forces Day with a new diversion dam opened this morning with a speech by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence.

Located in Kyauktaga Township, the facility diverts turbine-run water of Yenwe Hydropower Dam upstream for

irrigation. Also called Yenwe Diversion Dam, it supplies water to tributary canals in the fields through its left-side main canal.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko made arrangements to facilitate operations of the diversion dam after hearing reports presented by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials.

At the ceremony near Hsihsongon village, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and officials met local national people and fulfilled their requirements in health and education sectors



Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence cordially converses with local people.—MNA

Concordia to display goods at IT & Mobile Show

YANGON, 24 March—Concordia Int'l Co, Ltd will display its products at IT & Mobile Show to mark Jupiter IT Mall opening to be held at Sein Gay Har Parami Centre at the corner of Insein and Parami streets, Hline Township here from 26 to 28 March, 2010.

Its products are Fujixerox colour laser printers, Garmin GPS and other accessories.

Those wishing to buy may contact Shwegondine Plaza on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township (Ph: 01-544824, 558170, 540026, 09-5005912, Fax-544199), SY Building in 30th Street between 77 and 78 streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-36478, 69303, 09-5067172) and No 114, Thiri Yadana Market, Nay Pyi Taw (067-420819, 421362).—MNA



Photos show Yenwe diversion dam.

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First IT Mall in Myanmar to be opened soon

YANGON, 25 March—For meeting the growing demand of Myanmar IT industry, Jupiter IT Mall will be kept open soon.

The first IT Mall in Myanmar will host IT and

Mobile Show to mark its opening at Sein Gay Har Parami Centre at the corner of Insein and Parami Streets in Hline Township here from 26 to 28 March.—MNA

Myanmar New Stars presents gifts to dealers for stellar performances

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—The 7th ceremony to present awards to top dealers of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co. Ltd took place at the office of Super Power and Speed quality lubricant production No (A-39), Room 9, Bayintnaung Road, Mayangon Township in Yangon

yesterday morning.

On the occasion, Managing Director of the company U Ko Lay made an opening speech and presented first, second, third prizes and other cash assistance to the top dealers for 2009.

Those wishing to buy lubricants may dial (Ph: 01-686263, 686727, 681894 and

MTCC clinch double trophies

YANGON, 25 March—Winning cricket teams in R. Piyarela League and Ariston Knock-Out Tournaments were awarded at Shwe Panglong Cricket Pitch in Dagon Myothit (North) Township here on 21 March.

Myanmar Timber Cricket Club emerged as champions of both tournaments.

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Fax-686306) and contact No. 330 between 82 and 28-29th streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-72343or 21160).

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Basic Traditional Medicine Course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Jointly organized by Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Traditional Medical Centre of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health and Myanmar Traditional Practitioners' Association (Nay Pyi Taw District Branch)' Basic Traditional Medicine Course was opened at the Sasana

Beikman of Phaungtawchekma Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township on 21 March, with a speech by Director U Win Myint of Research and Development Division under Traditional Medicine Department.

A total of 40 trainees are attending the one-week course.

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Haka People's Hospital in Chin State.



**HAILING
THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
ARMED FORCES DAY**



Dental University in Mandalay .

Developing Health Sector in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Sr No.	Subject	1988	2009	Progress
1.	Extension of hospitals	631	871	240
	- hospitals under Health Ministry	617	844	227
	- hospitals under other ministries	14	27	13
2.	Traditional medicine			
	- traditional medicine hospitals	2	14	12
	- traditional medical centres	89	237	148
3.	Health centre			
	- rural health centres	1337	1504	167
	- regional health centres	64	86	22
4.	Medical and health training			
	- universities	4	15	11
	- training schools	23	43	20

A modern hospital in Taunggyi of southern Shan State with medicines and equipment to care and treat women and children.



Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Role Tatmadaw plays will remain important in national causes

Kyaw Ye Min



Today, the Tatmadaw is not only the strongest force for the nation and the people, but also the best systematically organized force that plays a leading role in guiding the nation towards national politics. Since its birth in the independence struggles, the Tatmadaw has been working with might and main in public service.

In retrospect, our country regained independence due to the brilliant performance of the Tatmadaw, and since then the nation has stood tall as a sovereign state in the global community, and the people of

us have become independent.

Moreover, the Tatmadaw is the sole force in Myanmar that has been able to constantly safeguard lives and property of the people, and stand firmly by the nation and the people in times of emergency such as the nation was on the verge of losing sovereignty; the entire nation and the people were on the edge of an abyss, and there were incidents detrimental to people's security, stability and peace.

It is common knowledge that the Tatmadaw had to carry out huge tasks to help the nation regain independ-

ence, and it is now trying its best to restore independence and sovereignty. In that regard, the Tatmadaw has showed formidable resilience in four real hard times of emergency that could deal a devastating blow on the Union.

The first time was the multicoloured insurgency that came out in 1948-49. In that issue, the Tatmadaw managed to restore community peace and stability the whole country by warding off the racism-based insurgents and political dogmatism-based insurgents that came to existence due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists. Soon after

that, the Tatmadaw had to suppress the intrusion by Kuomintang troops, which went down to the annals of the nation's history.

The second time was the conflicts among the party politicians in 1958. The intra-ruling party clash was growing, and the split of party politics brought disagreement among the people. The whole country was standing on the edge of collapse into pieces and bloodshed, thus squeezing the Tatmadaw to serve as the Caretaker Government, which then managed to put deteriorating situations into normal in no time.

In the third time, some Shan chieftains tried to secede from the Union by demanding Federal Policy, taking full advantage of the defects in the 1947 constitution. Therefore, the Tatmadaw had to assume State duties in 1962. Then, it served as the Revolutionary Council Government, introducing socialist system.

The last time was the 1988 affairs. The loopholes in the 1947 constitution were still effective, and the prac-

tice of the 1974 constitution did not contribute towards national development, thus culminating in widespread discontent of the people. Internal and external subversives underground and aboveground fueled the blaze of the general discontent of the public. So, the State's administrative machinery came to a halt, and the nation was on the edge of collapse. And the nation was about to lose sovereignty, and the Tatmadaw did not have

any other choice, but to take over State duties.

The past events show that the people had to withstand a wide array of adversities. During the period from 1948 and 1988, the nation lacked stability and peace, let alone development. On account of that, since 1988 the Tatmadaw has given top priority to restoration of peace and stability, and has been constructing infrastructures in political, economic, social, (See page 9)

POEM:

Tatmadaw for the people

* The struggle for independence
Foundation of the Tatmadaw
Its parents the people
In people's embrace it grows
Formed with national brethren
Where the strength of unity lies
True Tatmadaw of the people
People it respects
Priority always to nation
Its members love for country
Ever greater than their lives

* Regained it the independence
The bloom of dignity
Sovereignty it safeguards
Protecting motherland ever
Endeavours it makes
Serving nation and people
For both's wellbeing
In every emergency
Ever ready to save
Country from predicament
And people from subjugation
With patriotism and sincere goodwill
Warding off all dangers
In harmony and unison

* National interest in forefront
Guiding people on correct path
Ready to lend a helping hand
A new democratic state
Shapes the Tatmadaw
For joy and glory of all
The goal not far away
Way smooth and safe
Hand in hand we march
Crossing the finishing line

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government has been convinced of the fact that national development calls for stability and peace of the nation and cohesion of the people. With that concept in view, the Tatmadaw government this time is in pursuance of three ways for internal peace: (1) seeking alternate policy, (2) holding discussions at the National Convention as to political issues, and (3) coordination in accordance with the new constitution for long-lasting peace.

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:**Role Tatmadaw plays will remain important in national causes***Kyaw Ye Min**(from page 8)*

education, health and transport fields for national development. Restoration of peace and stability and national development have yielded improvement of the living conditions of the people.

The Tatmadaw government has been constructing all necessary infrastructures in combination for restoration of State stability and community peace, regional development, and successful completion of democratization process as aspired by the public. Today, the effects have come to fruition to an extent, and the nation has enjoyed all-round development.

Of the landmarks, the role the Tatmadaw government has played to achieve success in the drive for regaining national reconsolidation is the most important. For over 40 years from the independence, the people had been in a state of panic owing to multicoloured insurgency, and mushrooming insurgent groups. Successive governments in the AFPFL (Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League) period, the

Revolutionary Council period, and the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party period repeatedly tried in vain to make peace with armed groups. However, it was the Tatmadaw government that had been applying the means of dialogue since 1989 to achieve national reconsolidation.

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As a result, so far, 17 major national race armed groups and over 20 other small groups have returned to the legal fold. Moreover, the peace groups have enjoyed right of expressing at the National Conven-

tion for their political goals, and made compromises till the common consent had been reached in a democratic way.

Now, the constitution has been approved with the support of 92.48 per cent of the people. The government keeps working in a smooth way as approved initially to be able to guarantee perpetual peace from temporary peace. Among the national race groups, some have showed their active participation in line with the provisions enumerated in the constitution for smooth transition. And some are still in the process of coordination for perpetual peace.

Such encouraging achievements are a giant step for generating a better future and guarding the nation against dangers. If all the national race groups join hands with the Tatmadaw in the national defence duties, surely the nation will soon enjoy consolidated national cohesion.

That is the root cause of why the Tatmadaw government has won support and trust of the people for its endeavours to achieve national unity. The people are in fear in case already-

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

restored stability and peace, development momentum and better social economic status will dwindle away following reoccurrence of disability, lack of peace, and anarchic upheavals. Therefore, they show their unanimous support and cooperation with the government in implementing the State's seven-step Road Map for sustainable progress and transition to democracy in a stable and peaceful way.

Today, the Tatmadaw serves a democracy guide in compliance with the desire of the people, taking the leadership role in the national politics. It sees to

the goal of building a modern, developed democratic society with flourishing discipline, which has come to the public knowledge. However, anti-government groups give first priority to coming to power, and party affairs, rather than to public affairs and democratic process. Therefore, it is not strange their activities are totally against the way the Tatmadaw takes for national politics. So, they have come to harbour grudge against the Tatmadaw. And they are found sticking to the scheme in complicity with the certain foreign radio stations to break up the Tatmadaw. That poses grave danger to the future of the nation and the people. However, it is very heartening to learn that the Tatmadaw keeps trying to meet the national goal, with the concept "Place reliance on own race, not on outsiders".

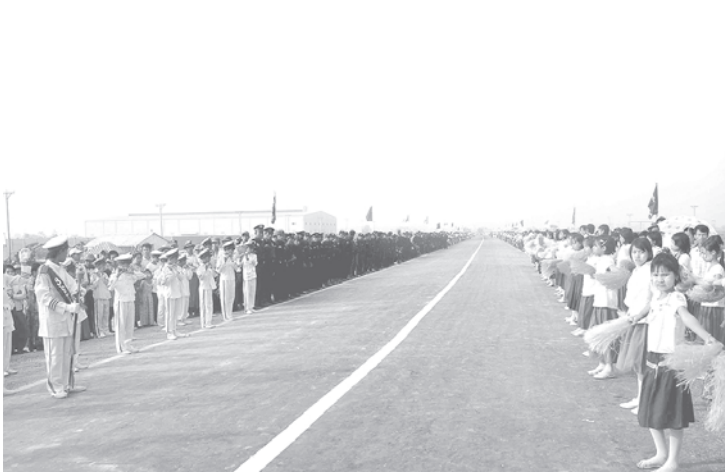
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its guide to democracy as nation's internal affairs is the concern of the people. In addition, the people have to contribute towards the drive for strengthening the Tatmadaw with the concept that only when the Tatmadaw is strong, so will the nation.

All in all, the Tatmadaw has mission accomplished in the independence struggles, as well as in maintaining independence and sovereignty and defending the people and public property. Besides, it has achieved greater success than any other government in nation-building tasks. Such great success is largely owing to the combined efforts of the people with the Tatmadaw in the centre. Therefore, as a gesture of hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, I write this article reflecting that the role the Tatmadaw plays will remain important in every national causes.

Translation: MS

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Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Ministers Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Brig-Gen Lun Thi open new tar road linking No. 5 Highway and Dalla-Twantay road. (News on page 1)—MNA

Myanmar Convention Centre to host Myanmar-Vietnam International Trade Fair

YANGON, 25 March — Press conference on Myanmar-Vietnam International Trade Fair 2010 was held at Chatrium Hotel this evening. At the conference, U Zaw Min Win, Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and Director-General U Khin Maung Lay of Directorate of Trade explained facts about the trade fair. Then, officials concerned replied to the queries raised by

those present. The trade fair will be held at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road here from 3 to 6 April. Discussions on investments, trade and economy between Vietnam and Myanmar entrepreneurs will also be held.

MNA



Press conference for holding Myanmar-Vietnam International Trade Fair 2010 in progress.—MNA



AGM of Rakhine Women's Association (Yangon) to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—The 54th Annual General Meeting of Rakhine Women's Association (Yangon) will be held at the Danyawady monastery in Uhtaungbo Street, Bahan Township at 1:00pm on 3 April. All members are to attend without fail.

MNA



Thein Aye leading KM Golf Championship

YANGON, 25 March—Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2010 continued for third day at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Insein Township here today.

Thein Aye was leading the championship with 214 strokes closely

Nay Bala Win Myint trying to overtake the leader in Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf.—MNA

followed by Nay Bala Win Myint with 216 strokes. Soe Moe Win stands at the third place with 218 strokes. Myo Win Aung stands at the fourth place with 219 strokes, and Maung Maung Oo and Tin Lin in the fifth place with 222 strokes.

The main sponsor of the tourney organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, is Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre).—MNA

Scientists ready for Mars-500 simulation

Moscow, 25 March—The European Space Agency says a crew of six, including two Europeans, will soon begin a 520-day simulated mission to Mars in a special facility in Moscow.

The mockup includes an interplanetary spaceship, Mars lander and martian landscape. The ESA said the Mars500 experiment's goal is to simulate a full mission to Mars and back as accurately as possible. The experiment is to begin this summer at the Russian Academy of Sciences. The crew will include two Europeans, three Russians and one Chinese participant.

The 520-day isolation test is the last and core part of the Mars500 experiment that began in 2007. The first phase in 2007 was a 14-day simulation that tested the facilities and operational procedures. The second phase in 2009 involved four Russian and two Europeans who were sealed in the facility for 105 days.—Internet

Earthquakes shake Central American countries

MEXICO CITY, 25 March—Three feeble earthquakes shook the Dominican Republic and Guatemala on Wednesday, causing panic, the two countries' Emergency Operation Centre and Institute of Seismology reported.

Two earthquakes with magnitudes of 3.1 and 3.2 shook the Dominican Republic, the first occurring at 1:16 am local time (0516 GMT) in the province that borders Haiti, the Emergency Operation Center of the Dominican capital Santo Domingo said. A tremor was also felt in Haiti's northeastern town of Fort Liberté.—*Xinhua*

6.2-magnitude earthquake hits west of Manila

MANILA, 25 March—A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck west of Manila on Thursday, the seismology institute reported, causing buildings in the Philippine capital to shake and sending frightened workers out of their offices.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, and no tsunami alert was issued. Buildings in Manila shook for about 30 seconds.

"Essentially, this would not trigger significant damage," said seismology institute Director Renato Solidum.

He said the quake was centered off Lubang Island in Mindoro Occidental Province, about 80 miles (130 kilometres) southwest of Manila, six miles (10 kilometres) under the seabed. The US Geological Survey put the magnitude at 6.1 and depth at 21 miles (33 kilometres).—*Internet*



Wives of Kenyan seafarers captured by Somali pirates weep after police stopped a protest calling on the Kenyan government to begin negotiations with the pirates, in Mombasa on 23 March, 2010.
INTERNET

Yemen Navy foiled Somali pirates from attacking oil tanker

SANAA, 25 March—Yemeni naval forces on Wednesday foiled an attempt by armed Somali pirates to hijack a Yemeni oil tanker off the southern coastal rim of the country, a military-run website reported.

The Yemeni oil tanker was carrying large quantities of oil and sailing from a harbor in the southeastern province of Hadramout to the port of Aden, to the southwest, when armed Somali pirates on board four boats

tried to attack the tanker off the coast of southern Shabwa Province, located between Hadramout and Aden, said the 26sep.net.

The website cited Admiral Ruways Abdullah Mujawar, commander of the Yemeni Navy and coastal defence, as saying that "our Navy forces spotted four-boat armed Somali pirates lying siege on the Yemeni tanker in an attempt to hijack it."

"The Yemeni naval forces directly engaged in armed clashes with the

pirates and managed to thwart the hijacking attempt," Admiral Mujawar added.

He said "the maritime boats of the navy and coastal defence has launched a chasing campaign to hunt down the Somali pirates after they fled."

The ministry's report said the Yemeni oil tanker along with its crew members did not suffer any damage as it continued sailing to the port of Aden.—*Internet*

India's Commonwealth Games plagued by delay, anger

NEW DELHI, 25 March—A countdown clock outside the Commonwealth Games offices shows 192 days left until India hosts the 17-sport event. But the city still looks like a messy construction site.

The main stadium is months overdue and remains a tangle of cranes, and residents are furious over new taxes to pay for the Games.

Meanwhile, dozens of construction workers have died and hundreds of thousands are labouring in unsafe conditions in the rush to prepare the city for the Games, a court-appointed investigation said.

India hoped that by hosting athletes from the 71 countries of the Commonwealth, the former British Empire, it would boost its global image and become a contender for the Olympics.—*Internet*

Dung beetle tagged world's strongest insect

British and Australian scientists tag *Onthophagus Taurus*, a type of dung beetle, as the world's strongest insect.

The male beetles gain their extraordinary strength due to their unusual mating arrangements—they have to mate with females in animal feces. A male *Onthophagus Taurus* can pull

1,141 times its own body weight—the equivalent of a 70kg person being able to lift 80 tons, the weight of six double-decker buses.

"Insects are well known for being able to perform amazing feats of strength and it's all on account of their curious sex lives," said Dr Rob Knell of Queen Mary, University of London, one of the researchers.

"Female beetles of this species dig tunnels under a dung pat, where males mate with them."

"If a male enters a tunnel that is already occupied by a rival, they fight by locking horns and try to push each other out."

The findings are published in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*.

APEX snaps close-up of star factories in distant universe

ESO lately released a photo of the newly-discovered galaxy SMM J2135-0102, which was found when astronomers were observing a massive galaxy cluster with the Atacama Pathfinder Experiment telescope.

The galaxy is so distant that we see it as it was 10 billion years ago, and it is the brightest very distant galaxy ever seen at submillimetre wavelengths. Astronomers estimate that SMM J2135-0102 is producing stars at a rate that is equivalent to about 250 suns per year.

Extraordinary air umbrella

South Korean designers Je Sung Park and Woo Jung Kwon have finished an extraordinary umbrella—"Air Umbrella."

This umbrella has no canopy, instead, a slim pipe blows enough air to keep the rain away.

The user can control the length of its stem and the scale of air cover at will.

This cool, creative design brakes the traditional thought on the shape of umbrellas.

It is also eco-friendly as it reduces the use of plastics.



Air umbrella.

10 richest cities in world

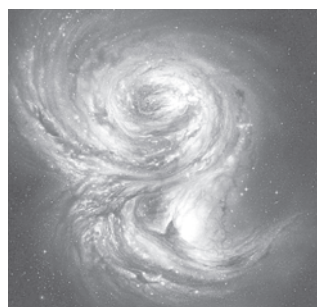
A list of the richest and most influential cities in the world in 2010 was released by British real estate agent Knight Frank and Citibank of US on Wednesday.

The ranking is based on the comprehensive analysis of four indexes: Economic vitality, political influence, research ability and living standard.

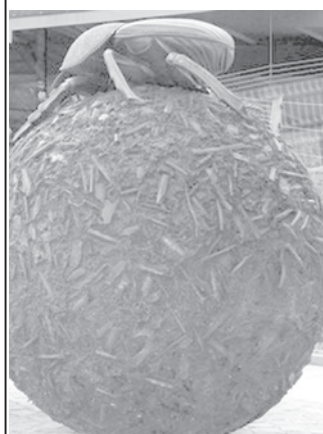
New York, London and Paris occupy the top 3 positions. Beijing is listed in the ninth place.

However, no city is the all-rounder. For instance, New York took the lead at the ranking of indexes of "economic vitality" and "research ability", but its political influence came in second place and living standard even No 8. Meanwhile, some metropolises have had markedly progress, such as Beijing—whose political influence advanced to No 4, and Berlin, which is the runner-up in the ranking of living standard.

News Album



Newly-discovered galaxy SMM J2135-0102.



A sculpture of a dung beetle on top of ball of dung. The beetle, aka *Onthophagus taurus*, has been called the world's strongest insect by British and Australian scientists, as it can pull 1,141 times its own body weight—the equivalent of a 70-kilogramme (154-pound) person being able to lift 80 tonnes, the weight of six double-decker buses.



82 kg of heroin seized in E Turkey

ANKARA, 25 March—Turkish security forces on Wednesday seized 82 kg heroin in the eastern Turkish province of Van, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported. Acting on a tip-off that the large amount of illegal substance was set to be transported to the Turkish largest city of Istanbul, the security forces stopped and searched a van near Erceis town in the province, according to the report.

Sniffer dogs detected the haul hidden in special compartments of the van and two suspected people were detained, said the report.

Officials estimated that the heroin had a street value of 1 million US dollars. Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.

Turkish anti-narcotic teams seized 12.2 tons of heroin, 25.8 tons of hashish and 391,770 ecstasy pills in operations throughout the country in 2009, according to *Anatolia*.—Xinhua

First twin pandas born after Sichuan earthquake “adopted”

CHENGDU, 25 March—The first pair of twin panda cubs born after the devastating May 2008 Sichuan earthquake in southwest China's Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base were “adopted” by a commercial sponsor on Wednesday.

Coca-Cola Greater China has pledged to provide life-long financial support to Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base for the care of the pandas.

The pair, Wenli and Yali, born on 19 July, 2009, had their names changed to Meimei and Lele after the adoption. The new names were top of an Internet poll. The characters, literally meaning “happiness,” represented good wishes for the well-being of the pandas and the people of the quake-hit Sichuan, said a statement from the company.—Xinhua



Customers are seen playing online games at a internet cafe in Beijing. A top Chinese official has said the nation's online population, already the largest in the world, is expected to exceed 500 million in the next two to three years.—INTERNET

Spectators visit the exhibition entitled “Rising Currents: Projects for New York's Waterfront” at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the United States, on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

A steam train is pictured leaving a coal washery in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. China Railway Group said on Thursday it has signed a contract worth 32.8 billion yuan (4.8 billion dollars) to build and operate a coal transport network in Indonesia.

INTERNET

S Korea's consumer sentiment falls to eight-month low in March

SEOUL, 25 March—South Korea's consumer sentiment fell to an eight-month low in March amid worries on job market conditions, the central bank said on Thursday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), the consumer survey index (CSI) for March 2010 posted 110, slightly down from 111 tallied in February to the lowest level since last July. The CSI is a measure of consumers' overall economic outlook, living conditions and future spend-

ing, whose reading above 100 indicate that optimistic views exceed pessimistic ones.

While the overall figure remained solid above the 100-level, consumer sentiment on living standard remained flat, hitting 95, compared with that on prospective living standard declining 3 points to 104.

Consumer sentiment on economic situation hit 100, up from 99 in February, while that on expectations of domestic economic situations also

added 3 points to stand at 113, the BOK said.

“The data showed consumers became more concerned over the job market while mostly remaining positive about the general economy,” an official at the BOK was quoted as saying by *Yonhap* News Agency.

In February, South Korea's jobless rate stood at 4.9 percent, still standing at a high level as companies stayed cautious to expand employment amid lingering uncertainties.

Xinhua

Swine flu virus not so new, study finds

WASHINGTON, 25 March—The H1N1 swine flu virus may have been new to humanity in many ways but in one key feature its closest relative was the 1918 pandemic virus, researchers reported on Wednesday.

Their findings could point to better ways to design vaccines and help explain why the swine flu pandemic largely spared the elderly.

“This study defines an unexpected similarity between two pandemic-causing strains of influenza,” Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said

in a statement.

Two studies show an important structure called hemagglutinin is very similar in both the swine flu H1N1 and its distant cousin, the H1N1 virus that caused the 1918 pandemic. Hemagglutinin is used by viruses to infect cells and gives influenza viruses the “H” in their designations.

For one study, published in *Science Translational Medicine*, Chih-Jen Wei, Gary Nabel and colleagues at NIAID injected mice with a vaccine made using the 1918 influenza virus — which killed an estimated 40 million to 100 million people.—Internet

Ban on smoking in cars urged by doctors

LONDON, 25 March—Doctors today called for a ban on smoking in all vehicles after a new report revealed passive smoking causes at least 22,000 new cases of asthma and wheezing in children every year.

The report from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) found more than 20,000 chest infections, 120,000 bouts of middle ear disease and 200 cases of meningitis in youngsters are also thought to be linked to the effects of second-hand smoke both inside and outside the home. Furthermore, 40 babies die from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) every year caused by passive smoking—one in five of all SIDS deaths. Professor John Britton, chairman of the RCP's tobacco advisory group, said legislation to ban smoking in the home would be unenforceable so instead views of “what is acceptable” had to be changed to protect the two million children who live in homes which allow smoking.—Internet

Nigeria shrouded in dust, flights cancelled

LAGOS, 25 March—Most of Nigeria was shrouded in a thick dust storm on Wednesday, disrupting air travel and threatening to trigger respiratory problems, officials said.

Experts said that climate change may be responsible for the severity and abnormal timing of the storm. Normally milder dust storms arrive between November and February when seasonal winds blow sand down from the Sahara desert. “That this is happening in March is unusual and because of its severity, it is causing concerns among the people,” senior weather forecaster Samson Wilson told AFP.

He said the skies were expected to clear and the weather was due to return to normal in the coming few days. The dust storm first hit the northern part of last week before sweeping southwards at the weekend.—Internet



Staff members take the new comers of 13 penguins from Argentina to get familiar to their new home at the Ningbo Sea World in the city of Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 23 March, 2010. These lovely marine animals from South America will meet public soon after they arrived at their new home.—XINHUA

Ukraine delegation leaves for Moscow on gas talks

KIEV, 25 March—A Ukrainian delegation left here on Tuesday for gas negotiations with Russia in Moscow, a spokesman for the state energy company Naftogaz said. The delegation was headed by Fuel and Energy Minister Yuri Boiko and new Naftogaz chief Yevhen Bakulin, the *Interfax-Ukraine* news agency quoted the Naftogaz spokesman as saying. Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich said on Monday he hoped a

new gas deal could be signed during the visit of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in mid-May. Yanukovich needs to revise a long-term gas deal signed by ex-premier Yulia Tymoshenko and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in early 2009, which made Russian gas expensive for Ukraine.

In a new deal, Ukraine will most likely offer Russia a stake in the Ukrain-

ian gas transportation system in exchange for lower natural gas prices.

Russia has consistently tried to get a stake in the Ukrainian gas pipeline network to modernize the system and ensure uninterrupted gas supplies to Europe. Ukraine sits on a major transit route for oil pumped to Eastern Europe. It also transits about 80 percent of Russian gas shipments to the European Union.

Xinhua

Falklands oil drilling results awaited as Argentina goes to OAS

BUENOS AIRES, 25 March—First results from the drilling for hydrocarbons in the Falklands waters were at the centre of market speculation on Tuesday as Argentina took its claim over the islands to the Organization for American States. Findings from the first drilling operations to the target depth of about 11,480 feet under the sea were expected to be made known this week, officials said.

Desire Petroleum, which has headquarters in Malvern, England, is conducting the current investigation of the seabed, using the semi-submersible rig the Ocean Guardian it

leased for the first round of drilling.

Desire participated in the first round of drilling in the north Falkland basin in 1998 when exploration was abandoned amid poor initial results and falling oil prices.

This time around, Desire is operating six licenses in the area, while other areas of the north Falklands basin are set to be explored by Rockhopper Exploration, Arcadia Petroleum Limited and smaller companies.

Desire said its findings showed that the basin has "a proven working hydrocarbon system with an excellent oil

source rock. In addition, recent studies have indicated there is also a significant gas potential in the basin."—*Internet*

Xinhua



Chinese painting "Two Mynas on a Rock" is exhibited during a Sotheby's auction preview in New York, the United States, on 19 March, 2010. The painting "Two Mynas on a Rock" sold for 2.994 million dollars at Sotheby's Fine Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Exercise an hour a day to keep weight away

BEIJING, 25 March—A new study by Harvard medical school may help middle-aged women who are troubled by their growing obesity, according to the *Wall Street Journal* on Tuesday.

Researchers followed more than 34,000 healthy women who had participated in the Women's Health Study. When the study started in 1992, the women's average age was 54. All women ate a normal diet, and there

weren't instructions to reduce calories.

Results showed that the women gained an average of 5.7 pounds overall. Only 13 percent of women in the study maintained a healthy weight throughout the years, and those who got an hour of exercise a day on average or more were most likely to be in that group.

US health officials once recommended the American citizens to take

150 minutes of exercise per week to keep healthy. Now, the traditional perspective has been challenged.

"The result suggests that the current recommendations of two and a half hours per week are not enough to keep middle-aged women from gaining weight as they age," said I-Min Lee, the study's lead researcher and associate professor at Harvard medical school.

Xinhua

Climate catastrophe ushered in the dinosaurs

WASHINGTON, 25 March—A climatic catastrophe more than 200 million years ago ushered in the age of the dinosaurs by wiping out their rivals, a new study says.

An abrupt rise in atmospheric gases, coupled with powerful volcanic eruptions decimated crurotarsans, creatures closely related to today's crocodiles, according to a study led by Brown University paleobiologist Jessica Whiteside.

The paper, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, was the first to make the link between volcanic activity, climate change and the widespread extinction of a specific animal species.



A life-size moving Tyrannosaurus Rex from the "Walking with Dinosaurs" show. A climatic catastrophe more than 200 million years ago ushered in the age of the dinosaurs by wiping out their rivals, a new study says.—INTERNET

Scientists gathered fossil evidence of plant and animal extinctions, along with the carbon signature found in the wax of ancient leaves and wood in lake sediments intermixed with basalt that marked the volcanic activity.

They found that huge volcanic eruptions

throughout the planet increased the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, wiping out half of plant species and marking the end of the Triassic period, one of five great mass extinctions of Earth's history.

Internet

Sprint, HTC unveil first 4G smartphone

BEIJING, 25 March—Sprint and HTC unveiled their first 4G smartphone, the HTC EVO 4G, on Tuesday.

As America's first fourth-generation 4G phone, it is equipped with a 1 GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon (QSD8650) processor, an eight megapixel dual flash camera, and a 1.3 megapixel forward-facing camera.

It is also worth mentioning that the HTC phone has a 4.3-inch screen for video viewing and web browsing, 30 percent bigger than the screen of the Apple Inc iPhone.

The device supports both Sprint's CDMA and Clearwire Corp's WiMax network, which has a better connecting speed.

Sprint said it would begin selling the phone this summer. The price of the phone and its wireless service charge will be released a short time before the launch date.—Xinhua

SPORTS

More than 50 detained on football match-fixing in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 25 March—More than 50 people, including professional football players, were detained on Wednesday on allegations of match fixing and manipulating football games.

The semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported that these people were detained in police raids which were carried out in eight Turkish provinces.

Istanbul Buyuksehir Belediyespor coach Arif Erdem and Konyaspor goalkeeper Recep Ozturk were among those detained in conjunction with match-fixing allegations.

Also managers and high ranking officials were detained in other cities including Antalya, Samsun, Trabzon, Denizli and Kayseri.

All the detainees were brought to Istanbul for further interrogation. Those under custody are being processed at the Istanbul Financial Crimes Unit, according to the report.

Istanbul Chief of Police Huseyin Capkin confirmed the raids.

Previous investigations of match-fixing were started by the Diyarbakir Police Department in mid-February.

In that sweep, which took place across 13 provinces, 77 people were arrested including nine players and one technical director.—*Xinhua*

Djokovic mindful of privacy after Tiger sex scandal



Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic

MIAMI, 25 March—The Tiger Woods sex scandal is reminding high-profile sportsmen around the world that it takes hard work to keep their private lives out of the spotlight, Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic said.

Djokovic, second seed at the ATP Miami Masters, is a hero in his homeland with a profile to rival the worldwide attention given world golf number one Woods, who in two weeks will end a five-month layoff after admitting adultery.

"You try to get as much as privacy as you can and not get into the trouble, because the wired world today is huge," he said Wednesday. "Everything happens via internet, cameras, photographs, things

like that.

"In a split of a second you can be in big trouble with girlfriend, wife, mother, father, or whatever."

Djokovic has been feted in Belgrade and thrills thousands when he plays for the nation in Davis Cup. The latest success this month over the US in the first round only reinforced the hero worship factor.

With his own ATP clay event in Belgrade in May, the Djokovic name is never far from headlines in Serbia, but that is where he wants the line drawn. After his fourth-round loss last week at Indian Wells, Djokovic took off for a few days of down time in Los Angeles, a city he said he had never seen in daylight. So what did he do?

"We did what the tourists usually see in L.A., Universal Studios, beach, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, these kinds of things, just relaxing," he said.—*Internet*

Five-star Chelsea revive Premier League title bid



Chelsea's French midfielder Florent Malouda watches the ball during the English Premier League football match between Portsmouth and Chelsea at Fratton Park in Portsmouth, southern England.

LONDON, 25 March—Chelsea closed to within just a point of Premier League leaders Manchester United with a 5-0 victory away to bottom-of-the-table Portsmouth on Wednesday.

Didier Drogba scored twice to take his tally to 24 goals in 27 league matches as Chelsea bounced back from the

disappointment of dropping points in a draw with Blackburn last weekend.

Florent Malouda also scored twice with England midfielder Frank Lampard adding a fifth goal late on.

"We needed to win and I hope the bad moment is finished," said Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti, whose side were also knocked out of the Champions League last week.

"We have to wait until Saturday (when Chelsea play Aston Villa) because this is a very important test for us," the Italian added.

Elsewhere, Australia's Tim Cahill scored for Everton in a 2-0 victory over Manchester City as the Merseysiders became the first away side to win in the league at Eastlands this term - a result that dented their hosts' hopes of Champions League qualification.

Internet

Maradona says Messi maturing in giant steps

BUENOS AIRES, 25 March—Argentina coach Diego Maradona said on Wednesday that Lionel Messi is maturing quickly with the World Cup ready to start in less than three months.

Maradona spoke on Wednesday about the Barcelona forward and said he was able to speak with most of his star players on a recent tour of Europe.

Messi scored 10 goals in a string of four games recently, and is facing ever increasing comparisons to Maradona, who led Argentina to the 1986 World Cup and a second-place finish in 1990.—*Xinhua*

Spurs set up nostalgic FA Cup semi-final for Redknapp



Tottenham's Russian striker Roman Pavlyuchenko celebrates scoring their second goal during the FA Cup Quarter Final replay football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Fulham at White Hart Lane in London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 25 March—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp will take on his old club Portsmouth at Wembley after a second-half comeback earned his team a 3-1 win against Fulham in Wednesday's FA Cup quarter-final replay.

The visitors to White Hart Lane led at half-time thanks to a Bobby Zamora strike but goals from David Bentley, Roman Pavlyuchenko and Eidur Gudjohnsen ensured Spurs' passage to the semi-final.

Internet

Dunn double gives Birmingham the blues



Blackburn Rovers' English midfielder David Dunn celebrates scoring against Birmingham City during their English Premier League football match at Ewood Park in Blackburn.—INTERNET

BLACKBURN, 25 March— Blackburn midfielder David Dunn scored twice against Birmingham as Rovers virtually ended their relegation fears with a 2-1 win on Wednesday.

Sam Allardyce's team are 14 points clear of the relegation zone with seven games to play thanks to Dunn's heroics against his former club at Ewood Park.

Four days after putting a dent in Chelsea's challenge to win the Premier League title with a 1-1 draw, Blackburn all but achieved their own aim of staying in the top-flight.

Internet

Real Madrid coach Pellegrini brushes aside criticism ahead of Getafe game

MADRID, 25 March—Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini brushed aside criticism of his management 24 hours ahead of his side's trip to play local rivals Getafe.

Real Madrid is level on points at the top of the Primera Liga with FC Barcelona. Both teams are 18 points clear of third placed Valencia and the race for the title is clearly down to the two biggest clubs in Spain yet again.

Both teams have achieved their best ever points totals for this stage of the season, but Pellegrini has been a constant target for criticism from sections of the pro-Real Madrid Press.—*Xinhua*

Inter go four points clear as Milan crash in Parma



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o celebrates after scoring during their Serie A football match Inter Milan vs Livorno at San Siro Stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

ROME, 25 March—Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o scored a brace as Serie A leaders Inter Milan ended their recent blip with a 3-0 victory over rock bottom Livorno to move four points clear at the top of the table. AS Roma won 2-0 away to Bologna to join AC Milan in joint second place after the seven time European champions crashed 1-0 at Parma.

Roma host Inter on Saturday and the champi-

ons' Colombia defender Ivan Cordoba said his team cannot afford to give their rivals any more encouragement. Already Roma have clawed back 10 points on Inter since October.

"Roma deserve great credit for what they have done, it's been an impressive comeback and hence we have to keep pushing because we know how good they are and we can't afford to give them any hope," said Cordoba, while not ruling out Milan's chances.

"At the start of the season Milan were one of the few teams expected to fight for the title and they're still doing so and that's credit to them too but we can't think about them we have to concentrate on ourselves and what we're doing."

Internet



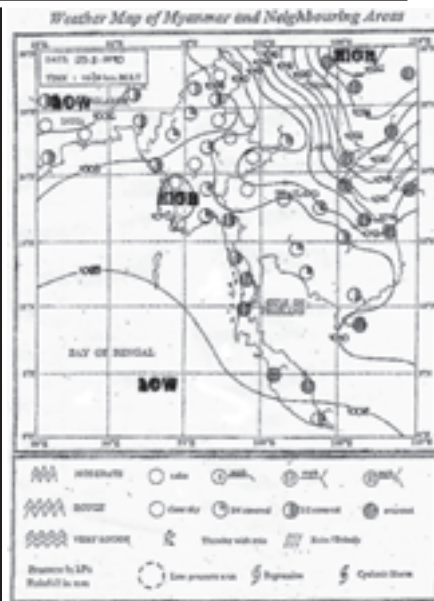
Life reconstruction of Longicrusavis houi in what was probably its favored habitat, shallow lake waters. A reconstruction of the fossil specimen itself is reflected in the water.

INTERNET

New Bird Fossil Hints at More Undiscovered Chinese Treasures

SCIENCE DAILY, 25 March — The study of Mesozoic birds and the dinosaur-bird transition is one of the most exciting and vigorous fields in vertebrate paleontology today. A newly described bird from the Jehol Biota of northeast China suggests that scientists have only tapped a small proportion of the birds and dinosaurs that were living at that time, and that the rocks still have many secrets to reveal.

The study of Mesozoic birds is currently one of the most exciting fields; new discoveries continue to drastically change how we view them," said Jingmai O'Connor, lead author of the study. The article appeared in the March issue of the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*.—Internet



WEATHER

Thursday, 25th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (7°C) above March average temperatures in Magway Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Magway (43°C).

Maximum temperature on 24-3-2010 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 25-3-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-3-2010 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 24-3-2010 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye 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 (4) m.p.h from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 24-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th March 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be 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 26-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (26-3-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (26-3-10 11:30 am ~ 27-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay (Part -II)
- * News
- * Victories of the State the People and the Tatmadaw "Transportation Sector"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Offering Oil-lamps (Rakhine Traditional Dance)
- * Where the Rhododendron Bloome
- * Monywa...Picturesque City
- * Beauty of Ngwe Saung & Lovers' Island
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Waso Candle"
- * News
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- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Invitation to Myanmar Language and Literature (Part-I)
- * Green and Lush Popa Land
- * News
- * Tiger Population Counting (Part-I)
- * Goodbye! And have a safe journey back home
- * The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
- * News
- * Topic on Journal "Discussion on Prevention measures against saruggling of Ephedrine contaminated pharmaceuticals"
- * Myanmar Toddy Palm; A Source of Rural Income
- * A Thin Kind Of Paper
- * News
- * Songs for you "Dual Thoughts, Crystal Palace"
- * Baungte; My Village
- * Kengtaung Waterfall
- * Adept Sons of Inlay Lake

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



Friday, 26 March

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အပွင့်လေမင်္ဂလ

(ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်အနုပညာ- စာတတ်မြောက်ရေး)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Songs Of National Races

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:00 pm

1. Martial Songs

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Songs Of Yester

Years

4:30 pm

4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Musical Programme

5:20 pm

8. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

9. ပုဇွန်လက်ကောက်တော်

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ပွဲမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

7:45 pm

14. "ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော်" (အတိတ်ကာလဆီမှစပြီးမယှဉ်သည့်ကာလမှစပြီးပြုပြင်ပြန်လှူပေးခြင်း)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International News

8:00 pm

17. Weather Report

8:00 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ဇင်မင်းခန့်)



- ★ 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

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 65TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

Article

Role Tatmadaw plays will remain important in national causes

The Tatmadaw has mission accomplished in the independence struggles, as well as in maintaining independence and sovereignty and defending the people and public property. Besides, it has achieved greater success than any other government in nation-building tasks. Such great success is largely owing to the combined efforts of the people with the Tatmadaw in the centre.

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Developing Health Sector in the time of the Tatmadaw Government



Poem

Tatmadaw for the people

* The struggle for independence
Foundation of the Tatmadaw
Its parents the people
In people's embrace it grows
Formed with national brethren
Where the strength of unity lies
True Tatmadaw of the people
People it respects
Priority always to nation
Its members love for country
Ever greater than their lives



HAILING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day Parade live on MRTV

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio and Myanma Television will telecast 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade live from Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground at 6 am on 27 March.—MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Jagun village, about (55) miles east-northeast of Lahe, about (320) miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (11) hrs (39) min (21) sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA