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Inappropriate campaigning to be avoided

Parties urged to present policies, programmes to people and let them vote independently for whoever they favour

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—*The following is the full text of the address delivered by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade today.*

Comrades,

Our Armed Forces waged a decisive struggle against subjection by a foreign power on 27 March 1945 and became one with the people. Making its own decisions, it launched a successful revolution. The brilliant capability and courage of the entire people and the Armed Forces came as a shock to the colonialists. It was thus that our country regained indepen-

dence and sovereignty. In the history of the independence struggle, the 27th of March is a landmark when the Armed Forces first made a stand relying on its own capability and today is the 65th anniversary of this landmark event.

Comrades,

Our Armed Forces was originally formed with patriotic heroes to fight for independence. The leaders of the Armed Forces turned from poli-

ticians into patriotic Tatmadawmen when armed struggle for independence was necessary, and they turned back into politicians engaged in national politics when the time came for political struggle. In this way, our Armed Forces has had a brilliant history of achievement both in politics and in military affairs. We, the patriotic Tatmadawmen, not only
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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers address at the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—MNA



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Engage in modern farming by making use of water resources

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Yenwe Diversion Dam was inaugurated in Kyaukdaga Township, Bago Division, on 25 March. It can irrigate more than 100,000 acres of farmlands, enabling the local farmers not only to grow monsoon and summer paddy but also to engage in double and mixed cropping.

According to Bago Division's geographical conditions, Sittoung River and Myitmakha River flow along Bago Yoma on both sides. Although there was a great deal of cultivable land, the regions close to the basin had to experience floods, farmers were unable to make full use of their farmlands.

The State has implemented Sittoung Basin development project with a view to tapping land and water resources in earnest. Yenwe Dam included in the project was opened. The hydropower station of Yenwe multipurpose dam project has been built to generate electricity.

Now again, the diversion dam has been built near Hsisonagon village, about seven miles downstream Yenwe Dam in order to use the water used by the hydropower station. The emergence of Yenwe diversion dam helps prevent Pyuntasa plain between Nyaunglaybin and Sittoung River from being flooded in the rainy season.

Moreover, it irrigates over 100,000 acres of farmlands in Kyaukdaga, Nyaunglaybin and DaikU townships in Bago Division. And the local people will be able to grow summer paddy and green gram as well as double and mixed crops.

The State is spending its funds on building irrigation facilities across the nation. So, farmers on their part are to extend farmlands and use modern cultivation methods. They have to use more quality paddy strains and modern farm equipment. Besides, the farmers are to work hard for the success of their agricultural undertakings by making full use of water resources.

Fire makes 47 homeless in Kalay

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—A fire broke out in Pinlon (6) Ward, Kalay, Sagaing Division, destroying 8 houses on 24 March morning, due to negligence. It left 47 people homeless, but no one was dead.

The fire victims were being provided assistance by officials concerned and other charity organizations in a temporarily relief camp.—MNA

New maximum temperature record

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that the maximum temperature (43.5°C) (110.3°F) observed on 26 March, 2010 in Monywa is the new maximum temperature record of the station for the month of March during last 46 years. The former record of the station was (42.7°C) (108.9°F) on 27 March, 2004.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Minister meets Manager and party of Ansaldo Thomassen Company from Netherlands

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March—Minister for Electric Power-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Manager Mr. Andries van de Wal and party of Ansaldo Thomassen Company of Netherlands at the Ministry, here yesterday evening. They discussed the control systems of gas-fired generators.

Present at the call were deputy minister and officials.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Manager Mr. Andries van de Wal of Ansaldo Thomassen Company from Netherlands.

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Mines Minister receives Vietnamese ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Ambassador of Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and party at the Ministry, here yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Director-General and Managing-Directors of Departments and Enterprises under the Ministry of Mines.

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OK Myanmar Co Ltd introduces Sanyo electronic devices

YANGON, 27 March—OK Myanmar celebrated the ceremony to introduce its products and present prizes to 2010-top dealers at Traders Hotel here yesterday evening.

Its products are Sanyo air conditioner, Cool Beauty air conditioner, Sanyo open showcase, Sanyo pump, and Sanyo solar energy devices.

Managing Director of OK Myanmar Co Ltd U Kyaw Kyaw Hline delivered an opening speech and heard plans to distribute the products through

the market presented by Director Mr Mike Kataoka of Sanyo Asia Pte Ltd. Member of OK Myanmar Co Ltd U Zaw Weit presented gifts to the 2010-dealers.

Modernized Cool Beauty air conditioner is on sale with luckydraw programme up to 27 May, 2010.

Further information, Please contact OK Myanmar Co Ltd No (G-9) MGE Tower, Botaung Township here (Ph: 256501, 256503, 256504, 256505 or 256506).

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DSM continues exhibition

YANGON, 27 March—Visitors including monks today thronged the Defence Services Museum on the second exhibition marking the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The directorates, the military commands and ministries opened booths on nation-building at the exhibition.

The exhibition opens daily to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 26 March to 4 April.

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Sanyo pumps imported by OK Myanmar Co Ltd.—MNA

Death toll in twin bombings in Iraq rises to 57

BAGHDAD, 27 March — Iraqi police say the casualty toll in twin bombings near a restaurant north of Baghdad has risen to 57 killed and 73 wounded.

Friday evening's attack took place in a busy area in the town of Khalis, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

A car bomb exploded outside the res-

taurant at about 6:30 p.m. and was followed within minutes by a roadside bomb just a few steps away.

Police initially said at least 40 people died. But a police spokesman for Diyala province, Capt.

Ghalib al-Karkhi, gave the revised toll on Saturday morning.

The attack took place as Iraq's elec-

toral commission released final results from the March 7 parliamentary elections showing former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's bloc was the top vote getter.

Internet



Residents gather in front of a market targeted by bomb attacks in Khalis, 65 km (40 miles) north-east of Baghdad on 27 March 2010.

INTERNET

Gunman attacks aid project in Afghanistan, kills one

KABUL, 27 March — A gunman attacked a group of German and Afghan aid workers inspecting a high school under renovation in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, killing one person and injuring several others, officials said.

One of those wounded in the attack in Khost Province was a German citizen, said a spokesman for the German Foreign Office, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with department policy. The person who was killed was Afghan. Separately, NATO said a serviceman died on Friday in a bombing in southern Afghanistan. The international force did not disclose the nationality of the soldier who died.

In Khost, the attacker opened fire from a vehicle as he approached the site in Khost City and then fled to a nearby house, where he engaged police in a gunbattle that was ongoing on Friday evening, said acting provincial Gov. Taher Khan Sabari. A total of three people were wounded in the initial attack, including the German and two Afghans, said the German spokesman and a local police official, Gulam Mohammad.

Internet

Russia, US to sign arms treaty on 8 April in Prague

Moscow, 27 March — Russia and the United States will sign a new arms reduction treaty on 8 April in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, the Kremlin said on Friday. The announcement came after a phone conversation between the presidents of the two

countries, Dmitry Medvedev and Barack Obama.

The new treaty "reflects the balance of interests of both states," Kremlin spokeswoman Natalya Timakova was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying.

The presidents thanked each other for their cooperation and "consider the ratification of this document to be the main task after signing it," Timakova said.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said in a statement that the new Russia-US pact will include a "legally binding" linkage between offensive and defensive weapons and the growing importance of this linkage in cutting nuclear weapons.

Internet

India to test-fire three types of short-range missiles

MUMBAI, 27 March — India is expected to test-fire three types of short-range missiles on the weekend, local media reported on Friday evening.

The test of *Prithvi-2*, a short-range ballistic missile with the range of nearly 290 kilometres, is likely to be conducted on Saturday from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Balasore District of the eastern state of Orissa, the news agency *Press Trust of India* quoted a defence source as saying.

A naval version of

Prithvi, *Dhanush*, may be test-fired on the same day from a warship off the Orissa coast, according to the source. —Internet

This photo taken on 26 January, 2006, shows a short-range missile on display during India's Republic Day parade in New Delhi. India successfully tested two short-range nuclear-capable missiles from two sites off its eastern coast on Saturday, a defence ministry official said.

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6.2-magnitude quake strikes Chile

WASHINGTON, 27 March — A 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck Chile on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

According to the US agency, the quake, which occurred at about 10:52 am local time (1452 GMT), was centered 380 miles (611 km) north of Chilean capital Santiago, at a depth of 21.7 miles (35 km). It was felt slightly in Santiago. There were no immediate reports of damage.

A deadly 8.8-magnitude earthquake rocked Chile on 27 Feb, killing 425 people and leaving 500,000 others homeless. It was the fifth strongest on record since 1900 and as expected has produced hundreds of aftershocks, mostly minor ones but also including two of 6.9 magnitude. —Xinhua

First A/H1N1 flu case detected in Chile's earthquake devastated zone

SANTIAGO, 27 March — The Chilean Health Ministry reported on Friday the first case of A/H1N1 influenza in the most devastated zones by the earthquake on 27 Feb.

The ministry said the patient is a 5-year-old boy from Mocha Island, who was taken to Guillermo Grant Benavente Hospital in Concepcion city, where he is recovering.

Due to this case, the ministry intensified the vaccination against the A/H1N1 flu for the risky groups and all the people living in shelters and camps. With this case, there have been confirmed 16 cases of this flu since 1 Jan, 2010, the ministry said in a statement. According to the statement, the situation has been expected, because the virus is still circulating in the world and "in our country, we are entering in a season when these kind of diseases will increase." —Xinhua

Chinese marine police attend a drill in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 25 March, 2010. The anti-hijacking marine drill was held on Thursday in a security preparation for the coming 2010 Shanghai World Expo, which will open on 1 May, 2010. —XINHUA





Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspects parade columns at Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

This year's elections represent only beginning...

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defend and protect the nation and the people with our lives but take part and serve in national politics whenever the need arises.

Comrades,

National defence is the duty of every citizen, with the Armed Forces bearing the principal responsibility. As the Armed Forces is organized and trained for military duty, the Tatmadawmen should have greater skill and expertise in military affairs than ordinary people do. For this reason, when it comes to national defence, the Armed Forces should join hands with the government and the people and serve in unity.

Comrades,

Our country fell into servitude because of military weaknesses. Under the divide-and-rule administration of the wily colonialists, in seeking independence, our leaders had to build national unity with great difficulty. With the independence of the country a priority, national unity was built through any means possible even with some conditions.

Comrades,

For perpetuation of a nation, independence and sovereignty are vital.

To ensure full protection of independence and sovereignty, our Armed Forces has to be strong, capable, modern, and patriotic. The conviction that the

nation will be strong only when the Armed Forces is strong is deep-rooted among the people since the time of independence struggle. In this spirit, I would like to urge you to make continuous efforts to carry out the Four Unit-Building Tasks in order to ensure the Armed Forces has the three capabilities namely military capability, organizing capability and admin-

istrative capability, and carries on its Twelve Honourable Traditions. Preparations are being made to be ready in every aspect for a gentle transition to democracy and market-oriented economic system. Failure to make a systematic step-by-step transition from one system to another may endanger the nation and the people. During the transition to an unfamiliar system, countries with



Parade columns marching to Parade Ground on 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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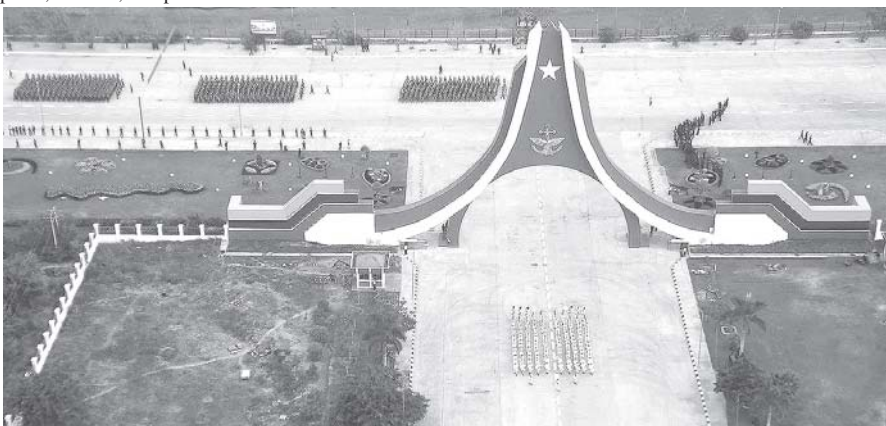
Comrades,

At present, our Armed Forces has assumed the various duties of the State, in addition to the

greater experience usually interfere and take advantage for their own interests. For this reason, it is an absolute necessity to avoid relying on external powers.

Comrades,

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Dignitaries attending 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade at the Parade Ground.—MNA

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mature citizens and a reasonable degree of wealth and prosperity on the part of the nation and the people. So, the Armed Forces has laid down the 12 objectives and the government, the people and the Armed Forces are building sound foundations in unity, while the Seven-step Roadmap has been laid down and the transition to a new order and a new system is being undertaken. And free and fair elections are slated to be held this year.

Comrades,

This year's elections represent only the beginning of the process of fostering democracy. I would like to mention here some of the points on which parties running the elections should show restraint at a time when the democratisation process has yet to reach maturity. Great vigilance is necessary against unrest in the country, against election violence that jeopardizes rule of law, stability and tranquility and against circumstances leading to disintegration of the Union. Improper or inappropriate campaigning such

as slandering fellow politicians and parties in order to achieve election victory for one's own party at all costs and engaging in divisive acts that lead to disunity among nationalities and religions has to be avoided. I would like to urge parties to present their policies and programmes to people and let the people



Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party welcoming military attaches. —MNA

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Military attaches attending 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Excerpts from speech of Senior General Than Shwe

- * Whatever system is practised in the country, the primary goal is peace and prosperity of the nation,
- * Efforts must be redoubled for the economic prosperity, sustained modernity and development of the nation.
- * There has to be political stability, community peace and tranquility, and the rule of law.
- * People have to be free from worries and enjoy peace of mind in earning their livelihoods.
- * There has to be the capability to defend against threats posed by internal and external destructive elements.
- * To ensure all this, the government, the people and the Armed Forces have to work together.

vote independently for whoever they favour.

Comrades,

Whatever system is practised in the country, the primary goal is peace and prosperity of the nation, with great momentum toward modernity and development. National development is not a one-off activity that ceases with the attainment of a particular objective, but is a programme that requires successive sustained endeavour. Efforts must be redoubled for the economic prosperity, sustained modernity and development of the nation. For this, there has to be political stability, community peace and tranquility, and the rule of law. People have to be free from worries and enjoy peace of mind in earning their livelihoods. There has to be the capability to defend against threats posed by internal and external destructive elements. To ensure all this, the government, the people and the Armed Forces have to work together.

Comrades,

In conclusion, I would like to urge you to:

- * make efforts to build up and make Our Three Main National Causes stronger than ever;
- * build the Armed Forces into a strong, capable modern patriotic Armed Forces, capable of providing full protection for national independence and sovereignty;
- * ensure that what you do, say or think is in the service of the people to the extent that the people are willing and satisfied regarding any action you may take.

With this, I conclude my speech.—MNA



Bird's eye view of parade columns marching towards Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe addresses ceremony...

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Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Maung Shein of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the deputy ministers, the deputy chief justice, the deputy attorney-general, CSSTB members, military attaché from foreign missions in Myanmar, departmental heads, senior police officers of Myanmar Police Force, senior officers of Fire Services Department, Union Solidarity and Development Association members, Myanmar Women's Affair Federation members, Maternal and Child Welfare Association members, Myanmar War Veterans Organization members, chairpersons and members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Association and Myanmar Music Association, nurses, fire brigade members, Red Cross members and journalists.

First, Tatmadawmen (Army, Navy and Air), members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade, and Myanmar Red Cross brigade took position at 5 am at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground to take part in 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myat Soe presented seven parade columns, which were going to march to the Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground, to Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein.

Before going to the parade ground, Guard of Honor and Central Military Band led by Captain Aung Moe Lin took designated position.

Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein led the parade columns, followed by Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myat Soe, and the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Anawrahta Column led by Major Kyaw Thiha.

Column Commander Col Min Min Lwin ushered Anawrahta Column, together with Com-

manding Officer Lt Col Kyaw Swa Hlaing, which was made up of Guard of Honour of Directorate of Artillery led by Major Naing Myint Aung, the company led by Major Tin Myo Naung representing Directorate of Military Engineers, the company led by Major Hlaing Myo Aung of North-West Command, the company-2 led by Major Kyaw Swa Win of Northern Command, the company-3 led by Major Tin Moe Naing representing Triangle Region Command, the company-2 led by Major Aung Moe Lwin representing North-East Command and military band of Anawrahta Column led by Sgt Win Moe.

Kyansitha column was led by Column Commander Col Thit Lin Ohn and CO Lt-Col Zaw Paing Tun and included standard bearers of the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Major Nyi Nyi Latt, Guard of Honour of Yangon Command led by Major Soe Min, company of Triangle Region Command led by Major Aung Tin Htwe, company of No 11 LID led by Major

Zaw Naing Win, company of Directorate of Military ushered Aungzeya Column, together with the standard bearers of the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Aungzeya Column led by Major Kaung Nyunt, the Guard of Honour representing the Directorate of Armoured Forces led by Company Commander Major Nyein Wunna, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Win Myint Khaing, the company led by Major Kyaw Mya Win representing Southern Command, the company led by Major Aung Thu Win representing North-East Command, the company led by Major Aung Khaing Lin representing No. 101 LID, the company-2 led by Major Than Hlaing representing Western Command, the company-2 led by Major Tun Tun San representing Triangle Region Command and the military band led by Cpl Min Naing.

Column Commander Col Aung Hsan Win ushered Hsinbyushin Column, together with the standard bearers of the flags of

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Colourful flowers blossom at 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

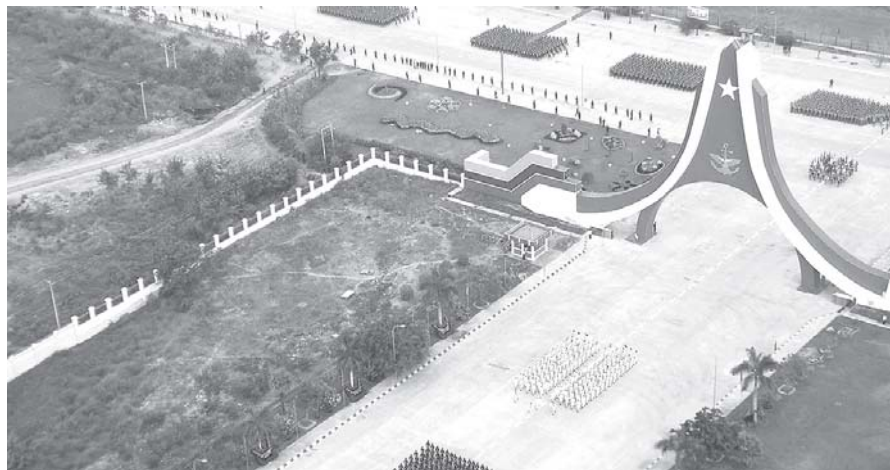
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Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Hsinbyushin Column led by Major Thauang Win Tun, the Guard of Honour representing the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office led by Company Commander Major Aung Aung, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Tun Tun Win, the company led by Major Aung Htwe representing the Directorate of Signals, the company led by Major Min Min Zaw representing Northern Command, the company led by Major Win Kyaw Myo representing South-West Command, the company led by Major Moe Min Naing representing South-East Command and the military band led by WOII Kyaw Moe Tun.

Column Commander Col Tin Maung Htay ushered Bandoola Column, together with the standard bearers of the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Bandoola Column led by Major Soe Naing Tun, the Guard of Honour representing the Directorate of Medical Services led by Company Commander Major Myo Thet Maung, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Aung Myo Lin, the company led by Major Zaw Lin Tun representing Eastern Command, the company led by Major Zaw Tun Oo representing the Office of the Chief of Defence



Military columns marching towards Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground at the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—MNA

MPF, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade marched toward the Parade Ground.

The military columns took the designated places at 7 am at the parade ground. At 7.15 am, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SPDC

member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, took the designated place on the dais at the Parade Ground. Afterwards, the parade columns saluted the Senior General. Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein presented the columns to the Senior General.

Afterwards, the Senior General inspected the parade columns by car. The columns saluted the flags of the Union of Myanmar. Meanwhile, the Central Military Band played the National Anthem.

After paying tribute to the fallen members of the Tatmadaw, the members of the parade columns took the four oaths.

Next, the Senior General delivered an address. (The speech of the Senior General is reported separately.)

The parade commander sought the permission from the Senior General to march past him. The columns led by the parade commander marched past the Senior General and left the Parade Ground for the assembly area. The Senior General left the Parade Ground and the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade ended at 8.15 a.m.

The bronze statues of King Anawrahta, King Bayintnaung and King Alaungphaya could be seen at the Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground. A torch was lit at the right side of the statues. The parade ground was decorated with water fountain, flowery plants, the lawns and multi-coloured lights. Various billboards with mottos of the Tatmadaw and flags of Tatmadaw were put up along Pinlaung Road.

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Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground illuminated with colourful lights at the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

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Industries, the company led by Major Maung Maung Lwin representing Western Command, the company-2 led by Major Kyaw Zeya representing Coastal Region Command and the military band led by Sgt Oo Thein Maung.

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Singing military songs, the parade columns comprising 13,085 members of the Tatmadaw,



Not to leave an evil legacy behind (2)

A Lawman

(Continued from yesterday)

Myanmar laws also have similar provisions. Article 74 of the 1947 Constitution stated that a person serving prison terms of not less than two years or a person during the period of five years from the date he is released shall not have the right to stand for election as an MP or to continue as an M.P. The 1948 Parliamentary Election Act stated that convicts are disqualified from MP as well as from voting. Article 13 of the First Pyithu Hluttaw and People's Councils at different levels Election Law 1973 stated that a person serving prison term for a certain criminal case shall have no right to stand for election as a Pyithu Hluttaw representative. So, we can draw a conclusion that the Article 11 (d) is reasonable and in accord with the past laws of Myanmar and international norms.

Article 82 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law prescribes the instructions for election staff including all levels of sub-commissions. Article 87 states that the Commission its members and sub-commissions at all levels and their members, the election tribunal and its members and returning officers and staff as long as they are sincerely discharging duties in accord with law under the entrusted rights shall not be liable to legal charges under civil law or criminal code. The article is stipulated for the said members and staff not to have any hesitation in discharging duties. These laws will not protect them if they do misconducts.

Articles 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 of Chapter XIII clearly state the punishments for every one including the said members and staff for committing any electoral crime. Here we all should note the expression saying "as long as they are sincerely discharging duties in accord with law under the entrusted rights". It is a proper act to provide legal protection for those mem-

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bers and staff as long as they are sincerely discharging duties in accord with law under the entrusted rights.

The nation-building task will be in accord with the public approved Constitution in our country. In some cases, laws have been enacted to be in conformity with the Constitution. For example Article 91 (b) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law states that the multi-party democracy general election held in accord with the law revoked by this law shall automatically be null and void as it is no more in accord with the Constitution. According to the present Constitution the legislative body of the Union will have hluttaws of the Regions and States in addition to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which is a combination of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. In accord with the previous Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, the 1990 election is just for one parliament. Hence the result of the election is not in accord with the present Constitution.

Another factor is that the 1990 election was held 20 years ago. Under-18s during that time have now become people in their 30s and 40s. Even the persons who were not born then have already reached 18. Some persons including elder persons who cast votes then are no more at present. Hence the number of votes and voters has already changed. During the over 20 years, the knowledge, stance and conviction of the public including voters have also changed a lot. The results 20 years ago cannot be in conformity with the present situation which has

already seen a lot of global changes in various sectors and aspects. Accordingly the new laws have been enacted to revoke the old ones. The election held in accord with the old laws is automatically null and void.

Hence, it is crystal clear that the election laws and rules have been enacted by the government in accord with the existing laws including the Article 443 of the Constitution. Moreover the said laws and rules meet the international standard.

The international practice is that referendum is held only to ratify the constitution and important constitutional amendments. Other laws are approved in the parliaments under voting system. Myanmar does not have any parliament yet. The Tatmadaw government is administering the nation with ordinance. As a legitimate government it is enacting necessary laws. There were no explanations about the 1990 Election Laws and public wish and suggestions were never collected in enacting those laws.

Our country has promulgated procedures in every sector such as the executive and judicial sectors. Responsible personnel carry out tasks in conformity with those procedures. As to the judicial sector, there have been rulings and procedures on scrutinization of cases and return of proposals and applications. In view of those procedures, law officers have to scrutinize the submitted cases to the Supreme Court to make sure that the cases meet the requirements. Qualified cases are then registered for serial numbers. They also have to make appointments for court appearance. Law officers can return such proposals and applications that carry mistakes and shortcomings. Therefore, law officers have the right to return such disqualified cases.

Here, mistakes and shortcomings comprise wrong courts, and lawsuits filed without power to judge along with missing necessary documents and stamps and incomplete addresses. So, law officers do not accept all the cases filed by clients or lawyers.

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A Lawman

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For instance, no courts have power to take action in such cases filed to make some amendments to laws enacted by State legislative body and to issue orders to declare such laws ineffective. Only the legislative body has exclusive power to take action in that regard. In addition, any court does not have power to take action in such cases associated with the constitution. No right to take action at a court is no right to hand down a sentence. Therefore, power is bestowed upon law officers to dismiss the cases filed according to the court procedures.

The people should have knowledge of some court procedures on the constitution. In a case that is filed with charges in connection with the constitution, any courts do not have power to make a decision, according to the constitution. And in a case that is filed with matters associated with the constitution and other legal matters in combination, legal matters are heard only after hearing of the matters associated with the constitution. They are some court procedures.

Today, there is a boom in democratic rights in the nation, unlike anti-government groups have said that the people are in the dark about democracy. **Without doubt, there will be a democratic government and a democratic country, following 2010 elections. However, we must have patience and pragmatic approaches in the process. A copied democracy that does not comply with the objective conditions of the nation and the people cannot flourish. Therefore, we have to show great patience and take only one step after another based on reality to become more mature and transparent.**

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A political party should not be impatient and should not disregard the objective conditions in the democratization if it puts the public interest in the fore. Any political parties should take into consideration their interest and public interest or national interest in combination.

Today's world history reveals that there are many countries, some of which have collapsed whereas some have achieved success in democratization without any adverse effect on national unity. Which way should a political party take: to make history by handing down good legacy to younger generations in the national interest, or to leave evil legacy after everything is destroyed. History is the records of today's activities. A notable point is that one will gain good reputation in the nation's history if one works right today, and one will gain notoriety in the history if one works wrong today. Surely, one will

remain abysmally stupid in the history, if one sticks to evil policy.

Overall, **today's promulgated election laws and rules are fair according to local and international laws and they meet international norms. In particular, provisions for designation of qualifications and disqualifications for a delegate were promulgated in line with the international norms.**

Today, the ultimate goal of the entire people is to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Except highly qualified delegates with moral conducts, no one cannot guide the people towards the goal. If members of parliament include those without moral conducts and those serving their terms, that will tarnish the image of the parliament concerned, and the future of the nation and the people will be uncertain. Therefore, political parties should honour the systematically-promulgated laws and enhance their dignity in the long-term interest of the nation and the people.

Multiparty democracy elections will be held successfully in accordance with the promulgated laws and rules this year. So, there will be elected hluttaws formed with elected representatives. It is required of the electorates to elect correct candidates in the national interest. Otherwise, the people and the nation in addition to they themselves will come under evil consequences. So, the people should be convinced that they can do their bit in building a modern, developed democratic nation by choosing responsible candidates.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host reception and dinner to mark 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day



NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a reception and dinner to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2010 at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this evening.

At 7 pm, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the Zeyathiri Beikman the venue of the reception and dinner to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2010.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of

Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cordially greet military attaches and their wives and guests at the reception and dinner to mark 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.—MNA



Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, cordially greeted military attachés of the foreign embassies and their wives, and guests.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a dinner to the guests.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Defence Services Inspector-General Lt-Gen Thein Htaik, Military Appointment-General Lt-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Soe Maung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading

Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Maung Shein of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and their wives, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the deputy ministers, the Parade Commander and the Column Commanders of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, military attachés of the foreign embassies and their wives, departmental heads, members of the leading committee and the work committee, local correspondents of foreign news agencies, correspondents of local journals and magazines, representatives of social organizations, artistes and guests.

Before and during the dinner, the vocalists together with artistes of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture presented songs. After the dinner, the artistes of the Fine Arts Department entertained the guests with songs and dances.—MNA

Prizes awarded to winners in 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2010



General Thura Shwe Mann presents first prize to the company representing the Directorate of Artillery.—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents second prize to the company representing the Directorate of Armour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—A prize presentation ceremony to the winners in 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2010 was held at the Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw this morning, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence.

The parade columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein marched past the General.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win presented prizes to columns representing the Myanmar Red Cross Brigade and Myanmar Fire Brigade.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented prizes to column representing Myanmar Police Force and the third prize-winner column representing the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).

General Thura Shwe Mann presented gifts to columns representing the Directorate of Armour which won the second prize and the Directorate of Artillery which won the first prize.



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to a company representing Myanmar Fire Brigades.—MNA

Parade columns saluted the General at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Present were Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla



Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents third prize to the company representing the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).

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Htay Win, Chairman of Parade Work Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Chairman of Work Committee for Presenting Prize to Best Company Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, and senior military officers, Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column, Kyansitha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Aungzeya Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Bandoola Column, Myawady Column led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein, members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Brigades.

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Deputy Health Minister visits rural health centre, hospitals

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Health Minister Dr Mya Oo on 20 March morning visited Kanpya rural health centre in Magway township, Magway Division. He then meet health staff and stressed the need for giving

priority to rural regions in providing health care services for reducing mortality of mothers and infants, prevention of diarrhea and infectious diseases and fight against malaria, TB and AIDS. Next, the deputy minister inspected the health centre and fulfilled the requirements. Then, he

visited Yenanchaung People's Hospital, Chauk People's Hospital and Nyaung U District People's Hospital in Mandalay Division and met members of district and township health committees, specialists, doctors, nurses and social organization members.

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Seikkyi Khanaungto Tsp hails 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day with new roads

YANGON, 27 March—Yangon hailed the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day with the opening ceremony of concrete roads in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township in Yangon South District here this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-

Mayor Col Maung Pa attended the opening ceremonies held at the archways of the roads.

The newly opened Aungmingala road with the length of 1450 feet and the width of 8 feet, Western Khanaungto No (2) road with the length of 945 feet and the width of 8 feet, and Western

Khanaungto Market road with the length of 1700 feet and the width of 7 feet are Inter-village roads which will be able to be used to at all seasons.

The vice-mayor addressed in meeting with dwellers of Khanaungto (West) ward and attended to the needs.

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Mars rock coatings puzzle scientists

PASADENA, 27 March — US space scientists say a strange coating on Mars rocks discovered by the rover Opportunity near a crater has left them puzzled.

NASA said the rover spent six weeks investigating a crater dubbed Concepcion that was flagged in advance as a study target because it appears to be young.

The scientists said rocks ejected from the impact that formed the crater are chunks of the same type of bedrock Opportunity has seen at hundreds of locations since landing in January 2004 — soft, sulfate-rich sandstone holding harder peppercorn-size dark spheres like berries in a muffin. NASA said the spheres, rich in iron, gained the nickname "blueberries."

"It was clear from the images that Opportunity took on the approach to Concepcion that there was strange stuff on lots of the rocks near the crater," said Steve Squyres of Cornell University, principal investigator for Opportunity. "There's dark, grayish material coating faces of the rocks and filling fractures in them. At least part of it is composed of blueberries jammed together as close as you could pack them. We've never seen anything like this before."

While scientists continue to ponder the new images, Opportunity is again moving toward its long-term destination, Endeavour Crater, which is now about a 7-mile drive. "We want to get to Endeavour with a healthy rover," said Squyres. "It takes a compelling target for us to stop and study. And Concepcion was a compelling target."

Internet

Acne drug may be a defence against HIV

BALTIMORE, 27 March — US researchers said an antibiotic used to treat acne for more than 30 years may help treat HIV infection.

Scientists at John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore found minocycline — the antibiotic used for acne — targeted the infected immune cells in which human immunodeficiency virus may lie dormant.

The study, published in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, found minocycline helped immune function by aiding cellular pathways that help keep the virus from reactivating.

The researchers said the drug has the potential of improving the current treatment regimen of HIV-infected patients — a drug cocktail known as Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy or HAART.

"The big challenge clinicians deal with now in this country when treating HIV patients is keeping the virus locked in a dormant state," Janice Clements said in a statement. "While HAART is really effective in keeping down active replication, minocycline is another arm of defence against the virus." —Internet

Island sinks in rising waters

KOLKATA, 27 March — Scientists in India said a Bay of Bengal island claimed by both India and Bangladesh has been completely submerged by rising waters.

The School of Oceanographic Studies at Kolkata's Jadavpur University said the island, known in India as New Moore Island and in Bangladesh as South Talpatti Island, appears completely underwater on recent satellite images, and scientists said other islands could soon follow, the BBC reported on Wednesday. "What these two countries could not achieve from years of talking, has been resolved by global warming," the school's Professor Sugata Hazra said of the ownership dispute.

He said the island, which never hosted a permanent settlement and previously reached only 6 feet above sea level, could be only the first of many in the region to disappear. Hazra said his research indicates the speed of the rising water has increased during the past decade. —Internet



"Lady Eden" by John Singer Sargent is pictured in this undated handout photo. The Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, New York, will exhibit portraits of women by American artist John Singer Sargent starting in May in what curators say is the first major exhibition of its kind. —XINHUA



Some tea specialists display various kinds of Chinese tea during the opening ceremony of the West Lake International Tea Culture Expo held in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 March, 2010. The expo will last till on 23 April, 2010.

XINHUA

Flexible silicon medical device created

EVANSTON, 27 March — US researchers say they have developed a thin, flexible and stretchable electronic device to help locate and treat abnormal heart rhythms.

Scientists from Northwestern University, the University of Illinois and the University of Pennsylvania say they are the first to demonstrate a flexible silicon electronic device used for a medical application. The researchers said their device produces high-density maps of a beating heart's electrical activity, providing potential means to localize and treat abnormal heart rhythms. Researchers said the technology holds promise for a new generation of flexible, implantable medical devices, as well as flexible sensors, transmitters and photovoltaic and microfluidic devices.

"The heart is dynamic and not flat, but electronics currently used for monitoring are flat and rigid," said Northwestern Professor Yonggang Huang, a senior author of the paper. "Our electronics have a wavy mesh design so they can wrap around irregular and curved surfaces, like the beating heart. The device is thin, flexible and stretchable and brings electronic circuits right to the tissue." —Internet

The stomach-friendly coffee: Dark-roasted

VIENNA, 27 March — German and Austrian researchers said dark-roasted coffee may contain substances that reduce stomach acid. Veronika Somoza of the University of Vienna in Austria and Thomas Hofmann of the Technische Universität München in Germany said the finding was counter-intuitive, yet good news.

The researchers said their findings may mean future brews may be easier on the stomach yet retain coffee's rich taste and aroma. They noted processes now used to remove stomach irritants also reduce the amount of substances scientists link to benefits such as protection against diabetes and heart disease.

The researchers found espresso, French roast and other dark-roasted coffee contain a substance not found in raw coffee beans — N-methylpyridium — that tells the stomach to reduce the production of acid.

"This discovery is going to help a lot of people who suffer from coffee sensitivity," Somoza and Hofmann said in a statement. "As coffee-lovers, we're very excited about this research." Somoza, Hofmann and colleagues exposed cultures of human stomach cells to a variety of different coffee preparations — including regular, dark-roast, mild, decaffeinated and those processed to be stomach friendly. —Internet

Healthcare costs burden more Americans

WASHINGTON, 27 March— A growing number of Americans spend more than 10 percent of their income on out-of-pocket expenses for healthcare services and insurance, according to a study published on Thursday.

The percentage of Americans with a "high financial burden for healthcare" rose to 19 percent in 2006 from 14 percent in 2001, according to the Washington-based

Centre for Studying Health System Change.

The think tank defines a high out-of-pocket burden for healthcare as spending more than 10 percent of before-tax income on insurance premiums and medical care.

"The basic finding was that out-of-pocket costs for health insurance premiums and services were rising faster than family incomes," said Peter Cunningham, who led the study which was pub-

lished online by the journal Health Affairs. (<http://www.healthaffairs.org/>)

President Barack Obama signed landmark legislation on Tuesday to revamp the \$2.5 trillion US healthcare system. It will extend health insurance to 32 million uninsured Americans, expand the Medicaid government health insurance programme for the poor and impose new taxes on the wealthy.

Internet

Germany, Switzerland reach tax information agreement

BERLIN, 27 March — Germany and Switzerland have reached a preliminary agreement on exchanging information on suspected tax dodgers, the German Finance Minister said Friday.

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said that the two countries had initiated an accord but would not disclose its details before the governments of the two countries approve it.

The minister said that the approval was expected in a few months.—Xinhua

Three charged over Tonga ferry sinking that killed 74

NUKU'U LOFA, 27 March — Tongan police have charged three people with manslaughter in the death of one of 74 passengers who died last year in a ferry sinking that was one of the tiny South Pacific country's worst disasters.

Police Commander Chris Kelley said Friday that a charge of sending an unseaworthy ship to sea had also been laid against ferry operator Shipping Corp of Polynesia. The manslaughter charges — against corporation managing director John Jonesse, ferry captain Makahokovalu Tuputupu and first mate Viliami Tu'ipulotu — relate to the death of one passenger. Other charges may be laid later concerning the deaths of the other passengers, Kelley said.—Internet



Forensic experts examine a police patrol car after police found the decapitated body of a town police chief and the body of his brother inside the car near the town of General Trevino, Mexico on 26 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Police chief killed in northern Mexico town

MONTERREY, 27 March— The body of the police chief of a northern Mexico town and the body of his brother were found inside the chief's patrol truck Friday, authorities said. Hours earlier, gunmen killed a deputy police chief and his bodyguard in another part of Mexico's north.

The body of Heriberto

Cerda, the police chief in Aguascalientes, was found on the bed of a patrol pickup truck, which was left on a dirt road in the nearby town of General Trevino. His head was on his lap, said a spokesman for Nuevo Leon state prosecutors who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case.

The body of the chief's brother, Jesus Cerda, was found inside the truck, the official said. He didn't say how Jesus Cerda was killed.

Nuevo Leon state secretary general Javier Trevino told reporters that Cerda and his brother had been reported missing Thursday.

Internet

DPRK displays archaeological gains



Photo released by Korean Central News Agency on 25 March, 2010 shows an archaeology exhibition in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

An exhibition of relics and fossil remains opened on Thursday at Kim Il Sung University's nature museum of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the official news agency KCNA reported.

As part of archaeological gains collected during recent years of exploration in the River Taedong basin around Pyongyang, the exhibition displays seven pieces of anthropolites, 2,038 pieces of fossil animal bones of 33 kinds and 13 bonfire sites discovered at Chongphadae Cave in Hwangju County, according to the KCNA.

Five fossils of 20,000- to 60,000-

year-old jawbones prove that River Taedong basin was the home to Korean ancestors.

The discovery of over 70 hand axes has refuted the consistent archaeological view that only chopper culture existed in the Asian region in the Paleolithic Age.

The displayed fossils of 33 pieces of animal remains and ro-pollens have also proved the suitability for human kinds to hunt and collect food in those areas.



This Ford Mustang 1965 cost Jack Kirby nearly 5,000 cans.

Cat back nine months after 'death'

A British family said they were shocked when their pet cat turned up alive nine months after they had thought it had been killed by a car.

Angelo Petrillo, 39, of Milnrow, England, said he and his family buried a cat they believed to be Alfie the ginger tom after the feline wandered away and the corpse of an extremely similar animal was found on a nearby motorway in June, *The Daily Mail* reported.

However, Petrillo, whose family moved to a new home about a mile from their old house, said his former neighbours called a few days ago and said there was a cat trying its hardest to get into their old house.

Petrillo said he was still fairly certain Alfie was dead and buried, but his wife, Katy, 35, returned to the old house a couple days later and discovered a feline that was definitely their long-lost pet.

"We took Alfie to the vet and they think he probably climbed into a delivery van, got taken 30 or 40 miles away and it's taken him all that time to get back, only we'd moved," Petrillo said. "It's just a good job our old neighbours knew how to contact us."

He said Alfie is due to be outfitted with a microchip to prevent future incidents.



Photo taken on 23 March, 2010 shows the kitchen of the house made of more than 30,000 bottles by Argentine artist Tito Ingenieri, in Quilmes, Argentina.

Another type of proto-human discovered

European researchers say they have identified a previously unknown species of proto-human that existed at least 1 million years until about 40,000 years ago.

The species left Africa about 1 million years ago and migrated as far as southern Siberia before it disappeared, the researchers said in a study published in the scientific journal *Nature*.

The conclusion was based on DNA analysis performed on a small bone fragment, excavated in a cave, that was the only physical remains of the species recovered by the researchers, *The Washington Post* reported.

Because the single fragment is all that has been recovered, researchers are unable to determine what the species looked like, how they lived and how they came to disappear.

NEWS ALBUM

Bolton Wanderers 0-4 Manchester United

MANCHESTER, 27 March—Manchester United defeated Bolton Wanderers at the Reebok Stadium in the late kick-off on Saturday.

Manchester United made light of Wayne

Rooney's absence to put four past Bolton at the Reebok Stadium.

Rooney was ruled out with a bruised foot that should not stop him facing Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

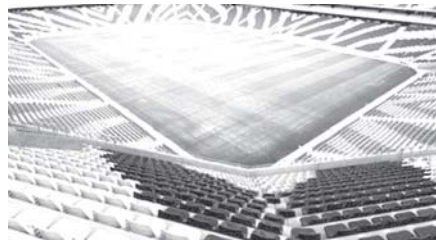
But after Chelsea scored seven earlier in the day, United still responded in kind, Dimitar Berbatov scoring twice and Darron Gibson adding another after Illoyd Samuel had broken the deadlock just before half-time with a bizarre own goal.

Internet



Manchester United's Dimitar Berbatov shoots past Bolton Wanderers' Jussi Jaaskelainen to score second goal for guests.

INTERNET



A 21 March view of the newly finished turf on the pitch at the Mbombela stadium in Nelspruit, South Africa.—INTERNET

Ferguson still feels strain of title battles

MANCHESTER, 27 March—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson admits he still gets nervous during title run-ins despite having spent almost a quarter of a century at Old Trafford. Ferguson, 68, took

over at United in 1986 and is battling Chelsea and Arsenal for a record fourth straight Premier League title, which would take his tally of English championships to 12.

Yet the veteran manager claims he will always feel anxiety before his team's matches no matter how experienced he is. And he feels that even the managers that seem calm on the outside are struggling with inner turmoil.

"You still get keyed up for games and it's part of it. It's that time when players are doing their warm-up that you're on your own in a sense and your staff are away doing their jobs," Ferguson said.

Internet

Seo surges into lead, Wie lurking at La Costa

CARLSBAD, 27 March—Playing at La Costa has left a big impression on Hee Kyung Seo.

Not only did the 23-year-old South Korean jump into the lead of the inaugural Kia Classic with a 5-under 67 on Friday, but she managed to eyeball some pricey Southern California real estate. "It's beautiful, and I like the house on the course," she said after taking a one-stroke lead. "If I get lots of money, I want to buy it."

She couldn't remember which hole the house was on, just that it was a wood house on a hill.—Internet



Michelle Wie hits her tee shot on the 13th hole during the second round of the LPGA Kia Classic golf tournament at La Costa in Carlsbad, Calif, on 26 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Internet

World Cup stadiums get FIFA approval

JOHANNESBURG, 27 March—World Cup organizers said on Friday that South Africa's stadiums have passed FIFA's final inspection, 76 days before the opening match of the world football championship.

"The final tour is now complete and we can say with confidence that we have delivered on our promise of 10 world-class stadiums," World Cup organising committee CEO Danny Jordaan said in a statement.

South Africa built five new stadiums and renovated five existing ones ahead of the June 11-July 11 tournament, spending more than 1.3 billion dollars (one billion euros). The stadium projects were plagued by early worker strikes and budgets that soared beyond initial projections as the rand took a hit on the foreign exchange market.

But Jordaan said the stadiums are now nearly ready. "The only remaining issues are questions such as parking for team buses, finalising security arrangements and posting signs to direct fans," he said.

"What we are looking at now is just the final detail."

Internet

Nadal eases through as Djokovic falls in Miami

MIAMI, 27 March—Rafael Nadal made an efficient start on a rain-soaked day at the WTA and ATP Miami Masters as the fourth seed subdued American Taylor Dent 6-4, 6-3 in his opening match.

The routine win in just over an hour was straightforward for Nadal, a two-time Miami finalist looking to stop the rot and win his first title since Rome last May.

The Spaniard moved through despite a painful wisdom tooth which must be removed after his tournament ends.

But there was high drama on court for most of the afternoon on Friday as Belgium's pocket rocket Olivier Rochus pounded

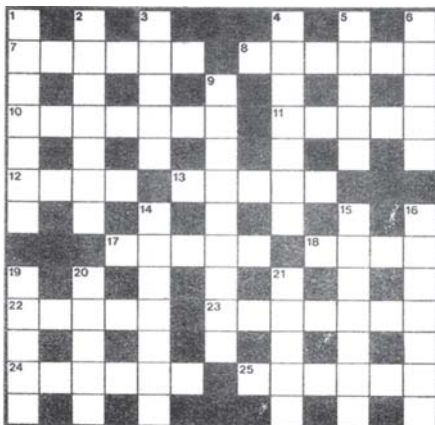
out a 6-2, 6-7 (7/9), 6-4 opening upset over Novak Djokovic to knock the second-seeded Serb out.

The victory marked the second win over a top 10 player in Miami for Rochus, who stands just 1.67 metres and ranks 59th in the world.—Internet



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot to Taylor Dent during day four of the 2010 Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Center, on 26 March, in Key Biscayne, Florida. Nadal won 6-4, 6-3.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Summon with hand
- 8 Quarter
- 10 Floral coronet
- 11 Belonging to them
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- 24 Response
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- 1 Unclear
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- 3 Foolishness
- 4 Part
- 5 Avarice
- 6 Coastline
- 9 Sailor's right
- 14 Bore
- 15 To take vengeance
- 16 Object
- 19 Composition
- 20 Closely compacted
- 21 Last of all

Eleven more charged in Turkey match-fixing probe

ISTANBUL, 27 March—A Turkish court Friday charged 11 more people as part of a match-fixing probe, bringing to 15 the total number of suspects jailed pending trial, Anatolia news agency reported.

Among the 11 men were a coach and seven footballers from Turkey's second and third divisions, a manager, a retired player and a person who reportedly acted as a money courier, Anatolia said.

The detailed charges against the suspects will become known when prosecutors draw up their indictment.

Another seven people were released after questioning, Anatolia said.

The authorities have imposed a media blackout on the probe, handled by prosecutors in Istanbul, Turkey's biggest city and football centre.

The operation began Wednesday as police rounded up 46 suspects across Turkey, including players from the country's top league and lower divisions, managers and club administrators.

The most high-profile figure charged so far is former international Fatih Akyel, who played for Istanbul giants Galatasaray in his heyday and is now a defender at third-division Tepecikspor.

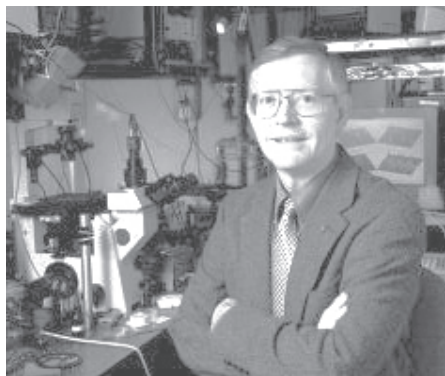
His manager was among those charged Friday.

Another former member of Galatasaray and the national team, Arif Erdem, currently a coach at first-division Istanbul Buyuksehir Belediyesi, was questioned and freed Thursday.—Internet

PREMIER LEAGUE



Birmingham City	1-1	Arsenal
Chelsea	7-1	Aston Villa
Hull City	2-0	Fulham
Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	Portsmouth
West Ham United	0-1	Stoke City
Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-0	Everton
Bolton Wanderers	0-4	Manchester United

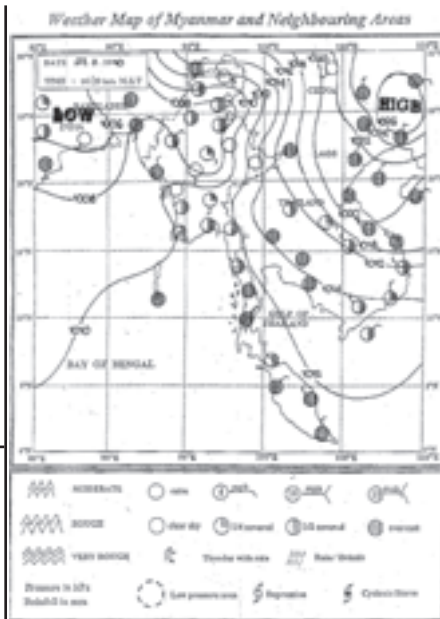


Stanford chemist W. E. Moerner
INTERNET

Behavior of Single Protein Observed in Unprecedented Detail

SCIENCE DAILY, 27 March— For the first time, researchers have been able to confine and study an individual protein, one that plays a key role in photosynthesis, without having to pin it down so tightly as to alter its fundamental behavior.

In the first practical application to proteins of a recently developed technique, two Stanford chemists were able to make detailed observations of the dynamic behavior of the molecule for more than one second, a 50- to 100-fold increase in viewing time compared to other methods, and thereby “set a new standard in single-molecule spectroscopy,” according to a commentary in the March issue of Nature Chemistry.—Internet



WEATHER

Saturday, 27th 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, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3 °C) to (4 °C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5 °C) to (6 °C) and above March average temperatures in Chin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (44 °C), Kalaywa, Shwebo, Mandalay, Myingyan, Nyaungoo, Chauk, Minbu, Magway and Pokakku (42 °C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.19) inch and Machanbaw (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-3-2010 was 102 °F. Minimum temperature on 27-3-2010 was 74 °F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-3-2010 was 56%. Total sun shine hours on 26-3-2010 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-3-2010 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 (5) m.p.h from Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 26-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28th March 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining State and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-3-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (28-3-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission -	(28-3-10 11:30 am ~ 29-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * A Study Tour to Bagan (Sulamani Temple)
- * News
- * Victories of the State, the People and the Tatmadaw “Agricultural Sector”
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Travelogue “Mawlamyine”
- * Bayin Nyi Naung Yadanar Cave
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- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-8)
- * Poem Garden “The Sun”
- * News
- * VCD Center
- * News
- * Min Sone Hill and its Star Tortoises
- * Fresh Water Fish World... A Haven of Rest and Knowledge
- * News
- * The Art of Silk-screen Painting
- * Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
- * Myanmar Paper Toys
- * Let’s taste “Sabuti”

Website: www.mrtv3.net.m



Sunday, 28
March

View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား

7:25 am

2. ကျန်းမာဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှင်

7:30 am

3. နံနက်ခင်းသတင်း

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

5. သံသရာချီအေးမင်္ဂလာတေး

7:55 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. အမျိုးသားမီးရထားကွန်ရက် အစိတ်အပိုင်း သရက်-မင်းလှလမ်းအပိုင်း

8:10 am

8. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

8:20 am

9. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

10. International News

8:35 am

11. Connect With English (Episode-35) (Changes)

11:00 am

1. စစ်သတင်း

11:10 am

2. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

11:20 am

3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း

နိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းစဉ်

11:30 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟာသကဏ္ဍ” (အပိုင်း-၈၄)(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

12:20 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:40 pm

6. မြန်မာစာပေသိပ္ပံဇာတ်လမ်း “ယောက္ခမ” (ကျော်တိန်၊ ရဲအောင်၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)

2:50 pm

7. International News

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010)ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ်(ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်းနှင့်ရန်ကုန် ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather report

6:20 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “BUGS” ADVENTURES (အပိုင်း-၆)

6:35 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တော်ဝင်နန်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

7:35 pm

7. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တစ်မတော် “စက်မှု စွမ်းအင် လျှပ်စစ်သစ်တော”

8:00 pm

8. News
9. International News
10. Weather report

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်း ညီနောင်လေးများ” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေစာလည်” (အပိုင်း-၇)

- ★ 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

Senior General Than Shwe addresses ceremony of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addressed the ceremony of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade held at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground here this morning.

The ceremony was held in accord with the objectives of the 65th

Anniversary Armed Forces Day—To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy; To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution; To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of people; and To build a strong, patriotic

modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation.

Also present on the occasion were SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, SPDC Secretary-1 Quartermaster-General General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Com-



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of the parade columns.—MNA



mander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Defence Services Inspector-General Lt-Gen Thein Htaik, Military Ap-

pointment-General Lt-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Soe Maung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of (See page 6)