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## The loyal Tatmadaw

It can be said that the Tatmadaw was conceived in the anti-colonialist struggle and born of the anti-fascist resistance. As it was the rallying point of patriotic youths, it fitted into the good tradition of a patriotic Tatmadaw. As it maintained good military discipline, it became a disciplined Tatmadaw. Soon after Myanmar regained her independence in 1948, the fire of internal strife also started. Though there were many attempts to entice the Tatmadaw, it looked only to the face of the nation. It therefore gained the attribute of a loyal Tatmadaw.

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

(From address delivered at the parade of the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)



## Drugs destroyed on 18 occasions between 1990-2004 valued at US 14452m

### Fifth destruction of seized narcotic drugs, precursors, chemicals and paraphernalia held in Lashio

YANGON, 20 March — The fifth destruction of seized narcotic drugs, precursors, chemicals and paraphernalia of Shan State (North) organized by Shan State (North) Committee for Drug Abuse Control was held at the people's sports grounds in Lashio yesterday morning, attended by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy ministers, ambassadors of the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, the Russian Federation, Lao PDR, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and Singapore.

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*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party, diplomats, local national race leaders and guests inspect seized narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, poppy seeds and paraphernalia.— MNA*



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win delivers an address at the fifth ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, poppy seeds and paraphernalia seized in Shan State (North).— MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 21 March, 2005

## Exert combined efforts on emergence of a modern, developed industrial nation

In a bid to shape a peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is the goal of the entire national people, the government is establishing industrial infrastructures essential for the country.

The government's such efforts are aimed at paving the way for the drive to transform the country to a modern industrial nation from an agro-based one. A textile factory of the Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 was constructed near Kanthagyi village, two miles from Pwintbyu on Legai-Pwintbyu motor road in Pwintbyu township, Magway Division.

The opening ceremony was held at the factory on 19 March. Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said the newly-opened factory was living proof of bright prospects for continued development of the agricultural sector as well as for that of the industries based on agriculture in the country.

Irrigation facilities are being built across the country to make the most of land and water resources of the country. These endeavours have seen an increase in the sown acreage of monsoon paddy, summer paddy and other crops as farmland can be fed with a sufficient supply of irrigation water. Hope has been pinned on the simultaneous establishment of industries based on agriculture as the agricultural productivity is growing.

With the development of the agricultural sector and of the electric power sector, private factories, small and medium, based on agriculture are likely to emerge in years to come soon. The government places priority on the establishment of costly high-tech factories and workshops which the private sector cannot easily afford.

The industrial sector is second to the agricultural sector in terms of GDP. With 98 per cent ownership, the private sector tops in the industrial sector while the State's ownership constitutes 1.5 per cent. Priority is therefore paid to the private sector.

Measures are being taken to simultaneously set up industries crucial for the country such as farm implement industries, import-substitute industries, finished goods industries, export industries, and agro-based heavy industries.

All in all, the onus is on the national people to render harmonious cooperation and participation with duty consciousness in the establishment of a modern, developed industrial nation under the leadership of the government.



PRIZE PRESENTED: Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents prize to U Than Swe (Reporter Than Swe) for his performance of duties assigned by YCDC, at City Hall on 20 March. — YCDC

## 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

## Factories in Kyaukse region inspected

YANGON, 20 March — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by officials concerned, arrived at Fire Brick Factory Project, Kyaukse region, being implemented by Myanma Ceramic Industries on 18 March.

During their arrival, the minister inspected progress in installation of hydraulic press, wet pan mill, mixing mill, cone crusher, dryer and site chosen for construction of warehouse.

Next, he oversaw arrival of machines imported, assembling of electric transfer car and progress in building a kiln of the factory.

The bricks will be produced at industrial temperature ranging from 1650 to 1850 degree celsius.

Afterwards, the min-



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang views production process of Chocolate Factory (Kyaukse). — INDUSTRY-1

ister proceeded to Bicycle Factory (Kyaukse) under the Myanma General and Maintenance Industries and inspected combination press machine, vertical milling machine, seam welding machine, polishing machine and

fixing machine. On arrival at Sewing Machine Factory (Kyaukse), the minister met foreign technicians and presented souvenirs to them.

Next, the minister inspected 18 machine parts produced at foundry

workshop and various kinds of sport shirts and vests at Vest Factory (Kyaukse) of Myanma Textile Industries and manufacturing of chocolate bars at Chocolate Factory (Kyaukse).

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## Myanmar delegation back from India

YANGON, 20 March — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back by air this morning after attending the meeting on information and communication of public relations departments and the finance sector held in New Delhi, India, from 16 to 18 March.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, heads of department under the ministry and officials concerned.

The meeting, organized by the World Bank, was held at Darbar Hall of



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and party attending meeting on information and communication of public relations departments and finance sector in New Delhi. — F&R

Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, India. Present on the occasion were finance ministers from 66 WB member countries, governors of central banks, in-

vited guests and officials of NGOs. The Myanmar delegation comprised Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Managing

Director of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications U Maung Maung Tin and Staff Officer of the Ministry of F&R U Min Han Soe. — MNA

### သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

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ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ



Headmistress Daw Sein Myaing presents completion certificate to a student at Bahan BEPS No 10 on 10 March for 2004-2005 academic year. — H



### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- To exert energetic efforts in carrying out the five rural development tasks
- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the twelve State Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes
- To build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw



A Chinese model presents a super wedding gown on a street in Hefei, the capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 19 March, 2005. The white wedding gown is 50 meters (about 164 feet) long and weighs 100 kilogrammes (220 pounds).—INTERNET

## Malaysian FM urges S-E Asian countries to sharpen competitiveness

**KUALA LUMPUR, 19 March** — Southeast Asian countries must sharpen their competitive advantage rather than relying on direct foreign investment as a formula for industrialization, a Malaysian minister said on Friday.

Although foreign investment was still a major contributor for industrial growth for many developing countries, other factors, such as the capability of local technologies and industriousness of the workers, could also facilitate growth, Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said at the closing of the Second ASEAN Leadership Forum here.

The two-day forum, organized by the Secretariat of Association of South-East

Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Malaysia-based Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute, was attended by delegates and scholars of the member states.

ASEAN, now grouping 10 states in region, was set up in 1967 to boost regional cooperation. Syed Hamid said Southeast Asian countries should now focus on a new industrial strategy, based on stronger local capabilities.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands protest Iraq war across Europe

**LONDON, 19 March** — Tens of thousands of anti-war protesters demonstrated across Europe on Saturday to mark the second anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq, with 45,000 Britons marching from London's Hyde Park past the American Embassy to Trafalgar Square.

British elections expected in May lent an added charge to the largest protest, in London, where Prime Minister Tony Blair's staunch backing of the war has diminished his base of support.

Police said about 45,000 demonstrators participated in a march; organizers put the number at 100,000. Several army veterans were among the crowd.

"I disagreed with (the war) to start with because I was suspicious of the weapons of mass destruction claims," said Ray Hewitt, 34, a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War. "I saw the Iraqi army in 1991 and we destroyed it."

In Istanbul, Turkey, an

estimated 15,000 people—some carrying signs reading "Murderer Bush, get out" — marched in the Kadikoy neighbourhood.

Two marchers dressed as US soldiers pretended to rough up a third, dressed as a detainee with a sack on his head in a mimed criticism of US abuse of prisoners.

In the southern Turkish city of Adana, home to a Turkish military base used by American forces, protesters laid a black wreath in front of the US Consulate, the *Anatolia* news agency reported.

In Poland — which commands a multinational security force in Iraq that includes 1,700 Polish troops

— about 500 protesters marched to the US Embassy in Warsaw, holding banners reading "Pull out from Iraq now" and "Poles back to Poland."

"We are protesting this war in Iraq because it has no point. Only innocent people are killed, and nothing good results from it," said Klaudia Kosicinska, a 17-year-old high school student.

At an anti-war march in the industrial city of Katowice, protesters — including one dressed up as a blindfolded Statue of Liberty — urged the United States and Britain to leave Iraq.

In Athens, about 3,000 trade unionists, members of



## Wen Jiabao discusses military cooperation with Russian Army chief

**BEIJING, 19 March** — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and visiting Russian Army chief discussed Sino-Russian relationship and the cooperation between the two Armed Forces here on Friday.

The meeting with Premier Wen was the high note in Russian Chief of General Staff Yury Baluyevsky's trip to Beijing. It followed talks with senior Chinese military officers on a joint military exercise to be held later this year.

Baluyevsky called the

joint military exercise "a new way of cooperation between the two Armed Forces," which now have a close relationship that was unimaginable just a few years ago.

Both Wen and Baluyevsky agree that China-Russia relations are at the best ever stage

as the countries have removed all possible obstacles to the relationship.

Baluyevsky arrived in Beijing Thursday morning for a four-day visit, the first international trip he has taken since his current post last July.

During his stay in Beijing, he met with his Chinese counterpart, Liang Guanglie, Thursday afternoon to further discuss details of joint military exercise.

Russia and China have agreed on the make-up of the troop, arms and equipment and military methods involved in the training. "Russian paratroopers, Marines and other forces will take part in the exercise," Baluyevsky said.

The message about China-Russia military exercise first came with a memorandum of understanding between Chinese vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission Guo Boxiong and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov last July.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan, Sri Lanka discuss warning system against tsunami

**COLOMBO, 19 March** — A Japanese team of Natural Hazard Management experts called on Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga on Thursday to discuss the establishment of an early warning system (EWS) for the region.

During the discussions Kumaratunga said Sri Lanka was not accustomed to natural disasters such as of the 26 December tsunami which killed more than 30,000 in the country.

She emphasized measures needed to be put in place to minimize damage to life and property in the event of a similar ca-

tastrophe in the future.

In the Japanese team were Tatsuo Hamaguchi, director-general of the National Institute of Land and Infrastructure Management, Shuhei Kazusa, director of the Earthquake and Volcanic Disaster Management and several other senior officials.

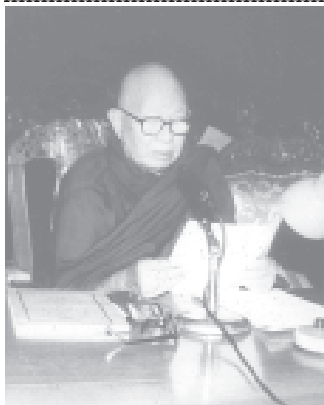
The two sides discussed the importance of enhancing Sri Lanka's technical know-how and the possible Japanese inputs in this regard.

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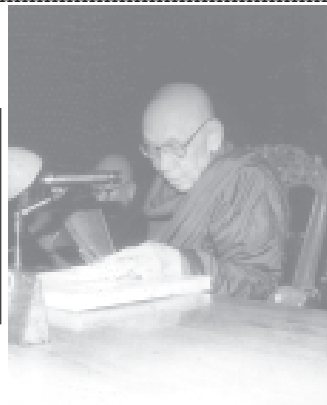


A man checks his mobile phone as he passes the Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) headquarters in Manila recently. —INTERNET

## Fifth meeting of fifth State Central Working Committee of Sangha held



Vice-Chairman of State Central Working Committee of Sangha Sayadaw Kesara presides over the meeting. —MNA



Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Kumara presents reports of the committee. —MNA

YANGON, 20 March — The fifth meeting of the fifth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha was held at Maha Pasana Cave in Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

Present at the meeting were State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, member

officials. Five Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the fifth meeting of the fifth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha were elected.

Vice-Chairman of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Aung Mingala Sarthintak

delivered the Ovadakatha.

Next, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

Master of ceremonies Sayadaw reported on the list of elected State Ovadacariya Sayadaw,



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicates on religious affairs at the fifth meeting of fifth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha. —MNA

Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Sayadaw of Paradise Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Lt-Col Myo Kyaw, Pro-rector (Admin) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Myint Kyi, Deputy Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Htin Myo, Deputy Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Tun Mya Aung and

Sayadaw of Thayet Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Agga Maha Kamahantacariya Bhaddanta Kesara presided over the meeting.

Master of ceremonies Sayadaw reported on agenda of the fifth meeting to be held on 20, 21 and 22 March for approval.

Next, Ovadakathas of the five Ovadacariya Sayadaws were read by member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Vice-Chairman of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Aung Mingala Sarthintak Sayadaw of Thayet Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Agga Maha Kamahantacariya Bhaddanta Kesara

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws and members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha for approval.

Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Maha Withutayama Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara presented a brief report of the committee.

In the afternoon session, the Sayadaws presented the report of the committee and they took part in the discussions.

The meeting continues tomorrow. Wellwishers donated alms to the members of the Sangha and medicines to them.

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## USDA Secretariat member attends opening of village libraries

YANGON, 20 March — Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretariat member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan this morning attended the opening of rural libraries in villages of Waw Township, Bago Division, and met with

minister viewed round the keeping of books at the library and fulfilled the requirements. He also inspected progress in construction of the village high school.

Afterwards, USDA Secretariat member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met local people at the hall of the

In meeting with the local people from Kwaygyi and Myitkyo villages, USDA Secretariat member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said village libraries are being opened with a view to improving the knowledge of local rural people and learning the



Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects library, Waw Township. —MNA

local people.

First, the minister attended the opening of Myint Myat Library in Kwaygyi Village in Waw Township at 11 am. After inspecting the library, the Minister attended to the needs. Next, he visited Myitkyo village to attend the opening of Zartimay Library which was built with the donations of U Thein Myint, Managing Director of Ayeya Min Thein (Mandalay) Construction Co. The

village. At the meeting, donor U Thein Myint handed over documents related to the village library to Head of Waw Township Information and Public Relations Department U Htay Lwin. Next, the minister presented K 950,000 including K 600,000 donated by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan to the headmistress. Then, wellwishers donated books on various subjects for the library.

advancing technology of the world.

The Ministry of Information is opening libraries in rural areas. Now libraries have been opened in every village-tract to realize the objective of the ministry in 2004-2005. So, it is necessary for the people, the minister urged, to cooperate in opening of libraries in all the villages of the country in 2005-2006.

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Secretariat member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets local people in Myitkyo village, Waw Township. —MNA

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased



# Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpar) Project in Kutkai



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects installation of Thanlwin Suspension Bridge (Tarpa). —MNA

YANGON, 20 March —Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win together with member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy minister, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, arrived by helicopter at Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpar) in Kutkai on 18 March.

They were welcomed by Brig-Gen Than Win

of Laukkai Station, officials, engineers, departmental personnel, local people and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Than Swe of Bridge Construction Special Project Group-9 of Public Works reported to the Prime Minister on construction and progress of work.

Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein reported on arrival of construction materials for the project. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on construction of approach roads

**The 600-foot Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpar), a suspension one, is on Kutkai-TarmoNye-Monsi Tarshwehtan road. The motor way is 16 feet and 4 inches wide. It can stand 60 tons of load and 80 per cent of the project has now been completed.**

and completion of the roads near the bridge.

Shan State Superintending Engineer of PW U Kyaw Min Thein reported on upgrading of 66-mile Kutkai-Monsi-Tarpar road and other rural roads.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on measures taken for progress of rural roads in the region.

Next, local national race leaders reported on difficulty when crossing the Thanlwin River and development prospects after completion of the bridge.

The Prime Minister then gave necessary instructions. He presented fruit baskets to those who participated in the construction of the bridge and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Than Swe. The Prime Minister inspected installation of suspender. The 600-foot Thanlwin Bridge (Tarpar), a suspension one, is on Kutkai-TarmoNye-Monsi-Tarshwehtan road. The motorway is 16 feet and 4 inches wide.

It can withstand 60 tons of loads and 80 per cent of the project has now been completed. The Prime Minister inspected the site and greeted local people. —MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions on construction of Thanlwin Suspension Bridge (Tarpa) to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and officials. —MNA

## NC delegates visit pagodas, churches

YANGON, 20 March — Under the arrangement of Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee of National Convention Convening Management Committee, NC delegates paid a pilgrimage visit to Shwemawdaw Pagoda and observed Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago Township, Bago Division yesterday morning.

Next, they donated cash K 66,820 to offer Shwethingan to the pagoda and went round the pagoda clock-wise and offered water, lights and joss sticks.

On arrival at Kanbawzathadi Palace, they were briefed on background history of the palace by assistant curator of Archaeological Department of the Ministry

of Culture. They arrived at Nyaunghnapin Camp later in the morning. Similarly, Christian NC delegates together with officials of Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee visited Toungthukon Kayin Baptist and Lahu Baptist Churches in Insein Township yesterday morning.

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Delegates to the National Convention visit Archaeological Museum at Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago.—MNA

## Drugs destroyed on 18 occasions ...

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consuls of the People's Republic of China and Japan, the liaison officer of Australian Police Force, officials of US Drug Agency, WHO and UNODC, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force, local authorities, members of Shan State (North) CDAC, local national race leaders, members of USDA, local people and guests.

Daw Nan San Twam Kham of Lashio Township USDA, Professor Daw Myint Myint Than of Lashio Degree College and Sub-Police Inspector Sein Ma Ma of MPF acted as masters of ceremonies.

First, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an address, saying that in today's world, the problems of narcotics are not confined to a sole country or a people but are the concern of all nations of the world all of humankind.

While some countries face a problem caused by the cultivation of narcotic crops, some other countries are encountering the problems of psychotropic drugs produced from chemicals. Although some countries neither grow narcotic crops nor produce chemical narcotic drugs, they face problems of use or of being transit countries. The prob-



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greets local national races at the ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs, chemical precursors and poppy seeds in Lashio.—MNA

to the production while nations of the world are combating the drug menace through international legislation on the one hand, on the other hand they have ratified and are cooperating in controlling the drugs menace on the basis of the UN single

conventions has promulgated the Law and rules related to Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs, the Law and Rules related to the Control of Money Laundering. The Law and Rules on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and is taking action in accordance with law. At the same time, it controls 25 chemicals used in the production of narcotic and psychotropic drugs. Myanmar has issued rules related to the supervision of controlled chemicals and it is actively engaged in eradication efforts.

In addition, Myanmar firmly believes that not only does the narcotic menace adversely affect national dignity and high social standards of the state, but it threatens our citizens and all humankind.

Since the time of the Myanmar kings, the successive governments of Myanmar have serious undertaken the tasks of combating narcotic abuse. During the time of the State Peace and Development Council, as a result of gaining mutual understanding and mutual fate among the national brethren, peace, stability and the rule of law have gradually extended up to the border regions and as a consequence many good opportunities were presented for serious fulfilling the developing needs of the border areas and national races. As a result from striving only to combat the narcotic menace we have now been able to seriously work for the alleviation of the foods, shelter and clothing of the local people through crops substitutions, animal husbandry and other regional development activities. In order to give momentum to these endeavours the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was established. By so doing, it is certain that the bad historical legacy of the drug problem can be eliminated effectively in the long term.

This is the reason also why the Government led by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has laid down strategies, tactics and measures for the elimination of the narcotic problem.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and national race leaders press the button to incinerate narcotic drugs, chemical precursors and poppy seeds.—MNA

lems of drugs abuse is serious social problem being faced by almost all countries.

Myanmar is also amongst the countries that are having to meet the challenges posed by the drugs problems. The main problem faced by Myanmar is the illegal cultivation of the opium poppy, production of Opium and Heroin and its trafficking and use. At a time when problems of producing methamphetamine has been started since 1996, however the production of Opium and Heroin had fallen remarkably. Issues related

Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988. The International Narcotic Control Board and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs under the United Nations Economic and Social Council are also encouraging the international community to enhance cooperation. Myanmar on its part has ratified all drugs related Conventions and in accordance with these



Fifth ceremony to incinerate narcotic drugs, chemical precursors and poppy seeds seized in Shan State (North) in progress in the people's sports grounds in Lashio.—MNA



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Strategies include the destruction of the elimination of the drug menace as a national cause and to combat the menace from all angles, and to raise the living standards of the border areas and national races, thereby completely eradicating opium cultivation.

These strategies are being implemented through symmetrical actions of the tactics of eradication, reduction of consumption, and interdiction.

In order to concretely carry out activities in conformity with the strategies and tactics, a plan of action comprising a 15-year plan sub-divided into three medium-term plans of five years each, beginning from 1999-2000 to 2013-2014, was established. We have completed the first 5-year plan and are implementing the second 5-year plan. It has been assessed that the objectives set for the designated plan period have been successfully realized.

To get an accurate picture of the illegal cultivation of opium poppy in Myanmar, Myanmar and the United States have cooperated in opium yield surveys for ten times beginning from 1993 up to 2004. The 2005 international report of the US Government on strategies of controlling narcotics states that opium in 2004 is less than 34 percent of 2004 and that production of opium in 2004 decreased 40 per cent compared to that of 2003, the production has dropped 89 per cent compared to opium production 8 years ago. Likewise, Myanmar and UNODC have cooperated since 2002 in annual field surveys and the result have shown a consistent reduction. According to the UNODC re-



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win views documentary photos on drug elimination drive. —MNA

elimination measures but also to widespread pragmatic activities such as opium substitution, vocational livelihood promotion, regional development activities which are all essential for the elimination of opium production. Of particular importance to the success is the fact that the leadership of the state regional authorities, leaders of national races and the national races of the regions, and social organizations have worked in close harmony and dynamic cooperation.

Under the programme of the government's special project for development of the border areas, the gov-

bandry and regional development. This is the reason why the situation in the border areas have significantly changed for the better when compared to the situation in the areas in the past. As the activities for the eradication of narcotic drugs gain intensity due to concerted efforts, Mongla region in Shan State (East) was able to declare itself as opium free zone in April 1997 and the Kokang region completely halted the cultivation of opium beginning 2003. Likewise, areas of other national races are energetically striving to have their respective areas and regions declared as opium free zones



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the Philippine Ambassador press the button to fire the seized drugs and paraphernalia. —MNA



MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi and national race leaders press the button to incinerate the seized drugs and paraphernalia. —MNA

port, the acreage of opium cultivation in 2004 has dropped 29 per cent compared to 2003 and opium production has dropped 54 per cent.

The significant reduction of opium cultivation and production in Myanmar is attributable not only to

government has spent to date over 60 billion kyats for projects of the development of remote border areas. Of this amount almost 80 per cent was utilized for activities associated with the eradication of opium cultivation such as opium crop substitution, animal hus-

bandry or opium free areas. Although the efforts exerted mainly using one's own resources and one's own strength is a good foundation for the long term, it must be noted that the national races who had to live in poverty

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Seized narcotic drugs, poppy seeds, heroin, opium, morphine, opium oil, stimulant tablets, ephedrine, chemical liquid, chemical precursors and paraphernalia on display for the fifth time destruction in Lashio. —MNA

## Drugs destroyed on 18...

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throughout the ages have had to strive with great difficulty to achieve results. If the international community were to show understanding and render appropriate assistance, Myanmar's efforts to eliminate narcotics would meet with success much sooner.

In any case, bearing in mind resolution of the 20th Special Session of the 1998 United Nations General Assembly designating the year 2008 as the year for total eradication of narcotic drugs throughout the world, and ASEAN's objective of ASEAN Drugs Free Area by the year 2015, Myanmar has set the target of a Drug Free Myanmar by the year 2014 and is striving towards that end with its own plans and programmes.

Even as Myanmar had successfully reduced the cultivation and production of opium, the previously unheard menace of psychotropic tablets emerged in the country in 1996. It is well known that just as the chemical ephedrine used in the production of stimulant tablets cannot be produced in Myanmar, the country does not have ability to produce other chemicals that are used in processing of heroin and stimulant tablets. However, Myanmar is having to face criticism and accusations while drug traffickers transit Myanmar borders through neighbouring countries, producing and distributing heroin and stimulants to the international markets.

As narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances cannot be produced without chemicals, Myanmar is seeking to control these chemicals in cooperation with the neigh-



Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of MPF explains tasks of drug elimination.— MNA



Palauing national race leader U Aik Mone of Shan State (North) Special Region-7.— MNA

bouring countries of India, China, Laos and Thailand. In February 2003, trilateral meeting of Myanmar, India and China for the control of chemical substances was held in Yangon. The meeting reached an agreement to enhance cooperation in suppressing the smuggling of illegal chemicals in the border areas. In addition, as there is a need for closer cooperation with neighbouring countries in the control of chemical substances, a five-nation ministerial meeting to control the substances was held in Chiang Rai in July 2003. China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and India participated in the meeting. As a result of agreements reached at the meeting, closer cooperation ensured among the neighbouring countries with the result that in 2004 the illegal transportation of chemical substances was reduced.

Under the border areas drug control plan of Myanmar, China and UNODC border meetings were held and border liaison offices were opened. Information is being exchanged between the two countries. As a result of the cooperation programmes 36 fugitives wanted by the Chinese side were handed over for 14 times by the Myanmar authorities. Furthermore, under the Myanmar-Thailand drugs control programmes, border liaison offices were opened in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung. Information exchanges between the two countries have



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reports on narcotic drug eradication tasks in Shan State (North).—MNA

also being held. Also under the cooperation programme, Myanmar has transferred fugitives wanted by Thailand, on three occasions. These efforts and activities of Myanmar have been reflected in 2005 International Drugs Control Study Report of the US.

At the same time, Myanmar has been making the necessary efforts for the elimination of narcotic drugs abuse. Two rehabilitation centres had been opened in Shwe Pyi Tha in Pyay and Shwe Pyi Aye in Phekhoon in Shan State. Another rehabilitation centre, Shwe Pyi Thit is being constructed near Teema Village in Muse Township, Northern Shan State. Under the UNODC/Australia programme (AusAID) a pilot project for the prevention of HIV and other diseases has been implemented with assistance of NGOs from Myanmar and abroad.

Starting from 1990 up to 2004 narcotic drugs had been destroyed on 18 occasions. The total value of drugs destroyed is estimated at US\$ 14,452 million. The destruction of narcotic drugs and chemical have taken place also in Lashio on 33 different occasions since 1999. Also in the Wa region in the Northern Shan State, the Wa nationals have destroyed poppy fields and drugs under own arrangements on 6th March 2005, prior to this ceremony.

In addition, the new destiny project started in 2002 as a way to support the 15-year plan, opium poppy seeds and dried opium fruits were handed by cultivators to the relevant authorities. The total weight of these in 2003 and 2004 was over 1.6 million kilograms. These were burnt and destroyed on 11 occasions in various states and divisions. This is a very effective action as the destroyed poppy seeds, were



Tamoenyne region national race leader U Myint Lwin.— MNA

### Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

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#### Brave Son, heroic one

- \* Up in the vanguard, there is tumult  
Hailing victory? hailing victory?
- \* Yes brother, elder brother  
Yes brother, younger brother.  
Yes friend, true friend
- \* Rid of destructive enemy, vanquish  
enemies  
Vanquish, celebrate victory, celebrate  
victory.
- \* Trust life in people, back from  
pride  
Pride of strength, pride of strength.
- \* People gather, victory garlands in  
hand  
Welcome back smiling, welcome back
- \* Good son of nation, arm of the  
people  
Very satisfactory, satisfactory.
- \* Not even an inch of our land  
Will be allowed to intrude, will  
strike back.  
Venture to fight, venture to fight
- \* There's construction throughout  
nation  
There's added strength, added  
strength.
- \* Throughout all ages, there's no  
treachery  
There's pride unsurpassed, there's  
pride.
- \* Heading on this journey, toward  
Golden Nation  
Hand in hand, solidarity unbroken,  
consolidated.
- \* Brave son, heroic one  
Need to be honoured ceremoniously  
Noble they are, they are.

Hein Htet Hein (Lewe) (Trs)

they to have been cultivated would have resulted in over 440 tons of opium.

Therefore, to put the effort of Myanmar in a nutshell, Myanmar is exerting efforts to eliminate the menace of narcotic drug through the strategies of supply reduction, demand reduction and interdiction. In addition, on the 51st anniversary of the Armed Forces Day on 27 March 1996, the Head of State said in his speech "the battle against narcotics concerns all humankind and it is therefore wide-ranging and difficult endeavour. We will welcome any assistance that is offered in sincerity.

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Narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, poppy seeds and paraphernalia being incinerated at the 5th destruction ceremony in Lashio.— MNA



## Drugs destroyed on 18...

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However, even if assistance is not forthcoming, we will continue our struggle with all our abilities as it is a manner which threatens humankind". The Head of State therefore stated Myanmar's unwavering determination in the battle against narcotic drugs. In conclusion, I would like to say that Myanmar has fine traditions in implementing and carrying out its national interest and in carrying out dutifully and unstintingly the national interest and the interest of humankind. In addition, either with the assistance or without the assistance from outside, and no matter whatever the criticism and opposition, Myanmar has fine traditions of unwaveringly striving to successfully fulfill its objectives. As a result of the fine traditions, success has been achieved in the efforts against the drug menace. In the future also the State, the people and the Tatmadaw will join hands together and strive further to achieve successes. I would also like to record my appreciation to all those persons who helped

important that all nations of the world and all people actively cooperate in the endeavour with clear and noble state of mind.

Next, Chairman of Shan State (North) Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said that as this ceremony is burning the narcotic drugs which endanger all human being and we have again shown practically that we have been carrying out the tasks of drugs eradication as a national duty not only for our Northern Shan State but also for Myanmar Naing-ngan. Ceremonies like this have already been held in Northern Shan State thrice in 2002, once in 2003 and the total number is 5 times including this one.

To implement the task of drugs eradication with the guidance of the Head of State with a 15-year project for drugs eradication, with new destiny project of CCDAC and cooperation of local authorities, national brethren and regional peo-

eradication of poppy cultivation. We guarantee that in the eastern part of the Thanlwin river including the Kokang region, poppy cultivation is totally eradicated there. However, some few regions remain in remote areas in the eastern part of Thanlwin river and we will carry out the task of total eradication of poppy cultivation with added momentum. "Wa" leaders at the eastern part of Thanlwin river have promised to eradicate poppy cultivation during 2005. At the same time I here by promised firmly to carry



Kachin national race leader U Zaw Yun explains measures to eradicate cultivation of poppy. —MNA

out the anti-narcotic drugs activity till achieving a drug free State with added momentum.

Afterwards, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi

border areas and other towns were burnt and destroyed and another 18 occasions in Yangon. A total of US\$14,452 worth of narcotic drugs were destroyed during those 18 occasions.

One of the most important elements, of this project is to advocate for surrendering poppy seeds to be destroyed. Though, poppy seeds do not contain morphine and were thus exempted from international control, the fact that these seeds themselves can be grown into plants led to advocate for surrendering them

to be destroyed. In Northern Shan State, the destruction of 135,603 kilograms of poppy seeds surrendered by farmers prevented poppy cultivation in 83,039 acres



Shan State (North) Police Force Commander Police Col Win Naing reports on drug elimination, opium-substitute cultivation and rehabilitation of drug addicts. —MNA

out of the 9,082 acres of poppy cultivated areas, 2,968 acres were destroyed in Northern Shan States during 2004-2005. In comparison, an additional 1,472 acres were destroyed between the period 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention though we have not received any international assistance or aid in this endeavours, senior Government officials have laid down directives, tactics and strategies to eradicate narcotic drugs utilizing our own resources.

Vice-Chairman of Shan State (North) CDAC Commander of Shan State (North) Police Force Police Col Win Naing briefed them on drug elimination, cultivation of opium-substitute crops, re-

Special Region-7 reported on totally free of opium cultivation in their respective regions. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party tested the seized narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, poppy seeds and paraphernalia. They then viewed the documentary photos on drug eradication drive. Next, the Prime Minister and party, diplomats and local national race leaders pressed buttons to incinerate the seized narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, poppy seeds and paraphernalia. The Prime Minister cordially those present at the ceremony.

At the ceremony, 339.75 pyis of poppy seeds, 334.53 kilos of heroin, 225.50 kilos of opium, 57 kilos of morphine, 6.98 kilos of opium



National race leaders of Shan State (North) attend ceremony to destroy seized narcotic drugs, precursors and poppy seeds. —MNA

in making this ceremony the destruction of seized narcotic drugs, precursor chemicals and paraphernalia a success. I would also like to say that in seeking to resolve the drugs problems which threaten humankind, just as it is important to uncover the real causes it is equally im-

portant that all nations of the world and all people actively cooperate in the endeavour with clear and noble state of mind.

In Northern Shan State, total eradication of poppy cultivation can be achieved at the western part of the Thanlwin river because of the strenuous efforts for

of MPF reported that this is the fifth occasion that we have burnt and destroyed narcotic drugs here in Lashio, Northern Shan States since 2002. Additionally there have been 33 occasions where narcotic drugs, chemical, precursors and poppy seeds that were seized from

which in turn prevented production of 36 tons of heroin.

To recap the efforts made in preventing poppy cultivation, I would like to emphasize out of the total 7,610 cultivated acres destroyed, 1,090 acres were in Northern Shan State during the year 2003-2004. Similarly,

habilitation of drug addicts and kinds and numbers of drugs to be destroyed today.

National race leader of Tamoenye region U Myint Lwin, Kachin national race leader U Zaw Yun of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 and Palaung national race leader U Aik Mone of

oil solid, 4.19 litres of opium oil, 646.35 kilos of stimulant tablets, 137 kilos of ephedrine, 12,282.04 litres of chemical liquid, 7,163.30 kilos of chemical powder and paraphernalia, totalling 78 items worth about K 4,000 million were destroyed.

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Guests at the of ceremony to destroy seized narcotic drugs, chemical precursors and poppy seeds. —MNA



The Japanese Ambassador and diplomats test narcotic drugs, chemical precursors and paraphernalia before destruction ceremony. —MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party pay homage to Padamy Myetshin Buddha Image on upper terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

### Prime Minister attends ceremony...

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Later, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers and wellwishers presented steel strings and supports of Shwehtidaw, other religious objects and offertories to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, State Ovadacariya Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Bahan Chaukhtatgyi Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandobhasa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits accrued.

The first session of the ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan Ciram Tithatu.

The second session of the ceremony started with the conveying of steel strings and supports of Shwehtidaw that were to be hoisted atop the pagoda.

The prime minister and party, well-wishers, religious associations led by Sayadaws conveyed steel strings and supports of Shwehtidaw clock-wise and to upper terrace of the pagoda.

Next, State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, the prime



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win offers related objects of Htidaw for Shwedagon Pagoda to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win fixes links for steel strings at Shwehtidaw of Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

minister and party and well-wishers offered soon, of Shwehtidaw of Shwedagon Pagoda was held with the three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

At the auspicious time, the prime minister and (See page 11)



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win offers gold foils at Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA





Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win shares merits gained at the ceremony to install steel strings and supports at Shwehtidaw at Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

## Prime Minister attends ceremony to install steel strings and supports...

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party and well-wishers installed new steel strings of Shwehtidaw on top of pivot and sprinkled scented water onto them.

Next, supports of Shwehtidaw were reinstalled and sprinkled with scented water.

Afterwards, Ovada-cariya Sayadaws, the prime minister and party and well-wishers presented Thingandaws to the Shwedagon Pagoda and sprinkled them with scented water.

The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.

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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited Tiddim Silk Factory of Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise in the township. U Ban Tun of the MCSE and factory manager U Hsan Mann

reported on facts about the factory, annual production of silk, targeted production of silk for 2004-2005 and production process.

After inspecting the production line of silk at the factory, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, he visited Tiddim People's Hospital in the evening and looked into the extending construction of the hospital and wards, medical store and opera-

tion theatre.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage and offered alms to the Sayadaw of Tiddim Monastery.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye also offered alms to the Sayadaw and members of

the Sangha. On arrival at the training school for development of border areas and national races of the Education and Training Department, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed by Principal U Aung Myint and teachers and trainees.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the training of courses and gave neces-

sary instructions.

Next, he gave away gifts to the trainees and viewed round the school building.

In the evening Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with military officers and their families in the local battalion of the township and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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## Britain, US accused of concocting lies about Zimbabwe

HARARE, 20 March — Zimbabwean Vice-President Joseph Msika has accused the British and American Governments of concocting lies about Zimbabwe.

Addressing thousands of Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) supporters at Chenhuhwe business centre in Masvingo Central, Msika said the British and the American allies were currently demonizing Zimbabwe over the issue of lack of democracy and the rule of law yet Zimbabwe was one of the best emerging democracies in Africa.

"They are concocting allegations that there is no rule of law and democracy in Zimbabwe but the real sin that we

committed is taking back our land," he said.

"In terms of democracy we have been holding elections every five years since 1980 and we have made remarkable progress towards multi-party democracy," he said.

He added that democracy was not an event but was a process which would always be refined.

Msika said the British Government had no legal and moral right to lecture Zimbabwe on human rights because independence only came after a bitter and protracted war of liberation.

He urged Zimbabweans to follow the path of resilience and steadfastness exhibited by President Robert Mugabe and the two late vice-presidents Simon Muzenda and

Joshua Nkomo.

"President Mugabe is brave and strong and is going to outlive history, be remembered as a leader who repossessed land stolen from our ancestors," said Msika.

He described the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) as a stooge for the imperialist forces bent on recolonizing Zimbabwe, saying the MDC was not a party but a group of sponsored people.

"The MDC is not a party but a group of stooges and puppets who are sponsored to deceive Zimbabweans and want to sell the birthright," he said.

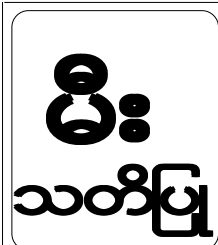
Msika called on the people of Masvingo Central to make amends and turn out in large numbers to vote for a ZANU-

PF government that has brought development in Zimbabwe.

The Vice-President reiterated the government's call for people to shun violence ahead of the March 31 election to shame the British and their Western allies who were looking for excuses to discredit the forthcoming elections.

Msika presented Shylet Munyoro as the ZANU-PF candidate for the constituency.

MNA/Xinhua



## Development affairs tasks carried out

YANGON, 20 March — As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to open a tube-well sunk with the funds of Bago Division (West) Pyay Development Affairs Committee was held in Gyokon village, Pyay.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Director General of Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Ohn Nyunt, the Director of Bago Division (West) Development Affairs Committee, the Executive Officer of Township DAC and En-

gineer In-Charge, officers at township level, members of social organizations and local people. The tube-well is two inches in diameter and 380 feet deep, which supplies 1,500 gallons per hour.

Similarly, Shwegyobin road built by Thegon Township DAC was opened at No 4 Ward, Thegon Township. It was attended by the Director of Bago Division (West) Development Affairs Committee, officers at township level, members of social organizations and local people. The road is 5,500 feet long and 30 feet wide. It was built at a cost of K 11.95 million.—MNA

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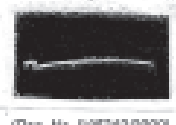
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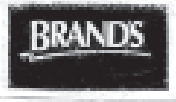
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**China marks anniversary of hero in Anti-Japanese War**

BEIJING, 19 March — A seminar was held here Friday to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Zuo Quan, a general of the Communist Party of China (CPC)-led Army and a well-known Chinese hero of the Anti-Japanese War (1937-45).

Guo Boxiong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), addressed the meeting and recalled the glorious life of Zuo, one of the Chinese Army officers trained in the Soviet Union.

Zuo joined the CPC in 1925 and held a series of military positions in the Red Army and the Eighth Route Army until he died in a major battle against the Japanese troops in 1942, Guo said.

Guo called for "learning from the anti-

which will be helpful to the Chinese economy in growing need of oil, said Aliyev.

He welcomed Chinese companies to invest in Azerbaijan, saying the country will offer attractive conditions in laws and other areas to lay a solid foundation for cooperation of mutual benefits, with the forum as a good turning point.

Aliyev said the current bilateral trade as very active and benefitting from the sound bilateral political relations.

"The two countries have a lot in common, and the overall development of bilateral trade is in the common interests of the two countries and the two peoples," Aliyev said, suggesting the two countries continue to strengthen and consolidate "sound and dependable partnership of cooperation".

MNA/Xinhua

**China, Azerbaijan have vast prospects in economic cooperation**

BEIJING, 19 March — Visiting Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said here on Friday that fast-developing China and Azerbaijan have a "vast range" of prospects in economic and trade cooperation and that Azerbaijan will create "sound conditions" to attract more Chinese investment.

Aliyev made the remarks at Friday's China-Azerbaijan Economic (Investment) Forum. He said the two countries could expand cooperation in agriculture, petrochemical, tourism and construction, after having conducted well cooperation in energy. In three or four years, Azerbaijan's oil exporting capacity will double,

**World's first buffalo cloned from somatic cells born in S China**

NANNING, 19 March — The world's first water buffalo cloned from somatic cells was born on Thursday morning in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The buffalo's heart rate, temperature and breathing were normal. About 30 minutes after birth, the calf stood up and nursed, said Dr. Shi Deshun, head of the research project at Guangxi University.

The calf, which was born at 4:15 a.m., weighs 23 kilos and is 86 centimetres long and 62.5 centimetres tall, said Shi.

The calf was cloned with ovary cells that were taken from an adult native buffalo and were transplanted into the 12-year-old female buffalo on April 10, 2004.

"The birth of the calf proves that our somatic cell clone technology is mature and this technology will greatly promote cattle breeding in China," said the doctor.

"Our university has another two buffaloes pregnant with babies cloned with somatic cells and they are expected to be born this year," he said.

Last November, a buffalo also gave birth to a cloned calf at the university, but the calf suffocated when amniotic fluid choked in its respiratory system shortly after birth. — MNA/Xinhua

**Flight movements in HK expected to break record at Easter**

HONG KONG, 19 March — The Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) is expected to handle a record high number of 790 flight movements in a single day on March 25 or first day the Easter holidays.

"The number of flight movements expected on March 25 represents an increase of more than 8 per cent compared with an average of 730 movements a day," a spokesman for the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) said on Thursday.

During the period from March 23 to April 5, 107 additional scheduled and ad-hoc charter flights (a total of 214 flight

movements per hour starting from March 23, Sufficient manpower will also be deployed in the Air Traffic Control centre and the Air Traffic Control Tower to ensure smooth air traffic operations," the spokesman said.

The previous record of 746 flight movements in a single day occurred on February 9, 2005, which was Lunar New Year's Day. — MNA/Xinhua



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### Mechanism to be set up to ensure efficiency in post-tsunami aid

**MANILA, 20 March** — Officials from both donor countries and tsunami-hit countries agreed on Friday to support the establishment of a mechanism that would allow efficient and transparent tracking of the donations to the victims of the five disaster-stricken countries.

The plan, agreed upon at the high-level conference hosted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) here, proposed developing a consolidated, transparent database in the form of a tracking matrix at the country level.

The United Nations Development Programme and ADB will later work together with the governments concerned to develop a system to allow the data from the country level matrices to flow into a consolidated regional tracking mechanism, according to ADB.

The database will capture all forms of assistance including official development assistance, non-governmental organizations, and private sector support.

“The tracking mechanism presented today will provide a comprehensive overview of operations on the ground and help ensure efficiency, effectiveness and accountability as we work together in rebuilding hundreds of devastated communities in the affected countries,” ADB president Haruhiko Kuroda said.

The one-day conference was at-

tended by more than 200 delegates, including ministers from the five tsunami affected countries — India, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand — senior officials from donor countries, and representatives of international agencies.

Delegates from civil society organizations and the private sector also attended the conference.

The meeting aimed to maintain the momentum and build stronger coordination on the rebuilding process for the countries devastated by the December 26 earthquake and tsunami disaster and help keep the overall rebuilding effort on track.

Participants also highlighted the important role that the private sector and NGOs can play during rehabilitation and reconstruction. Private sector representatives indicated their willingness to explore how they might help the economies of communities and regions get back on their feet and work with local government and business leaders in ensuring long-term prospects for economic growth.—MNA/Xinhua



A frozen mammoth discovered in the permafrost in Siberia is displayed during a preview of the Expo 2005 in Nagakute, Japan recently.—INTERNET

### HK develops Novel gene therapy for colon cancer

**HONG KONG, 20 March** — The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong announced on Friday its discovery of a Novel method of gene therapy for Colon Cancer.

Researchers of the faculty have packaged a mutant survivin gene into the adeno-associated virus (AAV) system, and tested the product in colon cancer. AAV-mediated survivin mutant was proved to inhibit tumor growth. The report has been published in the February 2005 issue of *Gastroenterology in America*.

AAV vector is a gene delivery system, which can facilitate gene transfer to cancer cells with better safety, efficiency, consistency and sustainability than other

available gene delivery system.

According to the researchers, survivin is a protein which inhibits the apoptosis of the cell. It exists in most of the common human cancers but not in normal adult differentiated tissues. Suppression of survivin function resulted in spontaneous apoptosis, enhancement of drug-induced cell death, and inhibition of tumor growth in vitro and in vivo.

Colon cancer is one of the commonest cancers in the world. In Hong

Kong, it is the second most common cancer after lung cancer. The incidence of colon cancer had increased from 2,900 in 1997 to over 3,300 new cases in 2001, representing an increase of around 13 per cent.

Treatment for early diseases includes surgery and/or chemotherapy and radiotherapy. However, the results of chemotherapy and radiotherapy for advanced stage patients are usually not satisfactory. Therefore, new treatment is needed.

MNA/Xinhua

### 77 died in Angola after outbreak of disease

**LUANDA, 20 March** — At least 77 people, most of them children, have died in northern Angola

after an outbreak of a disease the World Health Organization (WHO) suspects to be acute

haemorrhagic fever, officials said on Friday.

They have ruled out the Ebola virus — a type of haemorrhagic fever and one of the world's deadliest diseases — but are urging people to avoid travel to Uige, about 140 miles north of Luanda.

“Most of the city has been affected, but some areas are worse hit than others. We ruled out Ebola on Monday,” Health Ministry spokesman Carlos Alberto said.

Diplomatic sources in Luanda said they understood the airport in Uige had been closed.

Jose Caetano, a WHO spokesman in Angola, said most of the victims were children with symptoms including fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. He said at least 77 of the total of 83 people believed infected had died. “The situation is now under control. Our problem is trying to get the sick to go to health centres. We are trying to encourage people who feel any of the symptoms to get medical attention as quickly as possible,” he told Reuters in Luanda.

MNA/Reuters



A performer drives the Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp's new type mobility 'i-foot' to walk at Toyota Group Pavilion during a press preview of the Aichi Expo 2005 in Nagakute, central Japan, on 18 March, 2005. —INTERNET

### Health charity shows obesity increases risk of diabetes

**LONDON, 20 March** — People who are obese are up to 80 times more likely to develop diabetes, a leading health charity said on Friday.

In Britain, which has the fastest growing rate of obesity in the developed world, one in five adults has a serious weight problem.

Obesity is not the only risk factor for diabetes but Diabetes UK said in a report that people who have a body mass index (BMI) of more than 30 are 10 times more likely to develop the illness.

If their BMI is above 35 for 10 years, the risk increases to 80 times compared to a person of average weight.

“These figures show

the shocking extent to which obesity increases the risk of diabetes,” said Diabetes UK chief executive Douglas Smallwood.

“Diabetes can lead to serious complications such as heart disease, stroke and blindness,” he added in a statement. “In short, obesity can take years off people's lives.”

Scientists use the BMI, calculated by dividing weight in kilos by height in metres squared, to measure weight and obesity. A BMI of 30 or more is considered obese. —MNA/Xinhua

### About 30 killed in bus blast in east China

**NANCHANG, 19 March** — About 30 people were killed in a bus explosion early on Thursday morning in East China's Jiangxi Province, local police said.

A double-decker bus destined to eastern Zhejiang Province, blasted at about 4:00 am on a local expressway near Shenzhen City, also causing damage to nearby houses and injuries to local people.

Currently seven injured people are hospitalized.

Police said that the exact death toll is hard to tell now, as victims were exploded into pieces. The expressway is currently blocked and investigation is going on.—MNA/Xinhua

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**Maldini signs new contract with AC Milan**

MILAN, 19 March— AC Milan's 36-year-old captain Paolo Maldini has signed a new contract to keep him at the club until June 2007.

Maldini's current deal with Milan was due to expire in June 2006 but on Friday the club announced a one-year extension had been signed.

The defender, Italy's most capped player with 126 appearances for the Azzurri before his international retirement after the 2002 World Cup, has been in excellent form for the Italian champions.

A one club player, Maldini made his debut for Milan in January 1985 and has won seven Italian league titles and four European Cups during his time at the club.

The Milan skipper will be almost 39 when his new contract runs out.

His long-term defensive partner Alessandro Costacurta, a back-up player these days, signed a new deal in January that will keep him with the club past his 40th birthday. — MNA/Reuters

**Ferguson believes can forge exciting future for United**

MANCHESTER (England), 19 March — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson says he cannot predict when his Old Trafford reign might end and has willed his captain Roy Keane to remain by his side.

Ferguson, who was appointed in 1986, starts a new 12-month rolling contract after this campaign and hinted that Keane could play on beyond the end of his deal in June 2006.

"I'm fit and there's no reason why I should be thinking about trying to retire just now," Ferguson, 63, told reporters on Friday. "You've got to make sure that if you're fit and healthy then there's no reason why you can't stay on. I've no idea when I would want to quit."

Ferguson, who had planned to retire in 2002 before a late change of heart, believes he can forge an exciting future for United with midfield anchorman Keane, who has been at United for almost 12 years.

"You could maybe say that Roy Keane is a player you could have some concern about but then when you see Maldini and Cafu tramping up and down that wing in Milan there's no reason why Roy can't carry on," he said.

"He's 33 years of age, he looks after himself and he could surprise you."

Second-placed United host Fulham on Saturday and Ferguson knows his side need a miracle to catch Premier League leaders Chelsea, who are 11 points ahead. However, the United manager is looking to his side to extend an 18-match unbeaten run with automatic qualification for next season's Champions League and a place in the FA Cup final still up for grabs.

Ferguson said: "The form of the team is good and they are looking strong. Alan Smith and Ruud van Nistelrooy are back and are just going to get better. Kleberon is back so I have all the ammunition I need to go on a real, good charge towards the finishing tape."

Gary Neville will return for United after three matches out with an ankle injury but Ryan Giggs, Louis Saha and Darren Fletcher are all out.

MNA/Reuters

**Liverpool drawn to play Juventus in Champions League quarters**

LONDON, 19 March— Liverpool will play Juventus for the first time since the Heysel Stadium disaster at the 1985 European Cup final following the draw for the quarterfinals of the Champions League on Friday.

The pairing brings the two clubs together for the first time just two months before the 20th anniversary of the disaster in which 39 fans died following a riot by Liverpool supporters at the match in Brussels which Juventus won 1-0.

The match went ahead after the disaster and Juventus won with the only goal scored from a 58th minute penalty converted by Michel Platini.

The game turned out to be the last played by an English team in Europe for five seasons following a ban imposed by UEFA.

"It's a long time since we played," Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry told Reuters. "We tried one or two times to play friendlies but it just didn't work out."

"I'd say there's a great relationship between the clubs now and even between the supporters."

"It was all a long time ago. It's never something you forget, but I'd say everyone will be more focussed on the football now and it's a very challenging tie."

Romi Gai, Juventus' marketing and communications director, told Italy's Sky Sports: "It will obviously be a special occasion. It is 20 years exactly and we haven't played since."

"There are friendly relations between the two clubs and I was speaking before with Parry and he told me that if we are drawn together their fans want to do something to pay their respects."

"I think it will be a

great sporting occasion carried out in a positive spirit."

Their only other meetings in Europe happened 20 years before the Heysel disaster, in the first round of the old European Cup Winners' Cup.

Juventus won the first leg 1-0 in Turin but Liverpool beat them 2-0 in the return at Anfield on October 13, 1965 before going on to reach the final the following May which they lost to 2-1 to Borussia Dortmund in Glasgow.

AC Milan were drawn to play rivals Inter Milan for the second time in three seasons with Milan being

the only team to defeat Inter in any match this season. Carlo Ancelotti's men currently share the lead in Serie A with Juventus with Inter in third place, and along with Chelsea are widely regarded as favourites to win this season's competition.

Inter Milan president Giacinto Facchetti, a member of Inter's two European Cup winning teams of 1964 and 1965, said: "It would have been better to avoid an Italian team but there you go. We knew that none of the seven teams would be easy opponents."

MNA/Reuters

**Pacific Life Open tennis**

INDIAN WELLS (California), 19 March— Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova was buried 6-0, 6-0 by top ranked Lindsay Davenport in the semifinals of the Pacific Life Open on Friday.

In a humbling defeat for the third ranked Sharapova, Davenport controlled the 49-minute match, painting the corners while the 17-year-old flailed at her shots.

Former champion Andre Agassi's injury woes continued when a swollen toe caused him to withdraw from his quarterfinal with Lleyton Hewitt.

But Kim Clijsters continued her remarkable comeback from wrist surgery with a crushing 6-4, 6-2 victory over fourth seed Elena Dementieva.

Sharapova entered the match with a 17-1 record this year, but she was a shell of her former self, collecting only 10 winners while registering 42 unforced errors.

It was the first time Sharapova has lost 6-0, 6-0.

"There are days where I go out on the court and I feel like I can't miss a ball," Sharapova said. "I think today was just one of those days where you're playing terrible and she's just hitting every single ball, as hard as she can on the line."

"I saw the white marks from the balls. There were probably 20 on the same spot."

Agassi began experiencing pain in the big toe of his left foot on Thursday night and when he woke up in the morning he could barely walk.

"It was blown up like a balloon and twice the size," said Agassi, who went on court to apologise to fans.

"I can't bend it or move it. It's quite painful when I manoeuvre it manually. It's impossible for me to do anything. It's very disappointing." — MNA/Reuters

**DFB endorses Beckenbauer as candidate for UEFA's presidency**

FRANKFURT, 19 March— The German football federation's (DFB) Executive Committee has unanimously endorsed Franz Beckenbauer as a candidate for UEFA's presidency.

Beckenbauer, who led West Germany to World Cup victory as captain in 1974 and coach in 1990, has not yet formally announced his intention to run for the post held by Lennart Johansson, who plans to retire after his

current term expires.

Beckenbauer, 59, has said he would consider being a candidate only if he had backing from the DFB and from within UEFA, European soccer's governing body.

"I will definitely support Franz Beckenbauer's candidacy with all my energy," said DFB president Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder on Friday. "I've talked with him on the phone about it and we've agreed to have a meeting on it."

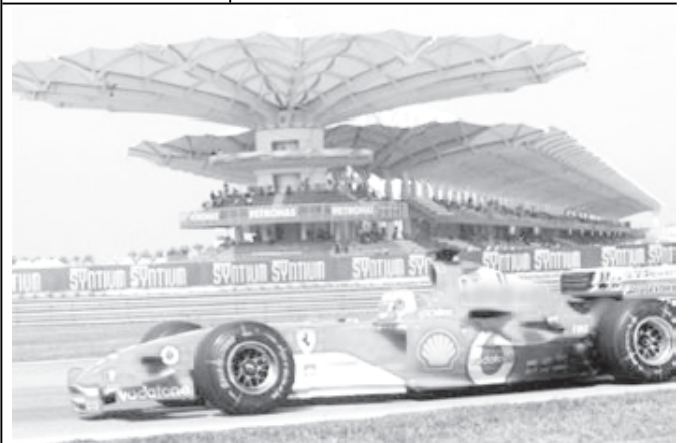
DFB leaders have long been pressing the charismatic Beckenbauer to run for the job. German media have reported he wants it but did not want to campaign for it.

Former France captain and manager Michel Platini, 49, announced his candidacy for UEFA's top job on Tuesday.

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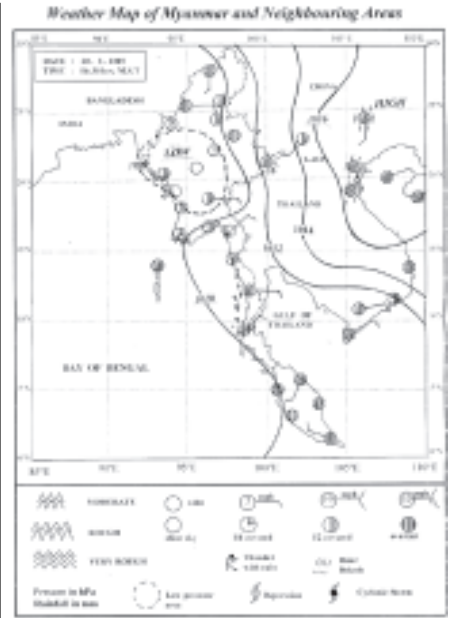
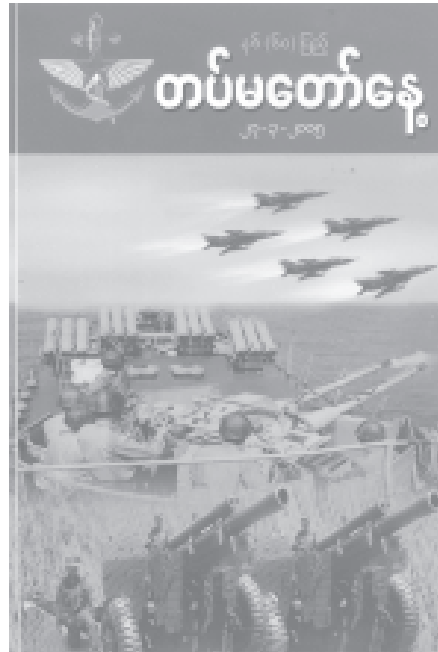
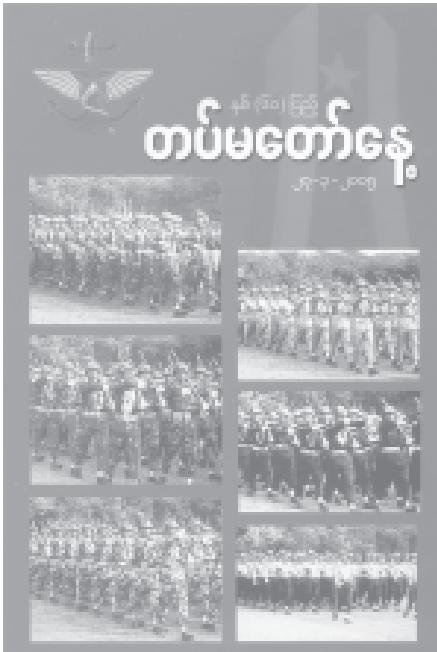
**Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**

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Ferrari F1 driver Michael Schumacher of Germany powers his car past a corner during the Malaysian Grand Prix's morning practice session at Malaysia's Sepang International Circuit, on 19 March, 2005.—INTERNET





**WEATHER**

Sunday, 20 March, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Eastern Shan and Mon States and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were (0.20) inch in Kengtung and Yay each and (0.16) inch in Hkamti. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Northern Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (40°C) in Minbu, and Pyay each.

Maximum temperature on 19-3-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 20-3-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 20-3-2005 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 19-3-2005 was (7.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 20-3-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.59 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.54 inches) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (17:10) hours MST on 19-3-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in South-east Bay and generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 21-3-2005:** Isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Northern States, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Chin and Mon States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-3-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-3-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Earthquake report**

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on Today)

An earthquake of strong intensity (6.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (2500) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (08) hrs (33) min (20) sec MST on 20th March 2005.

**Bangladesh suffers 12,000 annual deaths from maternal complications**

DHAKA, 20 March — Some 12,000 women die each year in Bangladesh from pregnancy and delivery-related complications, and the country is among

the group with highest maternal mortality rate in the world, reported the *Daily Star* on Friday.

This was disclosed at a workshop on reproductive health organized by Bangladesh Medical Association in collaboration with the Health and Family Welfare Ministry and the United Nations Children's Fund here on Thursday.

A recent study conducted in several villages found hemorrhage, unsafe abortion, sepsis and obstructed labour are the major reasons for mater-

nal deaths. Speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session, Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman said foreign aid to the country's health sector has increased from 200 million US dollars to 350 million dollars under the Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme, an integrated three-year programme started in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

**Asleep in Jesus  
Teacher Daw Moora Pan Po (B.A., B.Ed)  
Colgate (PyinOoLwin); K.B.H.S. (Myitkyina);  
B.B.M. (Mandalay)**

Age-92

Beloved daughter of (Rev. U Soe Soe-Naw Sana Po), beloved wife of the late Saw Emerson Pan Po of 52/581, Neikbeinda Street, Nanthagon Qr., Insein, beloved sister of Naw Laura Sein Tun; beloved mother of Saw Ronald-Naw Tin May, Naw Rolia-Saw Kwa Sae, (Saw Robin Pan Po-Naw Polly), Naw Vashti Pan Po (M.O.G.E)-Rev. Saw Mar Gay Gy; Saw Raymond Pan Po-Naw Paw Khu; Grand mother of 20, Great grandmother of 17 children, fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday (20.3.05) at 5:50 am. Funeral service will be held at Phu Tha Byu Memorial Hall, Seminary Hill, Insein, on (22.3-05) Tuesday at 9:00 am after which her remains will be taken to Kayin Christian Cemetery, Yeway for burial. Cars will leave the Seminary Hill at 9:30 am for Yeway.

**Bereaved family**



**Monday, 21 March  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Together forever
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:  
-Dub I club
- 8.50 am National news/  
Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Dr Jones
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music  
-Reality
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music  
-Hey  
-Missing you  
-How do I live
- 9.00 pm Spotlight on the star
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Discussion with Thukhi Aung Women's Affairs:  
-Children Development and Care
- 9.35 pm Golden Land's Melody/Vocal Gems
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

<p><b>8:30 am</b> 8. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 9. Grammar made easy</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Practice in Reading</p> <p><b>4:40 pm</b> 4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>4:50 pm</b> 5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း ပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ</p> <p><b>5:05 pm</b> 6. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရတနာအထူးပြု) (ရတနာပေ)</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b> 7. Dance variety</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b> 8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p> <p><b>5:50 pm</b> 9. မြန်မာ့နိုးရာ တောစေတီ တေးဂီတတေး</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> 10. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား</p> <p><b>6:10 pm</b> 11. Discovery</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> 12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မာဂီတီပညာရေး" (အပိုင်း-၇၇)</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 13. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 14. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b> 15. Musical programme</p> <p><b>7:20 pm</b> 16. Industrial Achievement</p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> 17. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုတေး</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b> 18. ပြည်သူ့အတွက် တပ်မတော် "သမိုင်းဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်အဖွဲ့များ ပြောဆိုသံစဉ်" ရေးဖော်ပြန်မဟုတ်မီတော်"</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 19. News</p> <p><b>20. International news</b></p> <p><b>21. Weather report</b></p> <p><b>22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမာန်ဆောင်း၏ ချစ်သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁)</b></p> <p><b>23. The next day's programme</b></p>
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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Prime Minister attends ceremony to install steel strings and supports of Shwedagon Pagoda Shwehtidaw**

YANGON, 20 March—A ceremony to install steel strings and supports of Shwehtidaw of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held at the pagoda this morning and it was graced by the attendance of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdontaik of Bahan Township Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobana, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, invited members of the Sangha, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, members of Shwedagon Pagoda All-round Perpetual Renovation Leading Committee, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, chairmen of District and Township Peace and Development



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win sprinkles scented water on Seinbudaw of Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

Council and members and guests.

The first session of the ceremony was held with the three-time recitation of Namō Tassa at the

ancient Buddha images prayer hall on the precinct of the pagoda.

The congregation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win received

the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdontaik of Bahan Township Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta

Sobhana.

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

After that, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

presented steel strings and supports of Shwehtidaw, other religious objects and offertories to the Sayadaws.

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**Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection tour of Tiddim township, Chin State**

**INSIDE**

*In a bid to shape a peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is the goal of the entire national people, the government is establishing industrial infrastructures essential for the country.*

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**PERSPECTIVES**

YANGON, 20 March—State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, officials of the SPDC Office and departmental officials, arrived at Kalay yesterday morning via Mandalay.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party, together

with Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station, visited Shwe Kaungsu family's plantations in Swalein village, Tiddim township, Chin State. State Agriculture Service Manager U Tint

Lwin reported on cultivation of tea and other fruits. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting the plantations, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the mythun farm in Aplwei village in Tiddim township.

At the briefing hall, an official reported on breeding of cattle in the four breed-ing camps in the town-ship and raising of cattle in 23 villages of the township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the farm and gave necessary instructions to officials. A total of 32,000 head of mythun are being bred in Chin State.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects breeding of Nwanauks in Artlwei Village in Tiddim Township.— MNA