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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

Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian External Affairs Minister

YANGON, 26 March — Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received Indian External Affairs Minister Mr K Natwar Singh and party at Credentials Hall in the Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay road at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, State Peace and Development



Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian External Affairs Minister Mr K Natwar Singh and party at the Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road.—MNA

Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U	Nyan Win, Director-General of the State Peace and Develop-	ment Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of Protocol De-	partment Thura U Aung Htet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and In-	dian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia.—MNA
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Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for documentary photo with Indian External Affairs Minister Mr K Natwar Singh and party at the Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road.—MNA

60th ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 27 March, 2005

Build an efficient and modern Tatmadaw upholding fine traditions

Today, the 27th of March 2005 is the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) Day of the Union of Myanmar. It is a day of historic significance in Myanmar.

The Tatmadaw is a patriotic force born of the people. It came into being according to the demand of history and the national political objective.

In other words, the Tatmadaw with patriotism and nationalistic spirit always protects the lives and property of the people in times of emergency. Moreover, with the fine historical traditions, it has been safeguarding the nation sacrificing many lives, blood and sweat.

Now, the Tatmadaw has turned its 60th year constantly serving the interests of the State and the people. Since the time of anti-fascists movement, the Tatmadaw has been standing as a national force representing the entire people.

Myanma Tatmadaw is imbued with the twelve noble traditions—a patriotic Tatmadaw, a disciplined Tatmadaw, a loyal Tatmadaw, a united Tatmadaw, an efficient Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw which makes heroic sacrifices, a Tatmadaw which does not seek personal gain, a Tatmadaw of noble spirit and high morale, a Tatmadaw which possesses true quality of overcoming obstacles, a Tatmadaw which can endure hardship, a tenacious and persevering Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw which always upholds Our Three Main National Causes.

Nowadays, efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with the participation of the people.

To keep abreast of the international community, the Tatmadaw needs to be strong, efficient and modern. This being the case, the government is building a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw.

Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the Tatmadaw has been trying its utmost to be endowed with Twelve Noble Traditions of the Tatmadaw, the Tatmadaw's Ten Strengths and Five Capabilities.

The Tatmadaw is engaged in nation-building endeavours in all seriousness while safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the State with love for the State and the people.

The Tatmadaw of historic significance has always committed itself to serving the interests of the State and the people and we strongly believe that it will continue to do so.

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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

Upgrading of Yangon City inspected



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect tarmacking of the road.

YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 26 March — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, together with Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, this morning inspected upgrading of Yangon City and sanitation tasks being carried out in it.

First, they oversaw tarmacking Banyadala Road in Tamway Township and dredging of ditches on both

sides of the road. Next they inspected sanitation tasks being implemented dredging of ditches on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township, tarmacking Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township and sanitation tasks near Thakhin Mya Park. During inspections, the commander and the mayor urged officials to cooperate with the public in carrying out the upgrading of the city.

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Literary and arts competition & exhibition packed with visitors

YANGON, 26 March — A total of 1,129 persons including monks and students of BEHS Nos 1 & 2 visited today the literary and arts competition and exhibition in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day at the Defence Services Museum on U Wisara Road here.

The exhibition remains open till 4 April from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

MNA



USDA members visit booths at 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition.—MNA

Myanmar Wushu players in training

YANGON, 26 March — The Myanmar Wushu Federation has hired world wushu events to take place this year. Some 50 national Wushu athletes are undergoing training from the five Chinese Wushu coaches.

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Doh Kyeywa journal in circulation



YANGON, 26 March — With the passage of time, the world is changing. Rural areas have become booming towns like urban areas.

Doh Kyeywa (Our Village) journal, volume-2 No. 7, has now come out with a fragrance of *Padauk* (gumkino flowers) to improve the life of rural people and to widen their scope of knowledge.

The journal invites manuscripts and advertisements, which can be sent to No 30-32, 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, at phone numbers 371342, 252452 and 379768.

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Five Chinese Wushu coaches who are training selected Myanmar Wushu athletes and new generation youths.
— NLM



60th 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



People wait in line next to Toyota's pavilion at the Expo in Aichi prefecture on 25 March, 2005. —INTERNET

Asian airports rated world's best by int'l passengers

GENEVA, 25 March — Asian airports are rated the world's best by international passengers, with Hong Kong in top place and Seoul's Incheon and Singapore's Changi just behind, an air travel industry survey released on Wednesday showed.

In the Americas, Canada's Halifax hub in Nova Scotia was preferred, followed by Minneapolis and San Diego. In Europe, the three traveller favourites were Copenhagen, Helsinki and the new Athens Airport, opened for last summer's Olympic Games.

Previous winner Dubai was top among airports in the Middle East and Af-

rica, followed by Cape Town and Durban.

The results of the survey, covering 40 major airports around the globe in 2004, were issued by the Airports Council International (ACI) and the airlines' body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

They said the results were based on responses

to 65,000 questionnaires under the two bodies' recently launched Customer Satisfaction and Benchmarking Programme, dubbed AETRA from a Latin word meaning the upper air. ACI and IATA said 55 airports had now joined AETRA, which aims to measure customer satisfaction and find ways to improve it.—MNA/Reuters

Chinese Vice-Premier meets Nigerian FM

BEIJING, 25 March—Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju met here on Thursday with Nigerian Foreign Minister Oluyemi Adeniji, promoting economic ties and vowing to enhance cooperation on regional and international affairs.

"Chinese-Nigerian ties have developed soundly with momentum and progressing at all levels and in all sectors. We have maintained frequent high-level visits, increased mutual political trust and deepened economic and trade cooperation," Huang said. "We also hope Nigeria will play an active role in African and international affairs", said Huang.

The Chinese Government attaches importance to its friendship and cooperation with Nigeria and will, along with Nigeria, push forward Sino-Nigerian relations continuously, Huang told Adeniji.

Adeniji spoke highly of Nigerian-Chinese ties, saying their relations have maintained fast growth since they established diplomatic ties on 1st February 1971, especially in the last five years.

"Nigeria attaches im-

portance on relations with China based on sincere friendship," he said, adding that Nigeria hopes to further cooperation with China on international affairs and promote friendship with China.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil pipeline to traverse the Yangtze River

NANCHANG, 25 March — An oil pipeline will travel beneath the Yangtze River for 2.32 kilometres in Jiangxi, east China's Jiangxi Province.

The pipeline section will be the world's longest underneath a river and will

be built by the Sinopec Pipeline Transport & Storage Company. It will travel about 60 metres below the river bed. The company has laid 2.32 kilometres of optical fibre cable under the Yangtze and began laying an oil pipeline of the same length under the river this week.

The section is a part of the crude oil pipeline connecting Yizheng and Changling. It is expected to relieve the oil transport pressure in the oil refining plants in cities along the Yangtze River including Anqing, Jiujiang, Wuhan, Jingmen and Changling.

MNA/Xinhua

China to build first state aviation high-tech base

XI'AN, 25 March — China's first state aviation high-tech base broke ground Thursday in Xi'an capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Xi'an Yanliang State Aviation High-tech Industry Base was author-

ized by the State Development and Reform Commission in August 2004. The base is expected to develop aviation technology, train professionals, produce equipment and provide aviation services.—MNA/Xinhua

23 are killed in series of attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 March—A string of suicide bombings and armed attacks across central and northern Iraq on Thursday and Friday left at least 23 people dead, officials said.

The attacks, ending a week of relative quiet, included three suicide car bombings, the assassination of a high-ranking police official, and the killing of five Iraqi women who did cleaning for the American military.

In Ramadi, west of the capital, a suicide bomber drove a sedan packed with explosives into a checkpoint at the city's eastern border on Thursday evening, killing 9 Iraqi police commandos and wounding 16, Interior Ministry officials said. American military officials later said 11 Iraqi commandos were

killed, according to Reuters. Two American soldiers and two Iraqi civilians were also wounded, the Americans said.

The Islamic Army of Iraq, a militant group, posted a statement on Islamist Web sites on Friday claiming responsibility for the attack.

In southern Baghdad, the five cleaning women were shot dead on Thursday afternoon as they drove home together, Interior Ministry officials said. The attackers drove up in an Opel sedan and opened fire on the group, made up of three sisters and two friends.—Internet

1,524 of US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 25 March —As of Friday, 25 March, 2005, at least 1,524 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,164 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is four higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST on Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,386 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,055 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet



Trucks pass through a mustard field along a highway in Pampore on the outskirts of Srinagar on 25 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Laos attaches importance to party role in nat'l development

HANOI, 24 March — The establishment of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP), a culmination of the deep patriotism, heroism and determination of Lao people, is to lead them toward national liberation, and build Laos into a peaceful, and prosperous nation.

Lao President and LPRP Chairman Khamtay Siphandone made the statement when addressing a grand ceremony on 22 March in Laos' capital city of Vientiane to mark the party's 50th anniversary, which was attended by over 1,000 delegates, according to Laos news agency KPL on Wednesday.

Laos will keep on centering on further tapping its internal sources, seeking closer international cooperation, pursuing a foreign policy of peace, independence, friendship and cooperation, expanding its ties with neighbours, especially Vietnam and other members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, and improving Laos' role at regional and international

forums. Steady socio-economic development of Laos, which has posted average gross domestic product (GDP) of over 6 per cent in recent years, is attributed to the country's firm adherence to the principle of practical experience and lessons drawn from brotherly countries, as well as that of tapping internal potentials and support and assistance from the international

community, the President stressed.

Laos has targeted to GDP growth of 7 per cent in the 2004-2005 fiscal year ending in November 2005. The country has made annual import-export turnovers of nearly one billion US dollars in recent years, with key exports being electricity, garments, woodworks and coffee.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's electronic sales down in February

JAKARTA, 24 March — The number of electronic products sold in Indonesia in February decreased by 10 per cent compared to January, according to the Electronic Marketers' Club here on Tuesday.

"Consumers limit their spending on basic need products, such as electronics, so the demand for the electronics decreased in February," Stafanus Indrayana, club

spokesman, was quoted by the *Bisnis Indonesia* as saying.

Based on the data of the club, the sales of television declined to 305,749 units or 8 per cent lower than the previous month; refrigerators 123,069 units or 9 per cent lower; air conditioners 55,737 units or 10 per cent lower and washing machines 61,422 units or 7 per cent lower.

In addition, the shortening of working days and some natural disasters also contributed to the decline, said Stafanus.

Meanwhile, General Manager of the Marketing and Sales of the PT LG Electronics Indonesia Sung Khiun said that the decrease was temporary and businessmen were optimistic to reach the target of 15-per-cent growth this year over last year. — MNA/Xinhua

Large amount of drugs seized in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 24 March — Police arrested three persons in possession a total of 1.185 kilos of white and brown heroin in Nepal's capital Kathmandu, a police officer said on Wednesday.

Imika Sawasian Ozoko, a Nigerian national was arrested Tuesday evening by the police at the Tribhuvan International Airport as he was about to fly to Uganda via Abu Dhabi through Gulf Air flight, the officer told reporters on condition of anonymity.

Ozoko was found to have possessed white heroin in the form of capsuler which he had hid in two speakers of Stereo sound system.

Meanwhile, a police team of the Drug Law Implementation Unit arrested two Indian nationals in possession of 585 grammes of Indian brown sugar in front of Bir Hospital in Kathmandu.

Those arrested were 21-year-old Jiteendra Kumar Nayak and 30-year-old Udaya Kumar Shah.

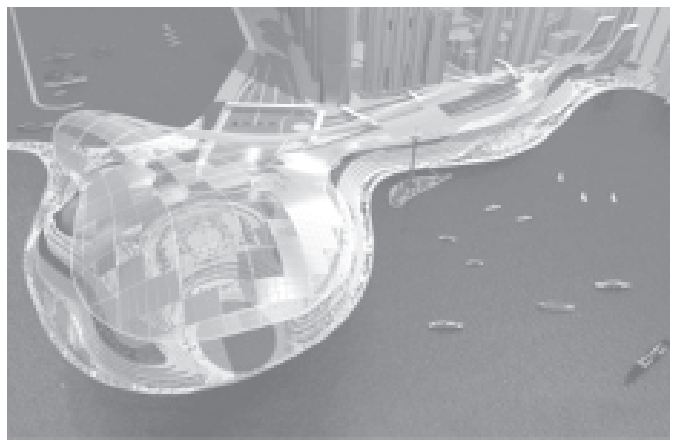
The police is investigating the two cases.

MNA/Xinhua



A man pulls his belongings on a cart in front of a giant advertisement for a new fashion magazine in Tokyo, on 25 March, 2005. Tokyo changes its city scape as renovation and construction of buildings are everywhere. Construction walls are often used as advertisements.—INTERNET

စက်မှုပစ္စည်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



A computer generated image depicts a design by Britain's Norman Fosters for Hong Kong's West Kowloon Cultural District, a proposed arts and performance centre. Carved out of a spit of reclaimed land across Hong Kong's famous harbour from the towering downtown, the Foster-created outline envisages theatres, a stadium, exhibition and museum space as well as parkland and a giant open-air piazza.—INTERNET

China supports Brazilian candidate to run for WTO chief

BEIJING, 24 March — China supports Brazil's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Luiz Felipe Seixas Correa to run for director-general of the trade body, Chong Quan, China's Commerce Ministry spokesman said here on Wednesday.

It is the first time that China expresses its support to a candidate for WTO director-general.

According to Chong, China has informed the decision when Commerce Minister Bo Xilai's met with visiting Brazilian Vice-Foreign Minister Clodovaldo Huguency on Monday in Beijing.

Bo said China believes Correa is capable of making contribution to the common interests of all WTO members while safeguarding the interests of the developing

members for the realization of the goals set in the Doha Development Agenda.

Correa is one of four candidates competing to succeed current WTO Director-General Supachai Panitphakdi of Thailand, whose term expires on 31 August.

The other three are former European Union trade chief Pascal Lamy, Mauritian Foreign Minister Java Krishna Cuttarce; and Uruguayan former chairman of the WTO's Executive General Council Carlos Perez del Castillo.

The WTO has laid out a clear timeable which it hopes will eventually throw up a consensus candidate without any need to go to a vote. On 31 May, the WTO General Council will choose by consensus a successor.

A disagreement about the appointment of the last director-general pitted developing members against developed members and caused deep animosity in the WTO leaving it without a chair for months.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq militants say they kidnap Iraqi-German man

BAGHDAD, 24 March — Iraqi militants said they had kidnapped an Iraqi man who holds German citizenship and demanded in a videotape released on Thursday that Germany free Muslim prisoners and cut all ties with the Iraqi government.

The videotape, obtained by Reuters, showed a man kneeling between two gunmen with automatic weapons, their faces covered with coloured scarves. Documents and plastic cards were filmed, and a press card gave the name of Abdul Husin al-Zaidi above an address in Bremen, Germany.

But a German government source in Berlin questioned the report. "Everything so far suggests that the kidnapping victim is not a German citizen," the source said.

The man called on German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder to help obtain his release.

"I hold a German passport. I call on the German government, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and the German union of journalists to intervene in this matter to get my release," he said.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman in Berlin said the German embassy in Baghdad was involved in the case.

Most Germans were staunchly opposed to the 2003 US-led war on Iraq.

More than 150 foreigners have been seized in Iraq over the past year. Most have been freed after negotiations or the payment of a ransom, but about a third of them have been killed.

Internet

China to provide safe drinking water for another 20m farmers

BEIJING, 24 March — China will provide another 20 million people in its rural areas with safe drinking water by the end of 2006, according to an annual plan for building emergency water supply projects.

The plan was approved in principal by the State Council's executive meeting, which Premier Wen Jiabao presided over Wednesday.

"Solving farmers' difficulties in accessing safe drinking water is vital for improving their living standard and promoting economic and social development in the rural areas," said a statement released by the meeting.

The statement requires "relevant departments" to jointly facilitate the smooth implementation of the plan, prioritize the setting of the most serious

drinking water problems and ensure full and timely delivery of funds.

The meeting stressed the importance of strict monitoring of chemical fertilizer and pesticide usage and the prevention factory construction near water sources.

Since china set a five-year target to tackle the water supply problem in the countryside in 2000, the government has invested more than 18 billion yuan (some 2.2 billion US dollars) in the construction of more than 800,000 water supply projects for 57 million rural residents across the country.

According to an official

with the Ministry of Water Resources, however, more than 300 million rural residents still do not have access to safe drinking water, and 190 million others have to drink water with excessive hazardous substances. Thirty-four per cent of the country's rural population has to drink water that does not meet state standards.

To deal with the problem, the State Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of Health have worked out a plan to reduce the number of rural residents without safe water by one-third by 2010, and to guarantee clean, safe water to the 300 million rural residents by 2020.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man walks along a street as British soldiers patrol in Basra on 24 March, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam to establish wood material importers

HANOI, 24 March — Vietnam will set up some companies which specialize in importing materials for local woodwork production which heavily relies on imported logs and timbers.

This year, local wood processors and exporters plan to establish two or three joint stock companies to be funded by enterprises locating in the same region and having the same kind of materials to cope with the fact that they,

with limited capital, find it difficult to import logs, timbers and plywood with increasing prices from distant countries, according to the Vietnam Association for Wood and Forest Products on Wednesday.

Vietnam, with 75 per cent of its demand for wood materials being met by imports, has recently imported wood materials from some African nations and Russia instead of from such neighbouring countries as Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia as before, since the neighbours as well as Australia and New Zealand have either banned or limited log export. Local firms are also eyeing wood imports from Brazil, Chile and Argentina, the association said.

Vietnam spent 82 million US dollars importing wood material in the first two months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 63.6 per cent, while

earning 165 million US dollars from exporting wooden products including tables, chairs, beds and wardrobes, mainly to the European Union, Japan and the United States, up 28.6 per cent, said the country's General Statistics Office. The country plans to reach woodwork export turnovers of 1.5 billion US dollars this year, up 50 per cent last year. To this end, it is boosting exports to the United States and such new markets as South Africa, Kuwait, Chile and Peru.

As of late 2004, Vietnam housed over 1,200 local woodwork businesses, including more than 300 exporters, and 49 foreign-invested projects valued at 105 million US dollars.

They are expected to process two million cubic metres of wood materials this year.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea's economy grew 4.6% in 2004

SEOUL, 24 March — South Korea's real gross domestic product (GDP) grew 4.6 per cent in 2004, slightly lower than previous estimation, according to a preliminary report of Bank of Korea (BOK) on Tuesday.

The central bank attributed the rise to strong growth in exports and investment in machinery and equipment in the whole year of 2004.

The 2004 GDP gain was up from a 3.1-per-cent increase in 2003 but lower than the central bank's estimate of 4.7 per cent and private economists' 4.8-per-cent forecast. Private consumption fell 0.5 per cent in 2004 from the previous year, due to weak household spending on durables and semi-durables as well as a slowdown in the consumption of service, the BOK said.

The construction sector grew a mere 1.7 per cent in 2004 from a year earlier, compared with a 8.6-per-cent increase in 2003.

The country's exports showed strong performance by increasing 19.7 per cent in 2004, helped by sharp rises in telecommunication, semiconductor and electronics exports. In comparison, imports rose 13.8 per cent in 2004 — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore Airlines to add 40 Boeing planes for lease

SINGAPORE, 24 March — Singapore Airlines' leasing operation Tuesday announced its shopping list of up to 40 Boeing 737-800 planes, according to a Channel NewsAsia report at night.

Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise (SALE) chalked up the deal of 20 firm orders and 20 purchase rights worth more than 2.6 billion US dollars at current price. As SALE's first direct order with Boeing for the Next-Generation 737 product line, the planes will be delivered between the fourth quarter of 2006 and the end of 2009.

SALE said that the purchase will help diversify its portfolio to meet the increasing demand for leased aircraft and strengthen its global business.

Apart from the Boeing deal, 11 Airbus A320s are scheduled to join SALE's fleet by the end of the second quarter of 2006, the company's statement added. — MNA/Xinhua

HK digital entertainment professionals awarded

HONG KONG, 26 March — Local professionals with outstanding achievements in digital entertainment were recognized here on Thursday at the presentation ceremony of the 3rd Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Excellence Awards.

This year, over 100 entries competed for the Computer Animation, Digital Effects and Entertainment Software Awards under various categories.

Judged according to originality, creativity, entertainment value, technology and business potential, winning entries were shortlisted by the judging panels of the respective categories and endorsed by the Grand Jury.

Winners of Best Computer Animation of the awards include

Langham Place Launch by Menfond Electronic Art and Computer Design Co., Ltd. and Medull, Prince de la Bun by Bliss Pictures Ltd.

The competition was jointly organized by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Association (HKDEA) and Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association (WTIA).

Speaking at the cere-

mony, Hong Kong Government Chief Information Officer Howard Dickson said that the Hong Kong Government had spared no efforts in supporting the development of the digital entertainment industry in the past two years.

"The OGCIO will, in conjunction with other strategic partners such as the Cyberport and the HKPC, continue to launch new and innovative initiatives to support the digital entertainment industry and our creative talents.

These include the setting up of an industry support centre, an incubation-cum-training centre and a local internship programme.

We will maintain a close dialogue and working relationship with the industry to understand and meet their needs," Dickson said.

Executive Director of HKPC KK Yeung said, "the entertainment and digital games sectors have emerged in the global market as fast growing industries.

MNA/Xinhua



Curious visitors to Nippon TV's event plaza enter a nose-shaped object in Tokyo on 25 March, 2005.

When you enter, the nose makes a sneezing sound inside. The object is part of art attractions, marking a spring French festival. —INTERNET

Philippines regrets detention of its senator in US

MANILA, 24 March — The Philippine Government on Wednesday expressed regret over an incident in which a Filipino senator was briefly detained by US immigration officials at the San Francisco Airport on Sunday.

Senator Luisa Ejercito, wife of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, was detained for more than one hour by US immigration personnel during her visit to San Francisco on 20 March.

"Philippine lawmakers deserve some respect in foreign soil in the same manner that all foreign government officials and diplomats enjoy the respect and courtesies due them in our country," the presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said.

Bunye said that while the government had accepted US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone's apology, it expected the incident to be investigated.

Philippine Senate President Franklin Drilon on Tuesday said that Ricciardone had called him up to apologize and assured him that they would get to the bottom of the case. Drilon said Mr. Estrada called him and complained about the incident.

The US immigration officials asked her questions

which had nothing to do with immigration, such as whether she thought her husband would be convicted for plundering, he said.

Two Philippine lawmakers at the House of Representatives condemned the detention of Mrs Estrada.

House Majority Floor Leader Prospero Nograles of Davao Province said the incident showed that "Americans were getting arrogant, as if they ruled the world and we must all pay homage to them".

"It's time to remind them that if we want to win against terrorism, we must work as a team," Nograles said in a text message.

"They can't dictate or show disrespect to other democratic sovereign nations, especially public officials who represent their country," he said. "Who do they think they are? Americans want support but they abuse their allies."

MNA/Xinhua

Bulgaria's mily proposes Govt cut troops deployed in Iraq

SOFIA, 25 March — Bulgaria's military proposed on Wednesday that the government cut the number of troops it has deployed in Iraq and withdraw completely at the end of the year.

Defence Minister Nikolai Svinarov will propose that the government cut troop levels to 400 in June and "fulfil its mandate to maintain security and stability in Iraq... until December 31, 2005", a ministry statement said.

The US-led military operations in Iraq are deeply unpopular in Bulgaria and public pressure has risen on former King Simeon Saxe-Coburg's cabinet to bring

home the country's 450-strong light infantry battalion ahead of summer elections.

Svinarov had said on Tuesday said he backed pulling troops out all at once at the end of the year.

The government is expected to approve the withdrawal plan next week and present it to parliament, which has final say over deployments, before the June general elections.

MNA/Reuters

China to shoot its first mobile phone TV play

BEIJING, 24 March — China's first TV drama to be shown exclusively on mobile phones will begin shooting on 27 March, reported the *Beijing Star* daily on Wednesday.

The TV opera titled "Appointment," will have five parts, with each only lasting five minutes. The length was said to be determined according to the cognitive limitations of subscribers.

The Beijing-based Leshi Media Group, the play's investor, found in a

market survey that mobile phone users feel tired if they stare at small cell-phone screens for too long. A 25-minute TV drama with five parts was found to be optimal.

Catering to the interest of young people, who are more likely to watch TV plays on mobile

phones, the drama is a romantic love story between a beautiful girl and two motorcycle riders, revealed Liu Hong, an official with the media group.

A recently released report by IMS Research estimates that by 2010 there will be 120 million subscribers viewing TV programmes on mobile phones. Analysts also say Asian subscribers purchase new mobile phones more frequently than other users. —MNA/Xinhua



A Japanese monk (L) enters the Cambodian pavilion during a preview of the 2005 World Exposition in Nagakute, Aichi prefecture. The 185-day world expo will officially open on 25 March, 2005. —INTERNET

Setting up two bus links between Pakistan, Afghanistan agreed

ISLAMABAD, 24 March — Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed on Wednesday to set up two bus links between their countries in what Afghan President Hamid Karzai said was an illustration of their rapidly warming ties. The neighbours, also signed agreements to cooperate in culture, media and tourism.

"The pace of this movement towards prosperity and closer relations between the two countries is moving at a speed that the govern-

ments cannot catch up with," Karzai told reporters after the signing ceremony.

Bus services will be launched to link the north-western Pakistani city of Peshawar with Jalalabad in Afghanistan and Pakistan's Quetta with the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

"The people of the two countries are making the strides and we should do everything to facilitate these strides to the benefit of the two nations," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Heilongjiang officials urged to improve governance by education drive

HARBIN, 24 March — A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) told members in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province on Wednesday to learn from the dismissal of corrupt officials and incorporate those lessons in the Party's internal education drive.

The education drive, which is currently underway throughout the country, aims at maintaining the "advanced nature" of Party members.

"Only when the drive achieves practical results

can it enhance the Party's ruling capability," said Zeng Qinghong, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee during his inspection tour of the province on March 20-23.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's meat production increases

KATHMANDU, 24 March — The meat production at present in Nepal is 197,000 tons every year, which is higher by 2.2 per cent compared to the production a decade before.

According to a study report released Wednesday by a local non-governmental organization, a Nepali consumes 9.4 kilos of meat per year in average, and the major sources of meat in the Hindu kingdom are buffaloes, goats, fowls, pigs and sheep.

About 11,300 tons of buffalo meat, 35,000 tons of mutton, 21,200 tons of chicken, 12,000 tons of pork and 3,000 tons of mutton (sheep) is produced yearly in the country at present, the study shows.

Apart from the meat produced domestically in Nepal, about 230 tons of meat and meat products are imported from different countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam willing to cooperate in dioxin research

HANOI, 24 March — Vietnam is always willing to cooperate with scientists in the world, including those from the United States, to research the damage of Agent Orange in the country, *Vietnam News Agency* quoted the Foreign Ministry's spokesman Le Dung as saying on Tuesday.

Le Dung made the speech on Monday when answering a local newspaper's question about Vietnam's reaction to the US cancellation of a joint US-Vietnam cooperation programme to study the effects of AO/dioxin. He stressed that solving the consequences of the effects on Vietnam's people and environment of AO/dioxin, which the US military used during the war, is an urgent humanitarian issue.

During the scientific study process, Dung said, it is an urgent task to give relief aid to the victims and help them overcome the consequences of AO/dioxin.

Vietnam always welcomes any research project aimed at detoxifying the victims, diagnosing and treating their diseases, the official said. —MNA/Xinhua



Sony's Qrio humanoid robots dance to the music performed by an orchestra at the opening ceremony of the 2005 Aichi World Exposition in Nagoya, Japan, on 24 March, 2005. The 185-day Expo will open to the public on 25 March.

INTERNET

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends prize-distribution ceremony for exhibition and booths in commemoration of Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 26 March— The prize-giving ceremony for exhibition and booths in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Management Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Vice Ad-

utant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of departments, those who are in charge of booths and guests.

Deputy Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Lt-Col Zaw Win announced the list of the booths that won the prizes.

Next, Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes for the booths of the Ministry of Industry-1 which stood first, Ministry of Rail Transportation which stood second, Ministry of Construction which stood third, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Transport to officials concerned.



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents second prize for display of booths at the Armed Forces Day Commemorative Exhibition to an official of Ministry of Rail Transportation. — MNA

Chairman of Committee for display of nation-building tasks Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented consolation prizes for the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Ministry of Science

and Technology to officials.

Chairman of Management Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes for the booths of the Ministry of Industry-1 which stood first, Ministry of Construction which stood second, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Rail Transportation which stood third, and Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications to officials concerned.

Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun presented consolation prizes for the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas

and National Races and Development Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Science and Technology to officials Chairman of Prize-presentation and Scrutiny Committee Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung presented prizes for the booths of Yangon Command which stood first, Northern Command which stood second, North-West Command which stood third and consolation prizes for the booths of Coastal Region Command, Eastern Command and Western Command to officials concerned.

Chairman of Exhi-

bition Committee Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presented prizes for the booths of Directorate of Signals which stood first, Directorate of Ordnance Services which stood second, Directorate of Artillery Force which stood third and consolation prizes to Directorate of Armour Force, Directorate of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Directorate of Supply and Transport.

Next, Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win spoke on the occasion. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to an official for display of booths at the Armed Forces Day Exhibition. — MNA

Channel construction tasks in Bida Diversion Weir inspected

YANGON, 26 March — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, together with officials, inspected the progress in channel construction tasks in Bida Dam irrigated region in DaikU Township, Bago

Division. Afterwards, the minister looked into Bida Diversion Weir near Hlewine village. At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports by the officials on the measures being taken for water sup-

ply. Next, the minister gave instructions on early completion of the tasks, minimizing the loss and wastage of fuel oil and long term durability of intake channels.

MNA

Minister inspects construction of roads and bridges

YANGON, 26 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, inspected the repaving tasks being carried out by Tiddim Township Public Works on 19 March.

After inspecting the construction of Tiddim-Reed road section being extended into 40 foot wide

one, he attended to the needs of the tasks.

On 21 March, the minister looked into the tarmacking of the road section of Kalay-Gangaw road. On arrival at the construction site near Panmon Creek Bridge, the minister heard reports on the progress of constructing Kalay-Gangaw road section and future work plans

and he left necessary instructions. Later, the minister and party inspected Hnanga Creek and Pane Creek Bridge being constructed by Pakokku District Public Works.

The minister and party also inspected the construction tasks of road sections and bridges along Gangaw-Htilin-Kyauktu-Mindat Road. — MNA

အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါတွင် ရွှေဘိုတိုင်းဒေသကြီးရှိ ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ရွှေဘိုတိုင်းဒေသကြီးရှိ ရေနှင့်ခါတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများ ပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်နုနှင့်ယားဖူးများ ထွက်ခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်း နွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မျှော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေဘိုတိုင်းဒေသကြီးရှိ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် စွဲ ရိပ်ရသော အခြေအနေ အထိဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီးခေါင်ပြင်၊ မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေအိမ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်ထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ် အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် မြစ်ဖျားပါက ပြင်ထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။
- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ဝှပ်ချောင်းချောင်း ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေဘိုတိုင်းဒေသကြီးရှိ ရေနှင့်ခါတ်ဆား ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည် သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ အစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖုယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတတ်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ် နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

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Tatmadaw for the people



Senior General Than Shwe cordially meets national races leaders to further cement national reconsolidation.

Tatmadaw's goodwill flowers that will be in full bloom for ever

The Tatmadaw managed to help regain independence in collaboration with the people and has been making unremitting efforts to maintain the independence and sovereignty. The Tatmadaw crushes all the dangers and

the entire nation to its former position and safeguard and defend the mother country, and then gave the top priority to ensuring community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order that the people had inspired a long time.

when the nation had regained independence and sovereignty, the nation lacked peace and stability due to the wedge driven among the national brethren by the colonialists. In consequence, various parts of the nation lagged behind

der areas and national races that have lagged behind in development in the successive eras. Now, the national reconsolidation has been built firmly, resulting in the return of the 17 national races armed groups to the legal fold. The harmoni-

Maung Nyein Chan

great difficulties.

development tasks.

Indeed, it is the result of making united and combined efforts in all the spheres, and that depicts the sermon of the Lord Buddha "Samagganam Tapo Sukho" which means unity brings prospects and progress.

At the same time, a network of roads and bridges are being built to ensure frequent contacts and relation among national brethren and smooth and easy transport of commodities.

If a garden is nursed well, it can boast of its variety of flowers in full bloom. The Tatmadaw government carried out agricultural tasks all over the country while implementing border area

As regards the participation of Tatmadaw members in the public welfare tasks, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and also Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, gave
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Tatmadaw members contributing services to a railway project.

threats to the nation and people at risk to lives, blood and sweat of its members. Simultaneously, the Tatmadaw is making arduous endeavours day in, day out to implement nation-building tasks.

When anarchy and undisciplined acts reigned the length and breadth of the nation in 1988, the nation was on the brink of disintegration and collapse. So, the Tatmadaw had to restore

If one takes a glance at the nation in 1988 when the Tatmadaw assumed the State's responsibilities, one will learn that the entire nation and all the sectors were in complete disorder due to the anarchy, unrest and the ravages done by the saboteurs. However, the Tatmadaw has enabled the nation to rise from general deterioration to all-round development.

Since the time

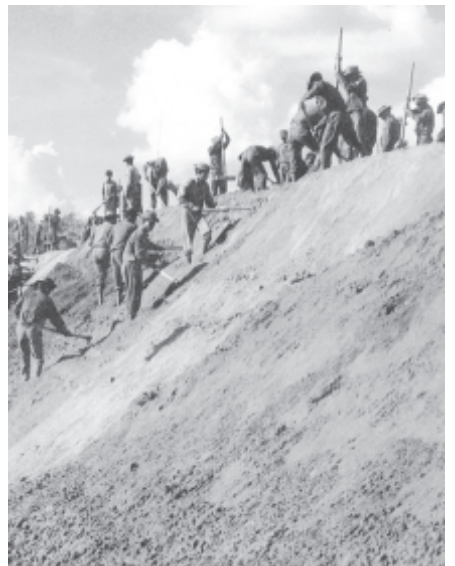
in development.

That was why the Tatmadaw Government had placed emphasis on national reconsolidation. In the process, the Tatmadaw built mutual trust, forbearance and understanding with the groups of national races.

From the time the Tatmadaw managed to make peace with national races armed groups in 1989, it has been implementing the projects for development of the bor-

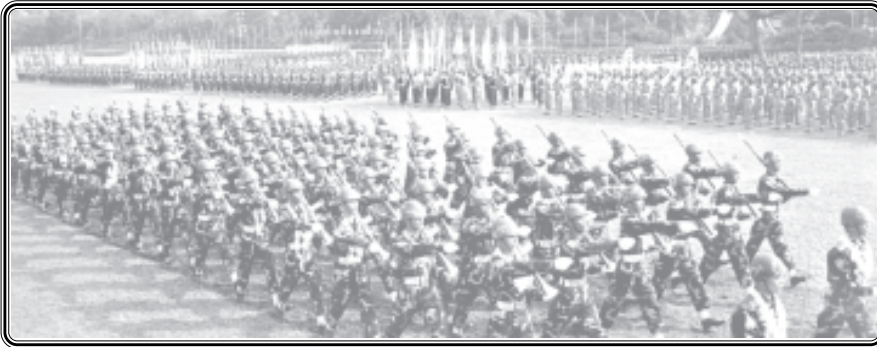
der areas and national races has yielded unprecedented progress throughout the border areas.

Now, the national races have realized the genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government that has managed to bring significant progress and peace and stability to the border areas for the national brethren in the hills after tackling and surmounting a wide range of



Tatmadaw members actively participating in a dam project.

Tatmadaw's goodwill flowers that will be in full bloom for ever



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guidance at the graduation ceremony of the 46th Intake of the Defence Service Academy.

The Senior General said the members of the People's Tatmadaw were those born of the general public; that they had to be in service of the people if they were not fighting nor under-

going training; and that they were to serve the public interest in any region as if it were the region of their own.

True to being born of the general public, the members of the Tatmadaw serve the public interest. They leave behind their own interest and take great pain and risk for the national peo-

ple. They endure all the obstacles. It is because the people are the parents of the Tatmadawmen. As they are good sons, they look after their parents.

Border areas have become developed on a gradual basis from the time when the Tatmadaw government assumed the responsibility of the State. Narcotic drugs are making their departure from these areas. Small villages have risen to urban cities in appearance. Dispensaries have become hospitals. Schools have changed from thatch-roofed to zinc-roofed ones. Bridges have spanned the rivers, in which ferry boats were unsafe to cross in the past. **After designating the 24-zone special development project to every part of the country, universities and colleges including technological and computer colleges and 200-bed hospitals were constructed. The Tatmadaw is making continued efforts to develop rural areas where a majority of people reside.**

The government laid down the five-point rural development plan. The State, the people and the Tatmadaw made combined efforts to successfully carry out this plan.

Owing to these endeav-

ours, rural as well as urban areas have enjoyed tangible progress. Rural and urban development, a product of the Tatmadaw's goodwill efforts, is shown in the table.

wards a peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is a national goal.

After assuming the responsibility of the State, the Tatmadaw therefore put first national reconsolidation, regional stability and peace, and the prevalence of law and order, while implementing national plans that will give rise to economic and social infrastructures needed for the emergence of a modern and prosperous nation with robust economy.

By enlisting the strength of national forces, the Tatmadaw government worked

cial advancement, and technological advancement.

The country is now enjoying unprecedented prosperity, which had been unheard of at any given time in the past, as the Tatmadaw worked hard for national development and raised the living standard of the national people. The Tatmadaw's efforts exerted on nation-building tasks day in, day out, are to continue to uphold the fine traditions it has maintained throughout successive eras.

The Tatmadaw will also continue to serve the



Magway-Taungdwingyi Railroad Project in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Division, being implemented with the efforts of the Tatmadaw members.

After laying down political, economic and social objectives, the Tatmadaw government is making all-out efforts to strengthen the nationalist spirit and Union Spirit, which are pillars for peace and stability, prosperity and development as well as for the perpetual existence of the Union, in the march to-

hard with the participation of the national people. The Union of Myanmar has now been on the track of development. There in the nation have emerged fruitful results in the establishment of such infrastructures as national solidarity, national socio-economic life, national development, so-

public interest in future. **The prosperity of the country is resulted from solidarity and unity, stability and peace, and genuine goodwill the Tatmadaw has for the people and its correct endeavours. Absolutely essential is the leadership role of the efficient Tatmadaw for the maintenance of stability and peace and that of development momentum in the long run.**

In other words, stability, peace and prosperity are the strength of unity flourishing between the Tatmadaw and the people as well as the flowers of goodwill the Tatmadaw has for national people.

Translation: MS + KTY

Subject	1988	March '2005	Progress
Agriculture			
-Sown acreage (million)	24.8	26.6	1.8
-Dams	138	351	213
-Water pumping station	-	376	376
-Paddy output (million basket)	653.5	1195.2	541.7
Forest plantation (acre)	79115	1301458	1222343
Transport			
-Railroad (mile)	2793.86	3952.90	1159.04
-Railway station	487	780	293
-Airport (large)	21	38	17
-Road (mile)	13635/0	18460/3	5005/3
-Bridges (180 feet and above)	198	393	195
Electric power			
-Hydropower plant	14	44	30
-Projects under way	-	20	20
Industry			
-Industrial zone	-	18	18
-Private-run factory	26872	42707	15835
-State-run factory	641	833	192
Education			
-Basic education school	33747	40521	6774
-University, college	27	64	37
Science & technology			
-Technological university	1	3	2
-Technological college	1	26	25
-Computer college	-	2	2
-Aerospace engineering & maritime university	-	2	2
-Technical institute	2	12	10
Health			
Hospital	631	819	188
Traditional medicine hospital	2	14	12
Medical institute & university	4	14	10
Information			
-TV retransmission station	15	177	162
-Information and Public Relation Office	-	373	373
-Sub-printing house	-	9	9

The Government Technological College in Panglong, Shan State, where the Union was conceived.



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects development tasks in Taunggyi, Nyaungshwe

YANGON, 26 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials, arrived at Nanthida Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm No 2 of Eastern Command in Taunggyi on 25 March.

Farm in-charge Lt-Col Myo Win reported on poultry farming tasks. Lt-

Gen Aung Htwe gave necessary instructions and inspected fish ponds.

Nanthida Farm plans to distribute 1 million fingerlings to the local fish farmers this year. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party oversaw poultry farming tasks.

Afterwards, they attended the ceremony to put land under summer paddy in Shweyanbyay Village of Tilaw Village-tract in Nyaungshwe Township. They also inspected thriving garlic and sunflower mix-cropping farm in Tilaw Village. At

the local battalion, they looked into raising of layer.

On arrival at Government Technological College in Ayethaya Myothit, they heard reports on construction of buildings at the college. The three-storey building measuring 513 feet and 357 feet is under construction for 3,040 students. At the site of the Shan State War Veterans Organization Office, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks and inspected the worksite.— MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win views round booths at 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition. (News on page 16)— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents best Dot's provider award to an official at the ceremony to mark World Stop TB Day.— YANGON COMMAND

Researchers grow adult stem cells harvested from nose

SYDNEY, 25 March — With the help of the Catholic Church, Australian researchers have successfully grown adult stem cells harvested from the human nose, avoiding the ethical and legal problems associated with embryonic stem cells.

Australia bans creating human embryos to harvest stem cells but scientists may use embryos left over from IVF (in-vitro fertility) treatment. Stem cells harvested through other means, such as from the nose, is legal.

Head researcher Alan Mackay-Sim of Griffith University said the adult stem cells taken from inside the nose could potentially be used to grow nerve, heart, liver, kidney and muscle cells.

"We have got an adult stem cell which

is accessible in everybody and we can grow lots of these cells and turn them into many other cell types," Mackay-Sim told Reuters.

"Apart from neural and brain cells, they look like they can turn into blood cells, heart muscle and to skeletal muscle," he said in an interview. Scientists believe stem cell research could eventually lead to cures for a range of serious ailments, including Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injuries.— MNA/Reuters

Chinese filmmakers seek cooperation with French counterpart

HONG KONG, 25 March — Chinese filmmakers considered France as an ideal partner in film making at the Franco-Chinese Cinema Partnerships Seminar recently.

Filmmakers from Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong as well as representatives from French Government and film production organizations attended the seminar. Hong Kong film

director Yu Li Wai said that France always does a good job at promotion and marketing its films in the world.

Of the French experience, Yu stressed "We have to know the upper

limit of the fund and clear about what we want to fulfill so as to have the best result".

Xiaomei Yue, producer of film "My Life in France" said he got much help from the French partner and most of the problems he encountered in France were solved when making films there.

She believed that the basic element of perfect partnership between China and France was that both countries have got long standing culture and history.

Yue said Chinese producers had also learnt the organized and systematic way of French people in dealing with props and costumes and their serious working attitude. Producer of Baober in "Love in France Li" Xiaowan was amazed by the intelligence of the French crew who were able to grab accurately what the director needed

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Charge d'Affaires of Bangladeshi Embassy Mr Md Aftabuzzaman and wife Saturday at the reception to mark National and Independence Day of the Republic of Bangladesh.— MNA



Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha presents completion certificate to a trainee in GDP Calculation Course No 4/2005 on 26 March.— MNA

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Indonesia's mily opens major aid lifeline for Aceh Province

LHOKNGA (Indonesia), 26 March—Indonesia's military opened a major aid lifeline for the tsunami-shattered western coast of Aceh Province on Friday, three months after giant waves wiped towns off the map and swept away roads.

Large parts of the 170 miles coast road linking the provincial capital Banda Aceh and the city of Meulaboh were destroyed, leaving aid agencies and foreign militaries to fly in or ship by sea all supplies to survivors.

Reopening it means trucks can bring in basic supplies to people who lost everything in the disaster, triggered by a magnitude 9.0 undersea quake on December 26 off Aceh.

At a ceremony in the west coast town of Lhoknga, military chief General Endriartono Sutarto praised the thousands of soldiers who rebuilt large sections of the road.

The tsunami left more than 220,000 people dead or missing in Aceh alone and devastated Banda Aceh and Meulaboh, the main city on the west coast of the province. Up to a third of

Meulaboh's pre-tsunami population of 120,000 are thought to have died in the disaster.

The soldiers had to build more than 80 kilometres of road from scratch. Large parts had either vanished or were blocked by debris or the remains of trawlers carried inland by the waves. Bodies were also among the debris of boats and smashed houses.

Dozens of bridges along the highway, which runs like a snake between the blue Indian Ocean and the lush Aceh hills, were also destroyed.

Soliders have built 64 temporary bridges but the surface remains rough, the military said, with rocks and gravel covering large parts. The process of pouring asphalt will be the responsibility of the local government.

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Tokyo gives S Korean Cos to launch marketing campaigns for products

SEOUL, 26 March—A territorial dispute with Tokyo has given some South Korean companies an opportunity to launch marketing campaigns for their products with hints of Japan bashing and a whole lot of chest-thumping national pride.

The islands at the centre of the dispute, called Tokto in Korea and Takeshima in Japan, are claimed by both countries and lie about 140 miles from their shores.

South Korean banks, telecommunications companies, audio makers and credit card firms with a national reach, as well as a host of smaller local companies, have rolled out advertisements and marketing campaigns in recent weeks as tensions have flared.

Mobile carrier KTF — an affiliate of South Korea's top phone and Internet provider, KT Corp. — has launched a

national print and TV advertising campaign that shows the desolate islands, and uses computer graphics to show a South Korean flag flying high over one of the rocky outcrops.

"The land where Japanese mobile phones work is Japanese territory, and the land where South Korean mobile phones work is Korean territory," the adverts say, noting KTF set up communications equipment in 2002 that allows its users to make calls from the disputed islands.

"We want to make sure that Tokto is a part of Korean territory, even if it is just a rocky outcrop,"

said Kwon Youngwoong, a public relations manager with KTF.

Analysts said there is lingering animosity in South Korea toward Japan for its 1910-1945 colonization of the Korean Peninsula and distrust of Tokyo for statements and actions by some of its leaders that seem to undercut an official written apology Japan made in 1998.

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S Korea to sign free trade pact with Singapore

SEOUL, 26 March—South Korea will sign a free trade pact with Singapore next month that will cut tariffs on growing trade between the rival Asian manufacturers of high-end electronics, the Finance Ministry said on Friday.

It will be the second such deal for South Korea following one sealed in April last year with Chile, despite protests then by farmers and labour unions who feared it would ruin their livelihoods.

A deal with Singapore, however, has not been as controversial as the city-state has only a tiny agricultural sector.

South Korea has said it hoped the deal would help speed up free trade talks with Japan, along with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) that groups

Court orders imprisonment of Frenchman released from Guantanamo

PARIS, 26 March—A French court on Friday ordered the imprisonment of a Frenchman who was released by US authorities at Guantanamo Bay this month, his lawyer said.

Ridouane Khalid, who arrived back from the base in Cuba on March 7 with two other French citizens, had been released under judicial controls because he was suffering from hepatitis. But the Paris court said Khalid, 36, should be sent back to prison as he risked causing "trouble to public order".

Khalid, who was taken to prison after the court hearing, is being held in detention in France along with five other French ex-Guantanamo inmates. They are being investigated for "criminal association with a terrorist enterprise".

Khalid was arrested in Afghanistan in late 2001 and spent more than three years at the US base. He told reporters after his return to France that he went to Afghanistan for "noble" and religious reasons, not with military aims.

"The chamber ... considers Guantanamo has not happened, that three and a half years of US investigations under a regime condemned by the international community have not been enough," Khalid's lawyer Paul-Albert Iweins said. The court also ruled that another former Guantanamo inmate, Khaled ben Mustapha, who arrived back in France with Khalid, must remain in prison. A third French

detainee who returned this month, Moustak Ali Patel, was released without charge after his arrival.

The three men, the last French prisoners to be held at Guantanamo Bay, were all captured in 2001 or early 2002 after US-led forces invaded Afghanistan to oust the Taliban government and its al-Qaeda allies.

They were taken to the US military camp at Guantanamo as suspected Islamist militants.

Their release from Guantanamo followed a visit to France last month by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. The trip was aimed at repairing ties between the two countries strained by the US-led war in Iraq, which France strongly opposed.

Four other French citizens, captured in 2001 and 2002 in Afghanistan by the US military, were released from Guantanamo Bay and returned to France last July.

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A three-month-old polar bear cub watches a bird in St Petersburg Zoo, on 24 March, 2005. —INTERNET

Beijing hopes to be world renowned fashion centre

BELING, 26 March—The China National Federation of Textiles Industry and the Beijing municipal government are making joint efforts to turn Beijing into a fashion centre on par with Paris, Milan, London, New York and Tokyo, a government source announced here on Wednesday.

The local municipal government is striving to set up centres for fashion design, exhibitions, public relations, garment production and top brands, according to a building plan unveiled Wednesday.

The eight-hectare fashion design centre is located at the Beijing Economic and Technological Development Zone at Yizhuang of Daxing District in southern Beijing. Work on the fashion design building is expected to finish in May and open within the year. It will house 200 computer assistant design (CAD)

workshops, said Cheng Lianyan, director of the Beijing Municipal Bureau for Promoting Industry on Thursday.

The city will raise funds for building six garment production centres in outskirts counties such as Pinggu, Miyun, Shunyi and Yanqing. Construction on some fashion show centres are underway. The New China International Exhibition Centre is expected to open in 2006. Construction on the Beijing International Light Textile Trading Centre will begin soon.

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Automotive journalists pore over the 2006 Hyundai Accent after it was unveiled at the New York International Automobile Show, on 24 March, 2005. The third-generation Accent is larger in every exterior dimension than its predecessor, which translates to the most interior volume for a sedan in its class. —INTERNET

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**On-line services
usage up in
Singapore in 2004**

SINGAPORE, 25 March — Up to 65 per cent of households in Singapore had Internet access, according to a survey released by the Infocomm Development authority of Singapore (IDA) on Wednesday. Out of the country's four million population, 2.65 million were computer users and 2.42 million Internet users last year, which saw an increase of 6 percentage points over 2003, according to the survey.

And 95 per cent of the 1.72 million Internet users aged 15 and above used email for communication, while 56 per cent of them engaged in on-line government related transactions in 2004.

It shows that 82 per cent and 62 per cent of this group used more sophisticated applications like on-line information retrieval/search and download software, up by 18 and 19 percentage points, respectively.

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MRCPCP အပိုင်း (၁) အထွေထွေဆေးပညာဘာသာရပ် (General Medicine)

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Scientists say sun rays can cause skin cancer

LONDON, 24 March — Rates of the deadliest form of skin cancer could treble in the next 30 years if Britons do not protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays, scientists said on Wednesday.

More than 7,300 cases of malignant melanoma are diagnosed each year in Britain and 1,700 people die of the disease but Professor Brian Diffey, of Newcastle General Hospital in northern England, said many cases could be prevented.

"If present rates of melanoma continue, as they have done in the last 25 years, then in 30 years time the rates are predicted to be three times what we see today," Diffey told

Reuters. "We're seeing an ever-upward rise."

He said it is essential that people monitor moles and skin blemishes and report any changes in them because detecting the disease early is vital.

Malignant melanoma accounts for roughly 10 per cent of reported cases of the illness. About 133,000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed worldwide each year.

It usually develops in

cells in the outer layer of the skin but can spread to other parts of the body, forming secondary tumours.

Melanoma is the second most common cancer among people aged 15-34. Researchers say sunburn in childhood can double the risk of melanoma in later life.

People are advised to stay out of the midday sun, avoid sunburns and wear sunscreen, wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses.

"We know that half

of all cases of cancer can be prevented by making lifestyle changes. We're seeing more and more people giving up smoking to lessen their chances of getting a whole range of cancers," said Professor Robert Souhami, of Cancer Research UK which has launched a campaign to raise awareness about skin cancer.

"Reducing the risk of skin cancer is something most of us can do," he added in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Dai Yueqin shows her 4.2-metre-long (about 15 feet) hair in Tongxiang, east China's Zhejiang Province on 24 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Patients with sleep apnea likely to die from heart attacks at night

BOSTON, 24 March — Patients with sleep apnea are more likely to die from heart attacks at night, while sleeping, than in the day, which is the time when everyone else is most vulnerable, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

Most heart attacks take place between dawn and noon in the United States but sleep apnea — marked by a tendency to snore, stop breathing and then startle awake — changes this pattern, the researchers found.

What is still not clear is how much sleep apnea raises the risk of premature death overall, the researchers wrote in this week's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Our study cannot address the question of whether obstructive sleep

apnea increases the overall risk of sudden death from cardiac causes," Dr. Virend Somers of the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota and colleagues wrote.

As many as one in four Americans suffer from some degree of apnea, where the throat repeatedly closes during sleep, causing breathing to stop for 10 to 30 seconds during sleep and oxygen levels to fall dramatically.

The condition, more common in men and the obese, causes stress on the

heart and makes people tired during the day.

The study of 112 Minnesota residents with diagnosed sleep apnea who died suddenly from cardiac causes found they were far more likely to die between midnight and 6 a.m.

More than half died between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. — usually the time when people are the least likely to die of heart problems.

However, apnea sufferers were only half as likely to suffer a fatal heart attack between 6 a.m. and noon, the time when eve-

ryone else is most vulnerable.

And from noon to 6 p.m., the risk of sudden death from heart attack was only 30 per cent of what it was for people without apnea.

"We didn't show that sleep apnea increases the risk of sudden death at all. It changes the time," Somers, a cardiologist, said in a telephone interview.

A much larger study of about 12,000 people now underway may reveal if death is more common among apnea sufferers. "In 18 months or so we should

have an answer," he said.

The new study raises several questions.

Many of the people with apnea had been given machines that use air forced through a face mask to keep the throat open. Although the death rate was higher during sleep, that does not mean the machines were not effective, Somers said.

The researchers had no way of knowing how many patients were actually using the devices, especially on the morning they died.

MNA/Reuters

40 Nepali kids die daily of water borne diseases

KATHMANDU, 24 March — Some 40 children die each day of diarrhoea and other water borne diseases in Nepal, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said here on Tuesday.

"In Nepal, access to clean water and sanitation are also critically important to the health of children," UNICEF Representative to Nepal Dr. Suomi Sakai said.

In a statement to mark the World Water Day, Sakai said that the diseases also weaken thousands of children in the country.

According to a UNICEF report "State of the World's Children 2005," 21 per cent of children in developing countries are severely water deprived living without a safe water source within a 15-minute walk of their homes.

The United Nations General Assembly at its 58th session in December 2003 had agreed to proclaim the years decade 2005-2015 as the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life" and beginning with the World Water Day on March 22, 2005.—MNA/Xinhua

VISA spending in HK reaches four-year high

HONG KONG, 24 March — Visa International announced here on Tuesday that VISA card spending in Hong Kong reached a four-year record high of 16.4 billion US dollars for 2004, representing a 22-per-cent increase year-on-year.

This strong growth in retail sales volume, or spending at the points of sale, is credited to healthier consumer sentiment in Hong Kong, as well as higher consumer usage of credit cards for everyday transactions and bill payments, Visa International said.

According to Prudence Chan, manager for Hong Kong/Macao of Visa International, "now more than ever, people are using their credit cards in instances where they pre-

viously would have only considered using cash."

VISA card penetration in personal consumption expenditure rose to 16.1 per cent in 2004, continuing the upward trend and demonstrating wider card acceptance.

Visa International said it maintains a positive outlook for 2005. Hong Kong's economy is projected to continue to grow in the coming year, and together with record tourist arrivals in 2004,

these figures are likely to result in higher consumer confidence and increased card spending.

Visa Asia Pacific on Tuesday also announced a 12.7-per-cent growth in retail sales volume for the whole of Asia Pacific market for 2004 totalling 326 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



Jaguar mother 'Sally' takes her offspring by the scruff of the neck and carries it away at the zoo in Munich, southern Germany, on 24 March, 2005. Two jaguar kittens were born on 20 Jan, 2005. —INTERNET

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German players will each receive \$392,000 if they win 2006 World Cup

FRANKFURT, 25 March— Germany's players will each receive a record 300,000 euros (392,000 US dollars) if they win the 2006 World Cup. The German football association (DFB) agreed to the figure demanded by the players late on Wednesday after months of negotiations. The DFB had first offered 150,000, then 250,000.

The amount is more than triple the 90,000 euros Germany's players would have won had they beaten Brazil in the 2002 final.

The squad will receive 50,000 euros each for reaching the 2006 quarterfinals, 100,000 for the semifinals and 150,000 euros if they reach the final, the DFB said.

The players argued for the larger sum because they missed out on bonuses which they would have been paid for reaching the 2006 finals. As hosts, Germany automatically qualified for the World Cup.

At the 2004 European championship German players would have won 100,000 euros if they had won the title, but they were knocked out in the group stage and got nothing. —MNA/Reuters

Reyes admits setting heart on move to Real

MADRID, 25 March— Arsenal forward Jose Antonio Reyes has admitted that he has set his heart on a move to Real Madrid and wants the Spanish side to open negotiations with his club as soon as possible.

"I hope that Real Madrid are making an effort to sign me, that they are watching me, that they are talking to Arsenal and that there aren't any problems," the 21-year-old Spain international was quoted as saying by sports daily Marca on Thursday.

"It's clear that when Real Madrid want a player, no matter what team he is in, they get him."

Reyes, who joined Arsenal from Sevilla for a club record fee of 17 million pounds (31.99 million US dollars) in January 2004, said that one of the key reasons why he wanted to return was his failure to adapt to life in England.

"It's not a question of being unhappy with the team or the people, because it is great to play football there," he said. "I've had no problem whatsoever with the people.

"But the truth is I haven't managed to adapt to the climate, nor to the language and these things are very impor-

tant to me." Reyes, who is in Madrid preparing for Spain's forthcoming friendly against China and a World Cup qualifier against Serbia & Montenegro, said that he had made his feelings clear to Arsenal.

"I've spoken to the chairman and the boss and told them everything," he said. "If Real Madrid are interested it is important that they now talk with the club. If they do open negotiations with Arsenal then they will reach an agreement."

The player, who first revealed his desire to sign for Real Madrid in a hoax radio interview last month, said that he hoped that his declarations would prompt club president Florentino Perez to push to sign him.

"After the joke they played on me everyone knows that I would love to play for Real Madrid. Maybe what I said will help the Real Madrid president make a little more effort to sign me."

MNA/Reuters



Argentina's San Lorenzo coach Hector 'Bambino' Veira reacts after his team failed to score on a shot at goal against Guadalajara during their Copa Libertadores match at the Jalisco stadium in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 23 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Guadalajara beat San Lorenzo 2-1 in Libertadores Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 March— Guadalajara beat San Lorenzo 2-1 in a match of three penalties and three red cards to go top of their group in the South American Libertadores Cup.

Midfielder Ramon Morales converted two penalties as Mexico's most popular team remained unbeaten at the group's halfway mark following a controversial match at the Jalisco stadium in Guadalajara on Wednesday night.

The first was awarded in the 49th minute when Pablo Zabaleta appeared to pull back Omar Bravo while the second came on the hour after Juan Fransico Palencia was tripped by goalkeeper Agustin Orion. The Argentine visitors pulled one back from another spot kick converted by Walter Garcia in the 66th minute following a handball by defender Manuel Sol which television replays suggested was accidental.

One minute later, Guadalajara's

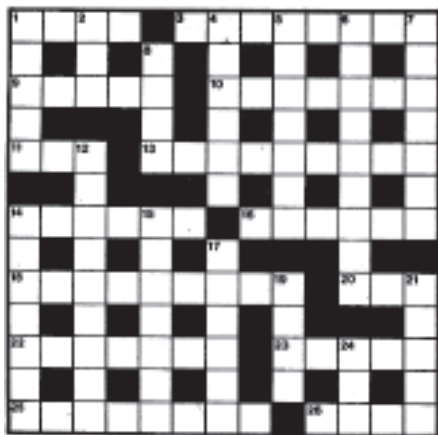
Cristian Ramirez was sent off for a lunging tackle on Eduardo Coudet, who was also dismissed for kicking his opponent in retaliation.

San Lorenzo were reduced to nine men in the 79th minute when Garcia was sent off for headbutting Omar Bravo.

In between, San Lorenzo nearly equalized as Alfredo Talavera turned away Garcia's 25-metre volley and Zabaleta hit the crossbar.

Guadalajara, who field only Mexican players, lead the group with seven points from three games while San Lorenzo have two. Their defeat is likely to increase the pressure on veteran coach Hector Veira following their shaky domestic form. —MNA/Reuters

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Gerrard looking for revenge

MANCHESTER (England), 25 March — England midfielder Steven Gerrard heads into Saturday's World Cup qualifier looking for revenge on the man who once made him cry as a boy, Northern Ireland boss Lawrie Sanchez.



Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard welcomed the four-week break granted to the England squad ahead of the 2006 World Cup.—INTERNET

Liverpool's captain and lifelong fan was seven years old when Sanchez headed Wimbledon's winner against the Reds in a memorable upset at the 1988 FA Cup final.

Gerrard went on to blossom in Liverpool's youth academy, before

breaking into the first team, while Sanchez became manager of Wycombe Wanderers and then Northern Ireland coach in January 2004. "The players are aware of Lawrie Sanchez. He obviously had a good career as a player," Gerrard told the FA web site.

"I can remember when he ruined one of my days by scoring the winner in the FA Cup final against Liverpool -- I remember crying after that game.

"He's also done really well since taking charge of the Northern Ireland national team... Hopefully on the weekend, though, we'll be able to turn it into a sad day for him."

Top of Group Six ahead of Poland and Austria, Gerrard is particularly anxious for England to take the automatic qualifying place at next year's finals

in Germany.

Having missed the 2002 World Cup through injury and had only muted praise for his performances at Euro 2004, Gerrard feels he has yet to show the rest of the world his true worth.

"I think that if we can get there, you'll see a different Steven Gerrard at the World Cup," said the 24-year-old.

"That will be the perfect stage for me to show people worldwide that I can dominate at this level. I just feel I can still offer a bit more at international level and Germany would be the perfect place to prove it." Looking back to 2002, when his place in central midfield went to Nicky Butt because of a groin operation, he said: "The last World Cup was a nightmare situation for me.

"I had no choice really

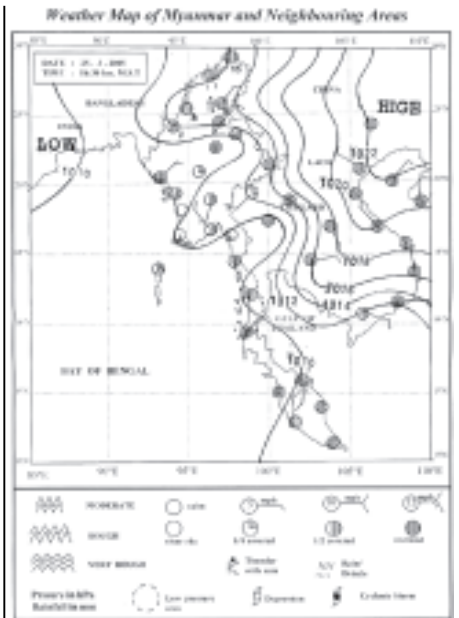
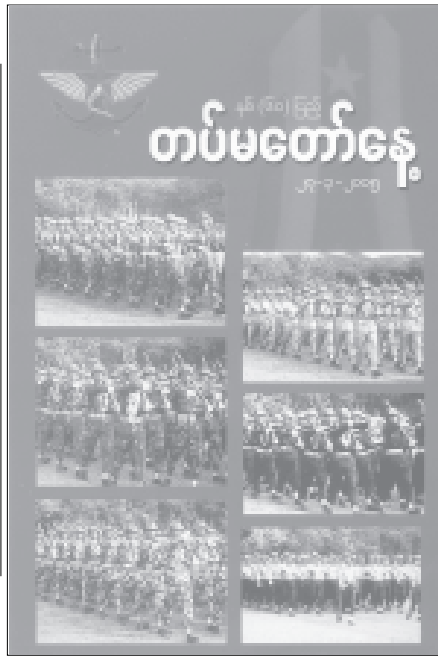
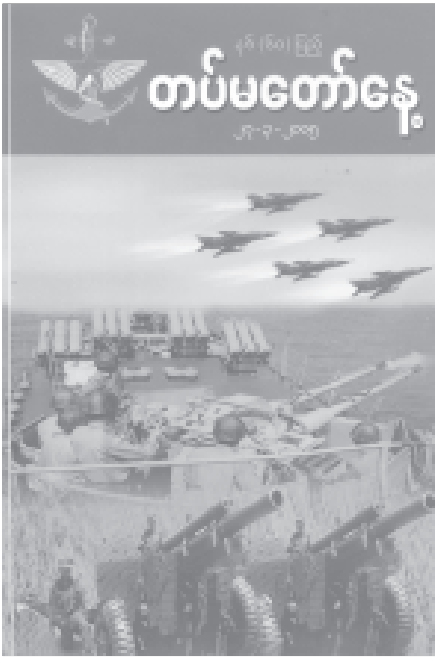
other than to decide to have surgery. I knew that if I had decided to go to the World Cup you wouldn't have seen the best of me.

"I know what it's like to miss out on one so hopefully now I can play a big part in this one."

Gerrard welcomed the four-week break, made up of a week's relaxation and three weeks of preparation, that is now available to Sven-Goran Eriksson's men before the finals.

"With the amount of games that we play during a season, it's important that, come these tournaments, you are fresh and ready," Gerrard said. "Sven will know how to handle that right and I'm sure that by the time we start the training we'll be really fresh because of the week he'll have given us beforehand."

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Saturday, 26 March, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been widespread in Chin State, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in Mon State, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.98) inch. Day temperatures were (13°C) to (14°C) below normal in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (11°C) below normal in Kachin and Northern Shan States, (9°C) below normal in Chin State, (6°C) above normal in Rakhine State and (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Hmawbi (40°C), Phan-an and Bago (39°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-3-2005 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 26-3-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-3-2005 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 25-3-2005 was (9.6) hours approx. Rainfalls on 26-3-2005 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 (14) mph from Northwest at (09:15) hours MST on 26-3-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-3-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Rakhine, Northern Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-3-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-3-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 22:30 hours M.S.T on Today)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (230) miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (05) min (38) sec M.S.T on 25th March 2005.

တီဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

- ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။
- ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချူးလာခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။
- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝှက်ပုံကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးထွေးမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုပုံစံ

- “တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်ကု” နည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါပျောက်ကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
 - ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အစမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ **ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန။**



Sunday, 27 March

View on today:

- 6:00 am
- 1. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ အစမ်းအမှားကျင်းပပုံ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
- 2. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 8:45 am
- 3. International news
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 11:25 am
- 3. Round up of the Week's International news
- 11:40 pm
- 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်နန်းမေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 12:20 pm
- 5. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ အစမ်းအမှား ဗဟိုအဆင့် ကွန်ပျူတာအသုံးရုစွမ်းရည်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 12:30 pm
- 6. Teleplay: “သူရဲကောင်းတို့ပျော်ရာမြေ” နေထက်လင်း၊ ရဝေအောင်၊ နဂရတီး၊ ရွှေသွေး၊ ခါရိတ်တာ-တင်ဆန်းဦး
- 2:15 pm
- 7. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 2:30 pm
- 8. သင်ပုန်းရေစရာပင်တစ်
- 2:45 pm
- 9. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. တပ်မတော်နေ့ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်အထိ: ဖြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အစေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတ်ပုံအထူးပြု) (ဓာတ်ပုံအစဉ်)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ အက
- 5:10 pm
- 6. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 5:25 pm
- 7. Agricultural Source of Country's Development

- 5:35 pm
- 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 7:10 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်နန်းမြေသီတစ်ရာတစ်လိ” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 7:25 pm
- 12. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 7:35 pm
- 13. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုတ်ပြန်အစဉ်
- 7:45 pm
- 14. ပြည်သူ့အထွတ်တပ်မတော် “န.တ.လ.၊ ဆက်သွယ်ရေး၊ ပြန်ကြားရေး၊ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု၊ သာသနာရေး”
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်သံသရာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
- 19. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဉာဏ်စမ်းပေးပွဲပြိုင်ပွဲ (အခြေခံပညာအဆင့်)
- 20. The next day's programme



Sunday, 27 March

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -The best thing
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Beautiful life
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: -Earth, wind, water & fire
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Cultural Images of Myanmar: -Buddha's Sacred hair relics pagoda: Myat Maw Tin
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Story for children
- 1.40 pm Songs for children
- 9.00 pm Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm Music
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day RadioPlay-Loyalty and Forever
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win formally opens 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win formally opens 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition.— MNA

YANGON, 26 March — Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chairman of the Organizing Committee for 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win formally opened the Armed Forces Day Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Management Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-

Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, chairmen and members of the sub-committees, departmental heads, officials and prize winners.

At the central booth of the hall, the portrait of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, guidance from the address of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day given by Senior General Than Shwe, Objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the picture of 11,575 feet

long Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) which is the longest facility of the country were displayed.

Next, the Chairman of the Leading Committee and party viewed round prize winning works in the photo contest, literary contest, extempore talks contest, TV quiz, painting and sculpture contest, marching and martial songs contest, poem and essay contests and biographies of the winners.

The Literary and Arts Competitions and Exhibition will be kept open up to 4 April from 9 am to 5 pm daily. At the exhibition, the quiz contest will be held daily and handsome prizes will be presented to the winners.

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World Stop TB Day observed in Yangon Division

YANGON, 26 March — Organized by Yangon Division Health Committee, the ceremony to mark the Yangon Division World Stop TB Day was held at the hall of Institute of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

First, the commander gave an opening address. Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint read out the message of the Minister for Health.

The commander presented best DOTS provider award to South Okkalapa Township. Daw Khin Thet

Htay presented prizes to the winners in the general knowledge contest to mark the World Stop TB Day.

Later, the commander, the mayor and party enjoyed the brief DOTS drama play. They also viewed documentary photos of TB control and booths. Later, the commander and wife provided TB medicines to the patients.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay, Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Ye Myint, No 2 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, local authorities, departmental officials and members of the social organizations.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin view documentary photos of TB control activities.— YANGON COMMAND

Singaporean Prime Minister to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

YANGON, 26 March — At the invitation of His Excellency Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore will pay an official goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — MNA

MRTV-4 extends entertainment programmes

YANGON, 26 March — Arrangements are under way to broadcast more MRTV-4 programmes in Yangon area with the use of digital system which is of higher quality than the current system. The channel can be received by means of Family Digital Receiver, which is available at an affordable price. Apart from MRTV-4 programmes, MRTV, MRTV-3 and entertainment programmes such as movies and cartoons can be enjoyed with the same receiver. Family Digital Receivers are available at Myanma Radio and Television and Family Entertainment (Tel: 01-535164 or 01-505736).—MNA

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