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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

**Political reforms have gained acceptance not only among neighbours & nations within region but also among all positive-thinking countries. This is direct result of Tatmadaw discharging its national duties with sincerity and goodwill.**



Senior General Than Shwe addresses the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. —NLM

**YANGON, 27 March —** Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade in the Resistance Park on U Wisara Road here today. The following is the full text of the address:

**Comrades,**

Today is the sixtieth anniversary of the Armed Forces Day, when all the nationalities of our Union made history through their

acts of courage and national pride. Ours is a patriotic Tatmadaw formed during the independence struggle period with the active participation of the

people themselves. With one accord, the Tatmadawmen together with the entire people launched a concerted assault against the fascist

menace on the 27th of March 1945. On the anniversary of this special day of historic significance when the glory of our nation and the people shone ever more brightly, I would like to have a few words with you on various matters of serious consequence.

**Comrades,**

While our country was under servitude, the

colonialists sowed political discord, exploited us economically and subjected us to social inveiglement. Upon seeking assistance in the anti-colonialist struggle, our country emerged from the frying pan of colonialist rule only to fall into the fire of fascism. Conditions under the harsh and brutal fascist rule can

fairly be characterised as hell on earth. My purpose in briefly revisiting under colonialist rule is to bring about a deeper appreciation of the value of independence and sovereignty.

**Comrades,**

Nowadays, the preferred method employed by a major power to

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### Tatmadaw is serving the interests of the nation with sincere goodwill

With its allegiance to the nation and the people, our Tatmadaw is serving the interests of the nation with sincere goodwill. As the Tatmadaw, the Government and the people make concerted efforts in nation-building and national defence with a strength born of unity, our country has been achieving progress despite all sorts of restrictions, sanctions and onslaughts.

**Senior General Than Shwe  
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services  
(From address delivered at the parade of the 60th Anniversary  
Armed Forces Day)**



Parade columns at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade in the Resistance Park. —NLM

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Protect independence and sovereignty through united strength of the Tatmadaw and the people**

The Tatmadaw has laid down and consistently upheld as the national policy the historic lessons of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, which are Our Three Main National Causes. As working guidance, the Tatmadaw has laid down the 12 political, economic and social objectives and is working toward the goal of building a new, modern, peaceful and developed nation.

The 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade was held at the Resistance Park on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 27 March 2005 with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

In his address, Senior General Than Shwe said with its allegiance to the nation and the people, the Tatmadaw is serving the interests of nation with sincere goodwill. As the Tatmadaw and the people make concerted efforts in nation-building and national defence with a strength born of unity, the nation has been achieving progress despite all sorts of restrictions, sanctions and onslaughts. Nowadays, the preferred methods employed by a major power to dominate and exploit a small country is political, economic or social subjugation rather than outright attacks and occupation.

At such a time, the Union of Myanmar has to be prepared to rely on ourselves and the first priority in every sector has to be self-reliance and sufficiency. The next stage is to enhance the economic strength of the State in order to keep abreast of the world nations.

On the economic front, a network of dams and reservoirs are being constructed where necessary for development of the agricultural sector. As part of industrial development programmes, industrial zones were set up and special endeavours are being made for development of electricity generation and energy production, which are indispensable in building an industrialized nation.

In the social sector, concerted efforts are being made to ensure the dynamism of patriotic spirit and upgrading of the education standards of the entire people. Under a democratic system, only high education standards can ensure discipline and a clear perception of right from wrong. Similarly, without the dynamism of patriotic spirit, it is impossible to face the challenges from abroad that come from all directions.

Only then, will the nation be able to stand tall among the international community and to surmount all the sanctions and onslaughts. The nation is now able to stand as a sovereign one owing to concerted efforts of the Tatmadaw and the people.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw is to strive together with the people for national development while safeguarding the independence and national sovereignty.

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ကြည့်ရှုလေ့လာနိုင်ပါသည်။)**

**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

**Indian Minister of External Affairs concludes visit**

Yangon, 27 March — Visiting Minister of External Affairs Mr K Natwar Singh of the Republic of India and delegation left here by air this afternoon.

The Indian delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indian Embassy.

During their visit in Myanmar, they paid a cultural tour of the ancient city of Mandalay.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win sees off Indian Minister of External Affairs Mr K Natwar Singh at the airport.— MNA

**Dry Day Supervisory Committee makes inspection**



Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and party inspect dry day inspection teams.— MNA

YANGON, 27 March — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, together with Supervisory Group Leader Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and Members Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and departmental heads, and another group comprising Group Leader Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu together with Mem-

bers Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, senior military officers and departmental heads supervised the functions of the dry day inspection teams at the main points here this morning and afternoon.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence and wheel tax bill of Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm. — MNA

**Myanmar delegation arrives back home**

Yangon, 27 March — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa bound for the Seventh East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation, on Children and arrived at Siem Reap International Airport, Cambodia, on 22 March morning. The Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Secretary of State Ung Tea Seam and committee members and taken to Apsara Angkor Hotel.

The Myanmar delegation was hosted dinner by Executive Director of UNICEF Headquarters Ms Carol Belarmy at Apsara Angkor Hotel.

At the opening ceremony at Apsara Angkor Hotel on 23 March, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Minister of War Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation Ith Sam Heng and Executive Director of UNICEF Headquarters Ms Carol Belarmy made opening speeches. Present on the occasion were representatives from 27 countries of Asia and Pacific regions, UN organizations, UNICEF, NGOs, officials and invited guests. Representatives of various countries made speeches on the occasion. Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa attended Young People Forum at City Angkor Hotel and dinner hosted by Minister Ith Sam Heng at Elephant Terrac, Angkor. At the second day's meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa delivered an address on progress in carrying out development of children in Myanmar reflecting global declaration and goals. Next, the ministerial meeting followed. At the same time, Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing and members attended meetings on Prevention of Violence Against Children and Siem Reap-Angkor decla-

ration separately held.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and party called on UNICEF Regional Director Ms Anupama Rao Singh at Apsara Angkor Hotel and explained eadeavours on child affairs of Myanmar. On third day, all participants of the meeting discussed and approved Siem Reap-Angkor declaration. They decided to hold the Eighth Meeting of East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation on Children to be held in 2007 at a Pacific island country. Later, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and party visited Painting and Sculpture School. The Myanmar delegation arrived back here yesterday evening. — MNA



Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sein Htwa being welcomed back at the airport.— MNA

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

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



*Runner-up  
Kanokwan  
Sadthapongwanit (L)  
and second runner-  
up Nutsara Suknamai  
(R) kiss Chananthorn  
Rosachan (C) after  
the latter was  
crowned Miss  
Thailand Universe  
2005 in Bangkok,  
on 26 March, 2005.  
INTERNET*

**Indonesian Vice-President arrives in Aceh Province**

**BANDA ACEH (Indonesia), 26 March** — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla arrived in tsunami-hit Aceh Province on Saturday three months after the disaster to present community leaders a draft blueprint for the reconstruction of the area.

Kalla's meeting with Acehese officials, academics and clergy will be the last chance for the public to refine plans before the document is finalized. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is expected to sign the blueprint in the next several days.

disease and famine.

Indonesia has set 26 March as the end of the relief phase and in the next stage promised to replace ad hoc coordination with a master plan to guide the massive reconstruction work, estimated to cost around five billion US dollars.

"Hopefully, we can quickly wrap things up," Planning Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati, in charge of composing the blueprint, said after Kalla arrived in the provincial capital Banda Aceh.

A 26 December Indian Ocean earthquake sent killer waves smashing into many parts of Aceh, leaving some 220,000 dead or missing and half a million survivors homeless in the province on the northern tip of Sumatra Island.

One sticking point is a proposal to have a 1.2-mile buffer zone between houses and the ocean, which would stop survivors who lived on the coast from returning to rebuild their homes and force those still living there to move out.

In the past three months, a coalition of foreign troops, aid agencies, individuals and the Indonesian Government have worked to support survivors. The efforts prevented outbreaks of

They fear that settling issues of ownership and compensation for their former homes would only compound their problems.

Chief Social Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab, in charge of post-tsunami relief and reconstruction, told reporters late on Friday that the broad-brush blueprint needs to be fine tuned.

MNA/Reuters

**Experts discuss new television, broadcasting technologies**

**BEIJING, 26 March** — China Radio, Film and TV technology bimonthly journal organized a forum on new television and broadcasting technologies and development of media industry here on Thursday.

Liu Xiliang, Vice-President of the China Association of Radio and Television said at the forum that many new technologies have already been introduced into TV programming broadcasting, data receiving and multi-media.

With those new advanced technologies, Liu said, players in the industry need to speed up commercialization of the technologies.—MNA/Xinhua

**Next-generation TOEFL to be launched in China in 2006**

**BEIJING, 26 March** — The next-generation Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL), will be Internet-based, will be launched in China in 2006.

Maurice Cogan Hauck, assessment director of the US-based Educational Test Service (ETS), told *Xinhua* here Wednesday that the next-generation TOEFL, called TOEFL, IBT, will test reading, listening, speaking and writing. Speech will take the place of grammar, in order to test the comprehensive communicating ability of the test takers. The content of the test will also include the kind of English used in higher education, such as in lec-

tures, discussions, reading assignments and term papers.

According to Hauck, test takers will receive score reports from ETS experts, who will give detailed evaluations of all four parts of the test. "This will help the test takers know which part of their English learning should be improved," he said.

Four on-line preparatory courses for the new TOEFL has been set up on the ETS' official web site, including TOEFL Practice

Online, LanguEdge Courseware, TOEFL Academic Speaking Test (TAST) and Criterion Online Writing Evaluation.

Hauck said the new TOEFL will be launched in the United States in September, and later in Canada, France, Germany and Italy. It will be launched in the rest of the world including China, next year. The rollout schedule will be posted on the ETS web site on 1 November.

MNA/Xinhua

*A US soldier guards the grounds of the governorate in the northeastern city of Baquba, Iraq, on 26 March, 2005.—INTERNET*

**1,527 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war**

**WASHINGTON, 26 March**—As of Saturday, 26 March, 2005, at least 1,527 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 seven higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST 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, 1,389 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



# Daw Kyaing Kyaing and public accord rousing welcome to Tatmadawmen of 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade columns

YANGON, 27 March— To attend the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services Department and Myanmar Red Cross

Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun, this morning marched into the Resistance Park from Myoma Grounds along U Wisara Road.

Thousands of people along the road

Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior Gen-



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, garlands a Tatmadawman from a parade column.— NLM



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, garlands a Tatmadawman of a parade column.— NLM

Society of Anawrahta Column, Kyansittha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Nawade Column, Aung Zeya

accorded rousing welcome to them.

Together with the public, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman

eral Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of member of the State

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, wife of member of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Daw Khin Hnin Wai, wife of member of SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Daw Marlar Tint, wife of member of SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Daw Khin Lay Myint, wife of member of SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Daw San San Yi, wife of Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Daw Aye Aye, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wives of senior military officers offered Aungthabyay (eugenia sprigs) to Tatmadawmen

of the military columns and members of MPF, Fire Services Department and MRCS and garlanded them.

Moreover, thousands

tion, families of Tatmadawmen, members of NGOs, MPF, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, nurses, teachers and students welcomed

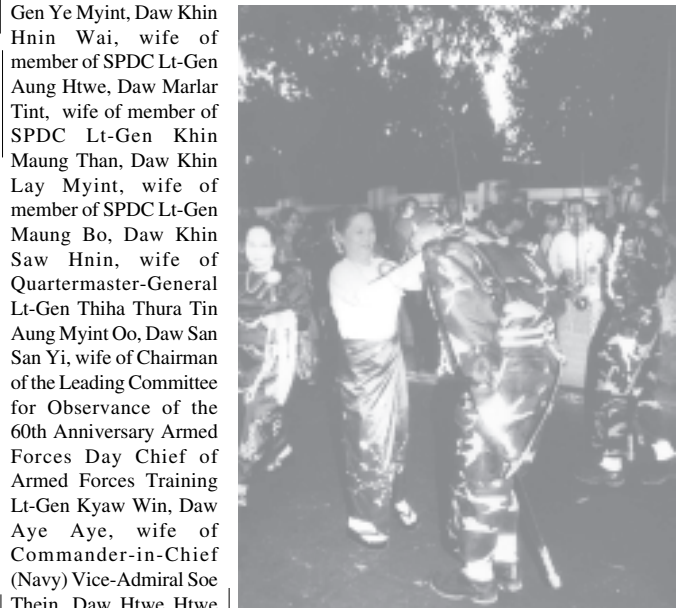


Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, garlands a Tatmadawman.— NLM

Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Bandoola Column, Myawady Column and Aung San Column, led by Parade

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

Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, garlands a Tatmadawman.— MNA

of people, service personnel of various ministries, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Associa-

the Tatmadaw-men from the parade columns and offered Aungthabyay (eugenia sprigs) to them.

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Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, garlands a Tatmadawman.— NLM



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, garlands a Tatmadawman.— NLM

## Prizes presented to best companies, columns in Armed Forces Day Parade

YANGON, 27 March— The prize distribution to best companies and



General Thura Shwe Mann presents First Prize to Directorate of Armoured Force Company.

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columns in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade took place at the Myoma Ground on U Wisara Road here this morning, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, and Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen

Maung Oo, Minister for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen

Sein Htwa, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Chairman of the Working Committee for Scrutinizing best company Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers, Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column, Kyansittha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Nawade Column, Aungzeya Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Bandoola Column, Myawady Column and Aung San Column led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun, members of

Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

First, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society of respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented honorary prize to the Central Military Band and nine military bands; honorary bag-pipe prize to Bag-pipe Troupe, the third model prize for Aung San column to No 1 company representing Myanmar Red Cross Society, the second to No 2 company representing Myanmar Fire Brigade and the first prize to Guard of Honour of Aung San Column representing Myanmar Police Force; the consolation prizes for military discipline to the company representing the No 66 LID which won 5 military discipline prizes; to the company representing South West Command which won 4 military discipline prizes; to the company representing the North West Command which won 3 military discipline prizes; to the company representing the North East Command which won 2 military discipline prizes; and to the company representing the No 33 LID which won one military discipline prize,

the third prize for military discipline to the company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the second to the company representing Directorate of Signals and the first to the company representing No 2 Company of Directorate of Artillery Force; to the company representing Directorate of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents First Prize to Company of MPF representing Aung San Column.

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which won 5 parade awards; Company No-2 representing Western Command which won 4 parade awards; the company representing No 55 LID which won 3 parade awards; the company representing Central Command which won 2 parade awards and the company representing No 11 LID; third prize for

military parade to the company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air); second to company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and first to Directorate of Ordnance Services.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann presented the third prize for military band to military band of Nawade column, the

consolation prizes for military song to the company representing the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) which won 5 prizes; to company representing Eastern Command which won 4 prizes; to the company representing Northern Command which won 3 prizes, to the company representing Coastal Region Command which won 2 prizes; to the company representing No 77 LID; the third prize for military song to the company representing Directorate of Military Engineers; the second to the company representing Yangon Command and the first prize to the company representing Directorate of Supply and Transport; third model award to the company representing Directorate of Medical Services; second model award to the company representing No-1 company representing Directorate of Artillery and first model award to the company representing Directorate of Armoured Force and the best column award to Kyansittha Column.

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of columns of Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society of respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and the ceremony came to a close.

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## Military attaches of foreign missions pay tribute to fallen heroes



Military Attachés of foreign missions led by Dean of the Military Attachés Laotian Military Attaché Col Onechanh Phetsalat pay tribute at Memorial to Fallen Heroes.— MNA

YANGON, 27 March — After attending the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade held at the Resistance Park this morning, military attaches of foreign missions in Myanmar proceeded to the Memorial to Fallen Heroes on Azarni Road in Bahan Township.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Maintenance Committee for the Memorial Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint and officials.

Next, the military attachés led by Dean of the Military Attachés Military Attaché of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Myanmar Col Onechanh Phetsalat paid tribute to the fallen heroes. Before departure, they signed in the visitors' book.

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## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day reception and dinner



Senior General Than Shwe greets military attachés at the dinner.—MNA

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Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, members of the SPDC and wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and their wives, the Chief of Military Affairs Security and wife, ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers, deputy ministers, senior military officers of Yangon Command, the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade Commander and column commanders, military attachés and their wives, departmental heads of the SPDC office and ministries, members of the leading committee and work committee for observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, local and foreign journalists, representatives of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, artistes and guests.

Before and during the dinner, variety songs were presented to the guests by vocalists and Myanma Athan Modern Music Troupe. After the dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with Myanmar traditional cultural dances at Thabin Hall. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe greets military attachés at the dinner.—MNA

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents prizes to winners in 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative literary and arts contests

YANGON, 27 March — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative literary and arts competitions was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the committee for organizing the literary and arts competitions member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, Vice-Chairman of the Organizing Committee for 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative literary and arts competitions Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, deputy ministers, senior military officers, members of the committee, work committee and sub-committees for the competitions, departmental heads, officials and prize winners.

First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win delivered an address.

Next, he presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the long poem (grade I and II) and short poem (grade I and II) contests. Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented first, second and third prizes for short story contest and novel contest; Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, for

article contest and essay contest at university, college and institute level and at middle and high school level; Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, for poem contests at university, college and institute level and at middle and high school level; Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, for article contest at the professional level, for painting contests at pre-primary level, junior primary level and senior primary school level; Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, for painting contests (middle school level, high school level and open level); Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, for the open level wooden sculpture contest and open level plaster sculpture contest, colour photo contest (progressive Myanmar) (senior division) and (novice division); Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, for colour photo contest (preserve cultural heritage) (senior division) and (novice division), for marching song contest, song composing contests (grade I) and (grade II); Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, for extempore talks contest organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association and extempore talks contests at the central level, basic education high level and middle level, TV quiz contests (university, college and institute level) and (basic education level); Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, for computer drawing contests at the high and middle school

levels and computer application contest at the high school level and for the computer quiz on knowledge about Tatmadaw and 12 objectives contest to the winners respectively.

On behalf of the winners, first prize winner at the novel contest Aung Soe (Panmyodaw) expressed gratitude.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents prize to a winner in short poem level II.—MNA

## Defence Services Commander-in-Chief...

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winners, trainees from the Public Relations and Information Management Course No 5 organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Japan-Myanmar History and Culture Association and winners in the contests to mark the Armed Forces Day, local and foreign journalists.

Members of the parade columns assembled at the Myoma Grounds at 5 am to march towards the Resistance Park. At 5.45 am, Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Aung Hsan Win (Air) presented the nine parade columns to Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun. The bag-pipe platoon led by Sgt Kyaw Naing Oo and the Central Military Band led by Sgt Myat Kyaw Thu of the Guard of Honour and Military Band Company marched to the Resistance Park in advance and took the designated places.

Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun led the military columns, followed by Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Aung Hsan Win (Air), the standard bearers of Union Flag and flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Htein Lin and the military band led by Sgt Tun Soe.

Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo ushered Anawrahta Column which was made up of Guard of Honour of Directorate of Medical Services led by Maj Kyaw Hlaing, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Lu Tin, parade company of No 77 LID led by Maj Kan Tun, parade company of Northern Command led by Maj Tin Soe, parade company of No 55 LID led by Maj Aung Than Oo, parade company of Office of the Chief of Defence Industries led by Maj Win Hlaing, parade company-4 of Western Command led by Maj Ye Kyaw Kyaw and parade company-2 of Central Command led by Maj Nay Myo Win.

Column Commander Col Tha Aung ushered Kyansitha Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Win Naing Soe, the military band led by

Sgt Kyaw Yin of No 11 LID, Guard of Honour representing Directorate of Armoured Force led by Maj Toe Myint Kyaw, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Aye Win, parade company of No 11 LID led by Maj Zaw Myo Tin, parade company of Eastern Command led by Maj Thura Hlaing Tun Oo, parade company of Western Command led by Maj Moe Zaw, parade company-3 of South-East Command led by Maj Win Naing Oo, parade company-2 of Triangle Region Command led by Maj Khin Maung Naing and parade company of Directorate of Military Engineers led by Maj Htin Aung.

Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo ushered Bayintnaung Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Htay Lwin, the military band led by WO Htay Win of No 4 Basic Military Training Depot, Guard of Honour of Artillery Force led by Maj Aung Tun Thein, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Soe Lwin, parade company of North-East Command led by Maj Nay Myo Oo, parade company of Triangle Region Command led by Maj Nyi Nyi, parade company of No 88 LID led by Maj Tun Min, parade company-2 of Coastal Region Command led by Maj Wai Lin Aung, parade company of No 22 LID led by Maj Myo Myint Aung and parade company-2 of North-West Command led by Maj Thein Tun.

Column Commander Captain Aung Zaw Win (Navy) ushered Nawade Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Lt-Cmdr Kyaw Kyaw, the military band led by PO Kyaw Kyaw of Naval Band, Guard of Honour of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office led by Lt-Cmdr Win Latt, Commanding Officer Cmdr Maung Maung Latt, parade company of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office led by Lt-Cmdr Zaw Zaw Latt, parade company of Directorate of Signals led by Maj Soe Htaik, parade company-3 of Triangle Region Command led by Maj Tin Moe Kyaw, parade company-2 of Western Command led by Maj Nyunt Oo, parade company of Coastal Region Command led by Maj Htin Kyaw Soe and parade company of No 99 LID led by Maj Thet Naing,

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## Honouring the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

### POEM

### Patriotic Fighter, Victorious Warrior

- \* Patriotic Fighter, Victorious warrior  
Beloved noble, sacrificing life  
Dare to repay, with strong tenacity  
Won't down the flag, even if hull's left  
Smash the enemy, with firm resolve  
This is love of kin, for sure.
- \* Patriotic fighter, truly brave  
Unworthy scheme, to tarnish pride  
Even if one, to pick a fight  
If he starts it, with insults  
A word, rebuff as if with knife  
Using true strength, will rebuff  
With love for the nation, true.
- \* O, know it friend, know it  
We own our land, we know it  
Won't pander for shade, won't interfere  
If he interferes, he shall be beaten  
He will be done over  
On Myanmar land, when need crises  
Blood set together, tumultuously  
With hoof-drops strong, Shwebo steed  
Will ascend, come to life  
From history book, he rises  
Will come forth at once, before Myanmar  
Unfrightened, old time  
As it anew, it hurts my heart  
Patriotic fighter, victorious warrior.
- \* Blood always red, in my heart.  
Will continue raising national pride.

Soe Moe (Trs)

## Prizes presented for Military code of conduct and extempore talks contests



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents a prize to Captain Kyaw Zaw Lin.—MNA

YANGON, 27 March — Chairman of the 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 attended the prize-distribution ceremony for the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative military code of conduct and extempore talks contests (central level) which took place at Yangon Command Headquarters this morning and gave away prizes to winners.

Also present on the occasion were Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Chairman of Work Committee for Prize Distribution and Finance of Military code of conduct and extempore talks contests Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior

military officers, and prize winners.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win delivered a speech.

Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, presented prizes to winners of military code of conduct contest (private level) and extempore talks contest (private level); Maj-Gen Thein Htaik to winners of military code of conduct contest (cpl level) and extempore talks contest (cpl level); Maj-Gen

Soe Maung to winners of military code of conduct contest (warrant officer level) and extempore talks contest (warrant officer level).

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes to winners of military code of conduct contest (officer level) and extempore talks contest (officer level).

MNA

## Consolation prizes presented to winners in Literary and Arts Competitions

YANGON, 27 March — A ceremony to present consolation prizes to the winners in the Literary and Arts Competitions to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held at U Ba Lwin Hall of Dagon Basic Education High School No 2 in Dagon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Management Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers, Secretary of the Management Committee Lt-Col Myo Naing and members, officials and winners.

First, the commander presented consolation prizes to seven winners in the novel

contest, four in the short story contest, 4 in the article contest, 27 winners in the photo contests, one in the USDA (Central) Extempore Contest, one in the TV Quiz at basic education level and six at higher education level, one in the essay contest at university, college and institute level, one in the basic education level poem contest, one in the professional level article contest, one in the extempore contest at the middle school level and three in the pre-primary painting contest, seven in the primary level painting contests, five in the middle school level painting contest and five in the high school level together with four in the open class; four in the plaster contest (open class), five in the open class wooden sculpture contest, seven in the poem contests, four winners in the marching song contest and 10 in the military song contests and five in the 12

objectives contest respectively.

Altogether 113 winners were awarded prizes in the

contests to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day in the area of Yangon Command.— MNA



Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu.—NLM



Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of parade columns. MNA

be prepared to rely on ourselves and the first priority in every sector has to be self-reliance and self-sufficiency. The next stage is to enhance our economic strength in order to keep abreast of the world's nations.

**Comrades,**

Differences in political ideologies and mutual suspicions among national groups led to numerous insurgencies of all colours in the post-independence period. The entire people suffered the miseries caused by the insurgencies. Just as large numbers of Tatmadawmen sacrificed life and limbs to safeguard the people's lives and property, underground armed groups,

**Excerpts from the speech delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe**

- \* After ensuring peace and tranquility in the nation, our Tatmadaw proceeded to engage in nation-building endeavours with great perseverance, industry and diligence.
- \* The terrible lessons from the horrors of anarchic chaos that all of us experienced should inform our transition to a democratic system with fully institutionalized discipline, where both discipline and the core values of democracy are guaranteed.
- \* Our Tatmadaw has laid down and consistently upheld as the national policy the historic lessons of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty, which are Our Three Main National Causes.



**Political reforms have gained acceptance...**

(from page 1) dominate and exploit a small country is political, economic or social subjugation rather than outright attack and occupa-

tion. In today's international relations, every country is endeavouring to give priority to its own national interests.

There is a proverb in Myanmar that says, "When push comes to shove, even a mother puts herself before her own son." We have to

who were our own nationals, also suffered loss of life and injuries. The situation was that of two roosters belonging to the same house fighting each other.

From the political aspect, the parliamentary democracy of that period was gradually undermined by insurgencies within the country. Ultimately, dissensions among political parties led to the total collapse of the democratic politi-

cal system.

Splits within partisan politics set off a chain reaction among the general public, posing a grave danger of total disintegration to the nation.

Thus, with the notion that nation-building efforts under the multiparty system had been untenable due to political discord and dissension, a one-party system was established. However, under one-party rule, the system of

checks and balances between one side and another, and between one individual and another, was poorly implemented, with the result that the reporting of economic statistics and figures became inaccurate, ultimately leading to serious economic difficulties. As you, comrades, are well aware, due to all kinds of instigations and incitements, the whole administrative machinery of the State ground to a halt.

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Parade Columns comprising Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society seen at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade at the Resistance Park.—MNA



**Political reforms have gained acceptance...**

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**Comrades,**

As instances of anarchism and brutality appeared in our country, the Tatmadaw had no other alternative but to assume the responsibilities of the State in order to ensure the rule of

pendence and sovereignty loomed large, our Tatmadaw, true to its origins in the history of the independence struggle, repelled this threat as well.

**Comrades,**

Our Tatmadaw assumed the responsibility of the State amidst ruins. It

us experienced should inform our transition to a democratic system with fully institutionalized discipline, where both discipline and the core values of democracy are guaranteed. The transition process constitutes a subtle and delicate but



*Tatmadawmen of parade columns leave Resistance Park after saluting the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—NLM*

law, community peace and tranquility.

The Tatmadaw stood tall in front of the people and eradicated all destructive elements above ground and underground, domestic and foreign, who were instigating and inciting unrest. Moreover, as the risk of losing our national inde-

pendence and sovereignty loomed large, our Tatmadaw, true to its origins in the history of the independence struggle, repelled this threat as well. The terrible lessons from the horrors of anarchic chaos that all of

was intrepid in surmounting innumerable obstacles. After ensuring peace and tranquility in the nation, our Tatmadaw proceeded to engage in nation-building endeavours with great perseverance, industry and diligence.

epoch-making revolution resulting in the creation of a new order. The nation needs reforms in all sectors — political, economic, social and others — to be well-prepared for a democratic system with fully institutionalized discipline.

**Comrades,**

The government and

*Tatmadawmen of parade columns leave Resistance Park.—NLM*



*Parade columns leave resistance park after the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—NLM*

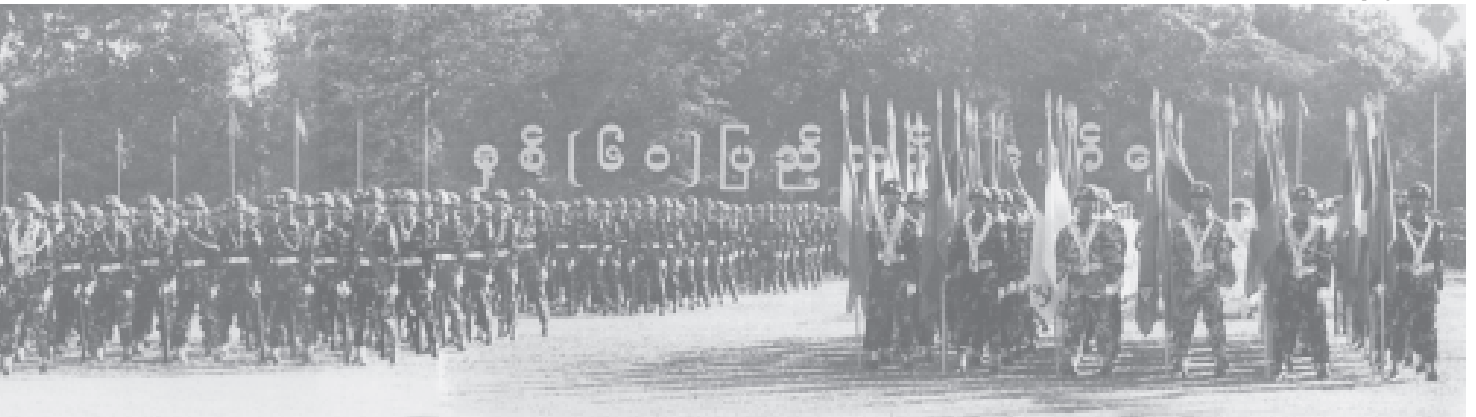


national institutions need to be strong and powerful in order to effect a transformation from one era to another, and from one system to another, especially when the national economy is still developing and the country requires modernization. Appropriate policies need to be formulated and then implemented effectively.

Firm and decisive

action is required in legislative, judiciary and executive branches. For this reason, our Tatmadaw is putting forth special endeavours hand in hand with the people, toward building the political, economic and defence capabilities of our nation, guided by political, economic, administrative and defence outlooks.

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*Parade Columns comprising Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society seen at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade at the Resistance Park.—MNA*

## Political reforms have gained acceptance...

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### Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw has laid down and consistently upheld as the national policy the historic lessons of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty, which are Our Three Main National Causes. As working guidelines, our Tatmadaw has laid down

Among the representatives attending the National Convention are the representatives of political parties, elected representatives, and representatives of national groups from each township in Myanmar. In addition, representatives of various organizations that have returned to the legal fold are included in the Other Invitees' Category. Representatives of farm-

wherever necessary as part of the endeavour to increase the acreage of cultivated land, enhance agricultural production, achieve target yields, and mechanize agriculture for the development of the agricultural sector.

As part of the industrial development programme, efforts are being made for the full-capacity production of existing factories, the

der a democratic system, only high education standards can ensure discipline and a clear perception of right from wrong. Similarly, without the dynamism of patriotic spirit, it is impossible to face the challenges from abroad that come from all directions.

Inferior education standards lead to a reduced capacity to discern right from wrong and make for gullibility and unprincipled poor choices based on various biases. This would open the door to the kind of chaos and disorder that prevailed during the post-independence parliamentary democracy period, which may eventually lead to the collapse of the democratic system. For this reason, endeavours are being made to develop human resources simultaneously all over the country.

### Comrades,

With its allegiance to the nation and the people, our Tatmadaw is serving the interests of the nation with sincere goodwill. As the Tatmadaw, the Government and the people make concerted efforts in nation-building and national defence with a strength born of unity, our country has been achieving progress despite all sorts of restrictions, sanctions and onslaughts. Our political reforms have gained acceptance not only among our neighbours and nations within the region but also among all positive-thinking countries. This is the direct result of our Tatmadaw discharging its national duties with sincerity and goodwill, adhering to its Twelve Traditions, hand in hand with the people.

### Comrades,

Even as you, comrades, join hands with the people for nation-building, you need to upgrade the defence capabilities of our nation by building a stronger and more efficient modern Tatmadaw in order to ensure comprehensive security for our country with its continuing achievements in growth and progress, as worthy heirs to the tradition of the capable Tatmadaws established by noble kings Anawrahta, Bayint Naung and Alaung Phaya U Aung Zeya.

Lastly, in accordance with the 60th anniversary Armed Forces Day objectives, I would like to urge you to put forth your very best efforts

- to work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementing the seven-point Road Map for the 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 the successful realization of The Twelve Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes, and
- to build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw.

With this I conclude my speech.

MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greets a military attaché at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—MNA

The Twelve Objectives, comprising the four political objectives, the four economic objectives and the four social objectives, and is working toward the goal of building a new modern peaceful development.

In this endeavour, the sovereign power of the people has to be returned to its original owners, the people, for the emergence of a new democratic nation where political discipline is fully institutionalized. In order to effect a systematic, peaceful and proper transfer, the National Convention, which is the first stage of the seven-point Road Map, has now been reconvened.

ers, workers, intellectuals, intelligentsia and people from all walks of life together with representatives of all the national groups from all over the country have gathered together at the National Convention and are conducting free, open and fruitful discussions. So the expeditiousness with which the political objective of the emergence of a new Constitution is realized depends solely on the degree to which the National Convention can be free of impediment and interference.

On the economic front, clusters of dams, reservoirs and irrigation canals are being built

construction of new factories and the establishment of private industrial zones for import substitute production. Special endeavours are also being made for the development of electricity generation and energy production, which are indispensable in building an industrialized nation.

With regard to the social sector, concerted efforts are being made to ensure the dynamism of the patriotic spirit and the upgrading of the education standards of the entire people, which are essential not only for the development of the country but also for a functioning democracy. Un-



Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe welcomes a military attaché.—MNA

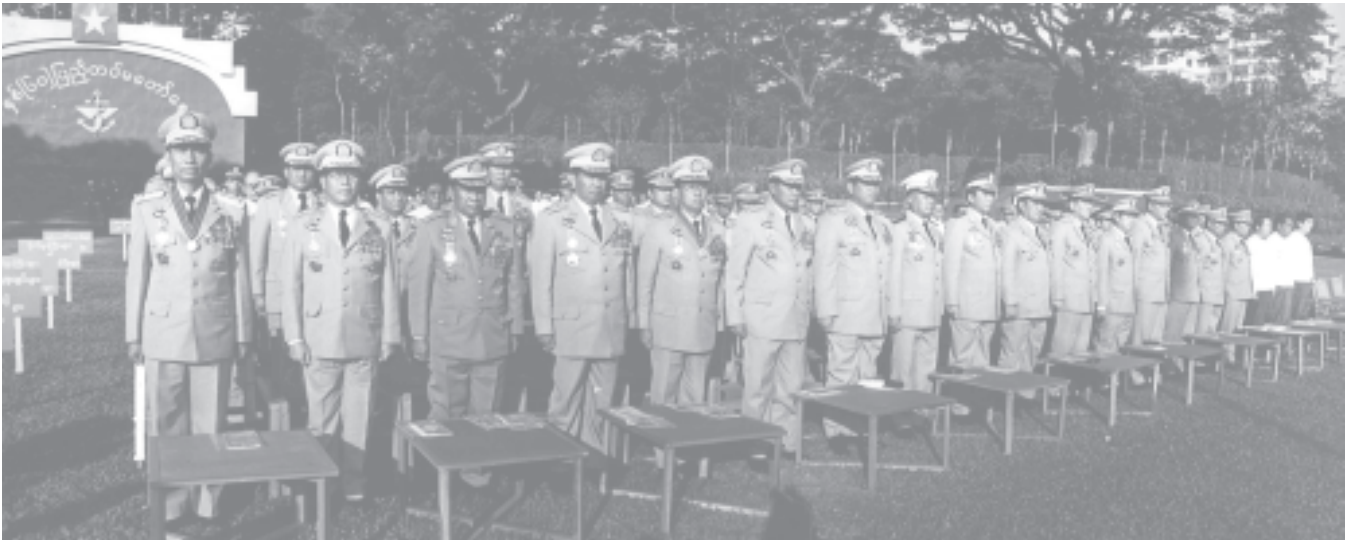
**On the economic front, clusters of dams, reservoirs and irrigation canals are being built wherever necessary as part of the endeavour to increase the acreage of cultivated land, enhance agricultural production, achieve target yields, and mechanize agriculture for the development of the agricultural sector.**



Local and foreign journalists attend the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—MNA



Military attachés attend the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and senior military officers attend 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. —MNA

## Defence Services Commander-in-Chief ...

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Column Commander Col Myo Win ushered Aungzeya Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Myint Naing, the military band led by Sgt Thant Zin of North-East Command,

Maj Myint Maung Oo, parade company of No 101 LID led by Maj Sein Win, parade company-2 of Yangon Command led by Maj Khin Maung Maung and parade company-3 of North-East Command led by Maj Kyaw Kyaw Oo.

Column Commander Col Khin Aung Myint (Air)

Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office led by Maj Aung Naing Oo (Air), Commanding Officer Lt-Col Ohn Lwin (Air), parade company of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office led by Maj Kyaw Sein Tun (Air), parade company of Directorate of Electric and Mechanical Engineers led by Maj Myint Toe, parade company of Southern Command led by

Column Commander Col Khin Maung Oo ushered Bandoola Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Maung Maung Kyaw, the military band led by Sgt Aung Min Naing of Yangon Command Band, Guard of Honour of Yangon Command led by Maj Zaw Min Aye, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Tin Maung Htay, parade company of Directorate of Ordnance Services led by Maj Htin Kyaw, parade company of South-West Command led by Maj Zaw Min, parade company of No 44 LID led by Maj Toe Yi, parade company-2 of North-East Command led by Maj San Wai, parade company-4 of Coastal Region Command led by Maj Kyaw Lin Oo and parade company-4 of Eastern Command led by Maj Aye Tun.

Column Commander Col Win Swe ushered Myawady Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Ye Lwin Oo, the military band led by Sgt Tint Naing of Yangon Command, Guard of Honour of Directorate of Supply and Transport led by Maj Maung Kyi, Commanding

Officer Lt-Col Thant Zaw, parade company of No 33 LID led by Maj Thein Tan, parade company of Central Command led by Maj Zaw Zaw, parade company of South-East Command led by Maj Wai Zin Tun, parade company-2 of Eastern Command led by Maj Aung Kyaw Nyunt, parade company-3 of Western Command led by Maj Myo Thant Zin and parade company-3 of Northern Command led by Maj Tin Maung Maung.

Column Commander Col Thein Zaw ushered Aung San Column which was made up of the

Myanmar Red Cross Society led by Police Maj Aung Myat Moe, the police band led by Police Cpl Zarni Oo, Guard of Honour of Myanmar Police Force led by Police Major Win Myint Htoo, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Kan Myint Than, parade company of MPF led by Police Maj Kan Thein, parade company-1 of Fire Brigade led by Assistant Director Ye Thurein Khin Maung Yi, parade company-2 of Fire Brigade led by Assistant Director Aung Swe Win, parade com-



Military parade columns marching to 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. MNA

Guard of Honour of Directorate of Artillery Force led by Maj Lin Htut, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Kyaw Soe, parade company of the North-West Command led by Maj Thein Win, parade company-3 of Eastern Command led by

ushered Hsinbyushin Column which was made up of the standard bearers with the flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) led by Maj Thein Htoo (Air), the military band led by Sgt Myint Soe of Air Force Band, Guard of Honour of the

Maj Zaw Tun, parade company of No 66 LID led by Maj Zaw Zaw Naing, parade company-2 of South-East Command led by Maj Nay Tun and parade company-3 of Coastal Region Command led by Maj Hsan Nyunt Zaw.



Mawgun Award winners seen at 60th Armed Forces Day Parade. —MNA

standard bearers with the flags of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services Department and

pany-1 of MRCS led by Com-pany Commander Khin Maung Myint, (See page 15)



Prize winners seen at 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. —MNA



USA members seen at 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. —MNA

## Ukraine's Govt scores victory in driving to impose reforms

KIEV, 26 March — Ukraine's government scored a big victory on Friday in its drive to impose reforms when Parliament approved, with no dissenters, a revised 2005 budget praised by Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko as a "breakthrough for every citizen".

Tymoshenko, a leading force in last year's Orange Revolution against electoral fraud, said the draft cutting the deficit and scrapping tax breaks was a first step in a broader programme to stamp out corruption and curb the shadow economy.

Tymoshenko, 44, clearly had her eye on a March 2006 parliamentary election, pointing to provisions for higher wages and pensions and substantial benefits for orphans, mothers and the handicapped.

"This will be a breakthrough for every Ukrainian. By boosting purchasing power, we will support every sector of the economy," she told the chamber in an emotional address minutes before the vote.

Later, a beaming Tymoshenko told

reporters: "I am overwhelmed by emotions. This is not only a victory for the government. We can now see how a new presidential and parliamentary team was born. It can produce results for every citizen."

A total of 376 deputies in the 450-seat chamber — the others abstained — backed the draft, which cuts the deficit to about 1.56 per cent of gross domestic product from 2.2 per cent previously.

Revenues were set at 108.5 billion hryvnias (20.5 billion US dollars), with spending at 115.3 billion.

The government, put in place after Viktor Yushchenko won the re-run of a rigged presidential election last year, is grappling with huge obligations taken on by its

predecessor.

Restoring financial discipline and passing a budget with only a modest deficit are key to investors.

Some economists have expressed doubts about the increase in social benefits, saying the budget was aimed solidly at winning votes in next year's election.

But Tymoshenko said the budget would help to curb inflation and reiterated her forecast of about 9 per cent for the year. Inflation reached a four-year high of 12.3 per cent in 2004.

The final version of the revised budget emerged from two days of talks between the government and parliamentarians, many of whom opposed a plan to scrap tax breaks for industrialists.

MNA/Reuters

## Ministers say Schroeder's coalition must stop

BERLIN, 26 March — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's coalition must stop destroying itself and focus on winning a key May state election in North Rhine-Westphalia, two ministers from the Social Democrats and their Greens partner said on Friday.

Battered by scandals, strategy blunders, rising unemployment and crumbling discipline, Schroeder's centre-left coalition has taken a beating in voter surveys and a similar alliance in North Rhine-Westphalia State (NRW) faces a rout in a May 22 election.

Economy Minister Wolfgang Clement, a leader in Schroeder's SPD, and Environment Minister Juergen Trittin, one of three Greens ministers in the government, said in

separate interviews that better cooperation was needed to hold the key state in May.

"I would urge everyone in the coalition to concentrate their energies on winning the NRW election in May," Trittin told *Der Spiegel* news magazine. Opinion polls show the opposition ahead of the SPD-Greens in Germany's most populous state.

"We've got to stop being occupied with ourselves," he said. "We Greens can't afford to be

complacent and the SPD can't afford to destroy itself."

Surveys show SPD support falling, both in North Rhine-Westphalia and nationwide, while the Greens are holding steady despite an immigration scandal dogging Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer.

"Both parties have to do everything to get their voters to the polls," said Trittin, addressing fears many SPD voters in the left-wing bastion will stay home.

MNA/Reuters



Young Chinese students practise their English with a foreigner at an open-air English Corner in Shanghai on 25 March, 2005. —INTERNET

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### Mexican police arrest four drug cartel hit men

TIJUANA, (Mexico), 25 March — Mexican police said on Thursday they had arrested four drug cartel hit men who used acid-filled tubs to dissolve their victims' remains.

Police, who made the arrests in Tijuana, south of San Diego, California, late on Tuesday, said the men confessed to carrying out at least 15 murders for the Arellano Felix drug cartel and to using acid to dissolve some of their victims' bodies.

Police and prosecutors said they found metal tubs of concentrated hydrochloric acid in a raid on a warehouse used by the men in Tijuana, which also yielded 4.5 tons of marijuana and an arms cache including 11 assault rifles and ammunition.

Federal police spokesman Abraham Sarabia told *Reuters* authorities believed the gang dumped the bodies of some of their victims in the tubs of the highly corrosive acid in a bid to erase all trace of their crime.

"Hydrochloric acid dissolves the victims bodies in a matter of minutes. It's instantaneous. No remains are found as all that's left just goes down the drain," Sarabia said.

The highly corrosive agent is widely available in Mexico and the United States. It has a range of more common applications including etching glass and regulating the chemical balance in swimming pools.

Drug-related kidnappings and slayings have become increasingly common on the US-Mexico border in recent months, as rival cartels battle for turf.

Hit men generally leave the corpses where they fall or dump them on the roadside.

Earlier this year reports out of eastern Tamaulipas State suggested enforcers for the rival Gulf cartel occasionally fed their victims to lions. It was not clear whether the lions were held in a zoo or in a private menagerie. — MNA/Reuters

### Phangnga to hold tsunami memorial day

BANGKOK, 26 March — A memorial event is to be held in the southern province of Phangnga to mark 100 days since the devastating 26 December tsunami hit Thailand's southern Andaman coast, killing thousands of people.

Governor Udomsak Assawarangkura of neighbouring Phuket Province was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying Thursday that the commemoration would be held from 2-4 April at Khao Lak, the hardest hit area of the coast.

Thousands of tourists were vacationing at Khao Lak in Phangnga when the deadly waves smashed into the scenic coastal town.

Local authorities and event organizers said the memorial was aimed at offering moral support to the victims as well as the process of rebuilding a sustainable livelihood for the affected communities.

The Phuket governor also said the event should help to highlight the revival of local tourist facilities and encourage the return of visitors. — MNA/Xinhua

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### Eight killed by chickenpox in US in 2003, 2004

WASHINGTON, 26 March — Chickenpox killed at least eight adults and children in the United States in 2003 and 2004 combined, despite the availability of a safe and effective vaccine, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported on Thursday.

The CDC described the cases of three of the victims — a 12-year-old boy, a 10-year-old girl and a 14-month-old baby — to highlight the fact that the virus can kill even older, robust children despite its reputation as a benign childhood disease.

"The findings in this report underscore the importance of timely routine vaccination of children aged 12 to 18 months and catch-up vaccination of older susceptible children and adolescents according to current recommendations and the need for timely and complete national varicella (chickenpox) death surveillance," the CDC said in its weekly report on sickness and death.

The three detailed cases, from Arizona, Arkansas, and New York City, involved previously healthy children who had not been vaccinated.

Three others who died had immune system compromises that made them vulnerable to infection. — MNA/Reuters

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**Bush to visit Latvia, Netherlands, Russia, Georgia in May**

CRAWFORD (Texas), 26 March — President George W Bush will visit Latvia, the Netherlands, Russia, and Georgia in May to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and to back democratic changes in former Soviet republics, the White House announced on Thursday.

The White House said in a statement that the 6-10 May trip will include talks with the presidents of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in Riga, Latvia.

Lithuania and Estonia, which associate the war's end with Soviet occupation of the Baltic states until 1991, have turned down invitations to visit Moscow for the commemoration. Latvia's President has announced plans to attend.

Bush will hold bilateral talks in the Netherlands and visit the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial at

Margraten near Maastricht. He will then travel to Moscow to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and to take part in a World War II ceremony.

Bush will wrap up his trip in Tbilisi, Georgia "to underscore his support for democracy, historic reform, and peaceful conflict resolution", the White House said. Bush has urged Moscow to abandon two Soviet-era military bases in Georgia since a bloodless revolution brought Western-leaning President Mikhail Saakashvili to power.

MNA/Reuters

**Sizemore sentenced to 21 months in jail for beating ex-girlfriend**

LOS ANGELES, 26 March — Actor Tom Sizemore was sentenced on Thursday to 21 months in jail on a probation violation stemming from his conviction for beating his ex-girlfriend, former "Hollywood madam" Heidi Fleiss.

Sizemore, 43, who played combat-hardened soldiers in the war films "Saving Private Ryan" and "Blackhawk Down," remained free on 25,000 US dollars bail pending the outcome of his appeal in the Fleiss case, but he was ordered by a second judge to enroll in a court-approved drug rehab programme within three weeks.

Still, the actor was jubilant as he walked out of the Los Angeles courthouse between the two sentencing hearings, declaring, "I'm free, I won. Free at last!" He also had derisive words for Assistant City Attorney Robert Cha, the prosecutor in the Fleiss matter, saying, "He's a chump, he's a C-student, he's a piece of garbage. His remarks to reporters contrasted sharply with his

demeanor in court, where he tearfully begged the judge for "a second chance" in sparing him a much tougher sentence sought by prosecutors — 4 1/2 years imprisonment.

Sizemore ended up back in court after failing a series of drug tests required as a condition of his probation for his 2003 domestic violence conviction in the Fleiss case and a separate guilty plea last fall for possessing methamphetamine. Whether Sizemore ever serves the 21-month sentence imposed by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Antonio Barreto Jr depends on whether his conviction in the Fleiss case is upheld on appeal, a case that may take another 18 months to be heard.

Sizemore's lawyers said that even if he loses the appeal, the actor would

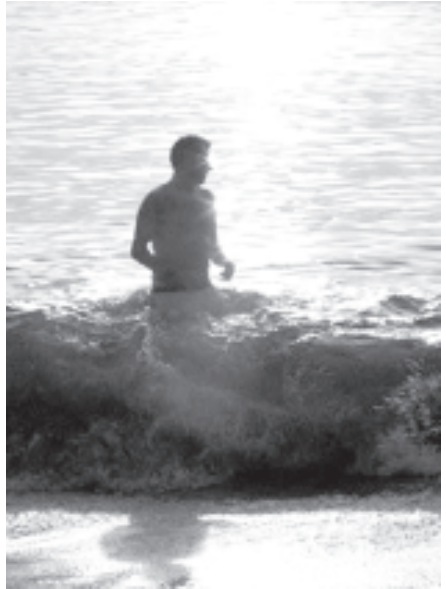
only serve at most 10 months in jail, taking into account routine adjustments to his term.

But Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney told reporters Sizemore faces up to three years in state prison if he fails to complete the court-ordered rehab.

During sentencing, Cha argued that the actor had shown no contrition for his behaviour, had refused to accept responsibility for it and deserved the maximum punishment. "The defendant has been coddled and enabled, based on his celebrity," Cha said. "He's deflecting blame."

Sizemore reacted with visible derision during much of the hearing, rolling his eyes, mocking the prosecutor and making gestures of exasperation.

MNA/Reuters



A tourist enjoys sunset at the Surin Beach in Phuket on 26 March, 2005.—INTERNET

**Andean countries to coordinate positions in FTA talks with US**

QUITO, 27 March — Colombia, Ecuador and Peru will hold a meeting in Lima, Peru, next month to coordinate their positions in the new round of free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with the United States, the Ecuadorean Foreign Ministry announced on Thursday.

The three negotiating teams will hold talks during the meeting. Experts in the fields such as industrial goods, textiles, electronic products, telecommunications, intellectual property and law will also meet at the Lima meeting, said the ministry.

The three countries will coordinate positions prior to the 9th round of FTA talks with the United States, and draw up a proposal to be presented to US negotiators.

Ecuadorean Foreign Trade Minister Ivonne Baki said it is possible that an additional round of negotiations will be held in Ecuador in July.

MNA/Xinhua

**Japanese doctor sentenced to three years for removing breathing tube**

TOKYO, 27 March — A Japanese court ruling handing a suspended sentence to a doctor who removed a comatose patient's breathing tube and injected him with muscle relaxant is raising questions on when to end life support.

Friday's ruling came as the United States was gripped by a highly politicized confrontation over the case of Terri Schiavo, a brain-damaged Florida woman at the centre of a national debate over the right to die.

A court in Yokohama, near Tokyo, convicted Setsuko Soda, 50, of taking the life of a 58-year-old comatose man and neglecting her duties as a doctor, and sentenced her to three years in prison, suspended for five years. Prosecutors had demanded five years in jail.

Soda pleaded not guilty, and her defence team said she had acted in line with the family's wishes by remov-

ing the breathing tube several weeks after the man was admitted with cardiac and respiratory arrest following a severe asthma attack. The family denied asking her to remove the tube. Soda injected the muscle relaxant to ease the patient's breath-

ing difficulties after the tube was removed. Passing sentence, the presiding judge said that Soda had failed in her duties as a doctor because it was too early to say the patient would not have recovered and to stop treatment. — MNA/Reuters

**Jennifer Aniston files for divorce from Brad Pitt**

LOS ANGELES, 27 March — Jennifer Aniston filed for divorce on Friday from Brad Pitt, some two and a half months after Hollywood's golden couple announced they were separating, court papers in Los Angeles showed.

Pitt, 41, one of Hollywood's most sought-after leading men, and Aniston, who became a household name on the beloved television comedy "Friends", met on a dinner date in 1998.

They were married in a lavish, celebrity-studded wedding capped by fireworks in the seaside California enclave of Malibu on 29 July, 2000.

The two remain partners in film production company, Plan B, whose first movie, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", is

due out later this year from Warner Bros.

In a statement issued on 7 January, the superstar couple announced their separation but said they remained "committed and caring friends with great love and admiration for one another."

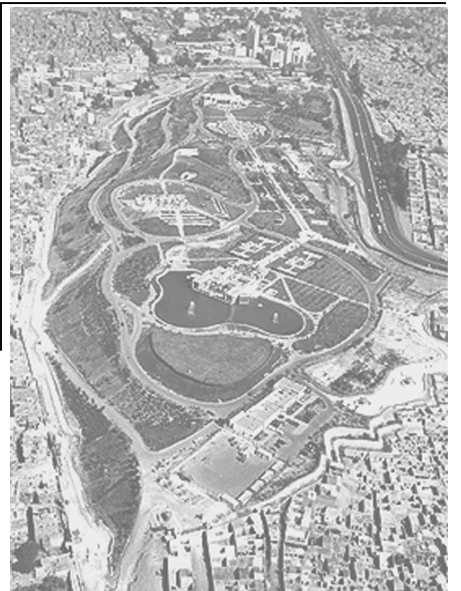
Apart from that statement, neither star has spoken publicly about their decision to split up.

Representatives for Pitt and Aniston could not be immediately reached for comment.

MNA/Reuters

**Donate blood**

Aerial view of the new Al-Azhar Park project in old Cairo, sitting on what used to be a 500 year-old garbage dump over one kilometre long and 40 metres high. INTERNET



SPORTS

**Israel hold 1-1 draw with Ireland**

TEL AVIV, 27 March— A 90th minute goal from substitute Abbas Suan earned Israel a 1-1 draw with Ireland in their European World Cup Group Four qualifier on Saturday. Suan's powerful low strike from 20 metres was a fitting consolation for the packed National Stadium crowd who were stunned into silence by Clinton Morrison's early goal.

Israel and Ireland now have nine points from five matches with France, who were hosting Switzerland later on Saturday third with eight points from four games.

The match never met the expectations of the 44,000 crowd, however, as Israel failed to create clear chances for top striker Yossi Benayoun. Ireland's Roy Keane and Kevin Kilbane were solid in midfield and snuffed out any Israel moves.

Morrison put Ireland ahead after just four minutes with a rising shot from an acute angle on the left after defensive mistakes by Israel's Tal Ben Ilaim and Shimon Gershon.

MNA/Reuters

**Poland crush Azerbaijan 8-0**

WARSAW, 27 March—Striker Tomasz Frankowski struck a hat-trick as Poland crushed Azerbaijan 8-0 in their World Cup Group Six qualifier on Saturday.

Poland remain second in the group with 12 points from five games, one point less than leaders England, who beat Northern Ireland 4-0 in Manchester earlier in the day. The victory was just short of Poland's record 9-0 win over Norway in a friendly in 1963.

"The score is cause for joy, because I can't recall the Polish team winning so big recently," coach Pawel Janas said.

"I must admit, however, that our performance was ultimately not really what I would have liked. I hope the squad will mobilise itself before Wednesday's match, because today Austria won and is chasing us and nothing in the table has changed." Austria beat Wales 2-0 in Cardiff and are third in the group four points behind Poland, who are at home to Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

"Psychologically today's score will

surely have a beneficial influence on my players, if only they don't unwind too much. To me it isn't important if this was the highest Polish win in the history of the World Cup."

Frankowski put Poland ahead in the 12th minute with a left-footed shot inside the near post after the Azeri defence failed to clear a cross from the right.

He completed his hat-trick with two goals in three minutes just past the hour, turning home a left wing cross from midfielder Jacek Krzynowek then rifling in his sixth in nine internationals.

Poland had gone 2-0 up after 16 minutes when Maciej Zurawski's cross from deep on the right was deflected, keeper Dmitry Kramarenko failed to catch the high ball on his line and it went in off surprised Azeri defender Aftandil Hajiyev.—MNA/Reuters

**Cocu and Babel's goals give Netherlands 2-0 win in Romania**

BUCHAREST, 27 March— A goal after only 38 seconds from Phillip Cocu and one for debutant Ryan Babel six minutes from time gave the Netherlands a huge 2-0 World Cup qualifying win in Romania on Saturday.

But the victory could prove costly as Arjen Robben suffered what coach Marco van Basten described as a "serious" injury to his calf. Cocu headed home a Robben corner to give the Dutch a dream start in the top-of-the-table Group One clash.

But Robben came off after 25 minutes with an injury to his calf.

"I am not exactly sure how bad the injury is, except that it looks serious," van Basten said. If the injury is as bad as expected he will miss Wednesday's match

against Armenia. Romania, stunned after falling behind so soon, gradually began to pressurise the visitors in the second half, but a free kick by Daniel Panu that flew just wide on the hour was the closest they came to an equaliser.

The Dutch wasted several chances for a second until 18-year-old Babel, on as a substitute to win his first cap after only a handful of games for Ajax Amsterdam, sidefooted in at the far post.—MNA/Reuters

**Pirlo's goals give Italy 2-0 win over Scotland**

MILAN, 27 March— Andrea Pirlo struck twice with free kicks to give Italy a 2-0 win over Scotland in their World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

Marcello Lippi's side had a series of chances in the opening half hour before Pirlo's curling effort in the 35th minute put them ahead.

Scotland, playing their first game under new manager Walter Smith, went close to an equalizer after the break when Nigel Quashie and then Kenny Miller tested Gianluigi Buffon during a rare spell of pressure. Pirlo made sure of the win, five minutes from the end, with an even better free kick from 20 metres.

The result leaves Italy comfortably on top of Group Five with 12 points from five games while Scotland are second from bottom with just two points from four games.

In front of a large Scottish travelling support at a rain-drenched San Siro, Italy were comfortably in charge of the game from the outset.

Defender Giorgio Chiellini went close

with a deflected shot in the 10th minute, then Francesco Totti forced Rab Douglas into action with a low free kick.

Pirlo's intelligent passing in midfield was causing the Scots some trouble and Antonio Cassano forced Douglas into action again when he tried a lob after latching on to a pinpoint pass from the Milan midfielder.

After Alberto Gilardino had a diving header saved well by Douglas, Pirlo split the Scots' defence open again to find Cassano who turned the ball home but his effort was ruled out for offside.

Ten minutes before the break Pirlo put the Italians ahead with a curling free kick as Douglas took two steps in the wrong direction before a belated dive.

Douglas was then substituted with what appeared to be a leg injury and Hearts keeper Craig Gordon took over in the Scottish goal.—MNA/Reuters

**England storms 4-0 victory over N Ireland**

MANCHESTER (England), 27 March— England stormed to a 4-0 World Cup qualifying victory over Northern Ireland at Old Trafford on Saturday as the Group Six leaders unleashed a second-half goal blitz.

Deadlocked at the break despite laying siege to the Northern Ireland goal, England scored four times in 17 minutes to leave their neighbours reeling.

Joe Cole, who produced a superb performance in his first competitive start, got things moving with a 47th minute strike.

Michael Owen added the second five minutes later, an own goal by Northern Ireland defender Chris Baird after great work by Wayne Rooney made it 3-0 and Frank Lampard turned victory into a rout after 62 minutes.

Victory ensured England stay top of the group and also provided an ideal way for manager Sven-Goran Eriksson to celebrate his 50th game in charge.

England were made to

wait for their victory over a side who have plummeted in the world rankings to 111th but whose keeper Maik Taylor was in inspired form in the first half.

However, the gulf in class between the likes of Rooney, who had a hand in two of the goals, and a side drawn mainly from clubs outside the Premier League eventually made itself felt.

The winning margin could easily have been much wider and will clearly have Eriksson's men looking forward to Wednesday's qualifier against Azerbaijan at Newcastle.

England began well, with Cole rising to the occasion with a series of darting runs from left midfield.

Northern Ireland defended in numbers but Lawrie Sanchez's men were fortunate not to be

two or three goals behind midway through the half.

Owen was put clean through by Lampard for a shot which Taylor smothered and Rooney was twice denied with a header which hit a post and a fierce drive that was palmed away for a corner.

Other England efforts simply cannoned off players of both sides in an overpopulated final third as the hosts pushed forward relentlessly.

Any England nerves were settled just after the re-start when a poor clearance went straight to Cole just outside the penalty area and he drilled a low shot past Taylor and into the right-hand corner.

Lampard set up the second two minutes later, working a one-two with Rooney and allowing the ball to run for Owen to flick in.

MNA/Reuters

**Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**

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**Senegal thrash Liberia 6-1**

DAKAR, 27 March— Senegal strengthened their hold on their World Cup qualifying group with a 6-1 thrashing of Liberia on Saturday.

The home side's flamboyant performance was led by in-form striker El Hadji Diouf but it was his Bolton Wanderers team mate Khalilou Fadiga who opened the scoring, hammering the ball home from a free kick just outside the penalty area on 17 minutes.

Senegal's second came from a zinging Diouf penalty after forward Mamadou Niang was brought down by Liberia's goalkeeper as he was about to fire home.

Liberia, who failed to find funds to fly in their foreign-based contingent, crumbled completely after halftime allowing Abdoulaye Diagne Faye, Henri Camara and Moussa Ndiaye to add their names to the scoresheet.

Diagne Faye sprung on to the end of a curling Diouf pass, heading the ball into the corner of the net before the keeper could react.—MNA/Reuters



Claudio Maldonado (L) of Chilean national soccer team fights for the ball with Uruguayan player Marcelo Zalayeta during their World Cup qualifying soccer match in Santiago, on 26 March, 2005. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

### Defence Services Commander-in-Chief ...

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parade company-2 of MRCS led by Company Commander Khin Tun and parade company-2 of Northern Command led by Maj Nanda Aung. Altogether 7,139 members of Tatmadaw, MPF, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade participated in the parade.

Along the route from Myoma Grounds to the Resistance Park, the marching columns were accorded a rousing welcome by the families of the Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence, Tatmadawmen, MPF members, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade members, officers and Tatmadawmen and their families of Yangon

Command and No 11 LID, Yangon and Mingaladon Stations, Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters, students and local people who waved the miniature flags, presented flowers and garlands to the parade members.

Singing military songs, the parade columns entered the No 1 Gate of the Resistance Park.

At 7.30 am, Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, arrived at the park where they were welcomed and ushered to the dais by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of the Leading

Committee Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein.

After Senior General Than Shwe had taken the position on the dais, the columns saluted him. Next, Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun presented the columns to the Senior General.

Afterwards, the Senior General inspected the columns. The Central Military Band played the National Anthem while those present saluted the Flag of the Union of Myanmar. After paying tribute to the fallen leaders and members of the Tatmadaw, the columns

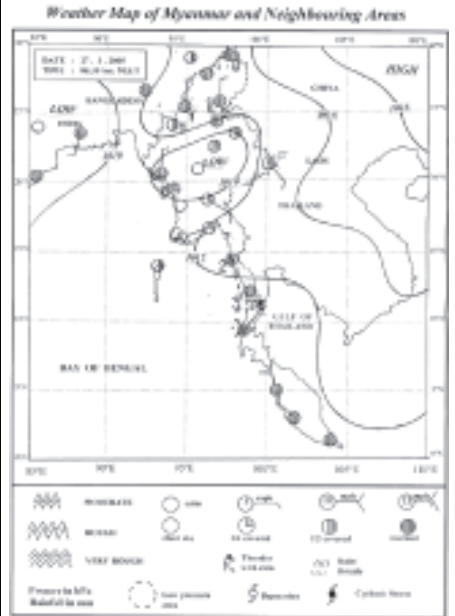
members took the four oaths. The Senior General delivered an address. (Reported separately)

The columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun marched past the Senior General and left the park through No 1 Gate of the Resistance Park for the Myoma Grounds.

Afterwards, the Senior General left there and the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade ended at 8.45 am.

Various signboards with mottoes of the Tatmadaw and flags of the Union of Myanmar and the Tatmadaw were erected at the road-corners, parks, gardens and roundabouts. The Resistance Park was illuminated in the evening.

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### WEATHER

Sunday, 27 March, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Ayeyawady Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (4.56) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division, (7°C) to (8°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures was Minbu (41°C).

Maximum temperature on 26-3-2005 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 27-3-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-3-2005 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 26-3-2005 was (9.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 27-3-2005 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 (11) mph from Southwest at (17:30) 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 28-3-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in Deltalic areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-3-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-3-2005:** Partly cloudy.



Tatmadawmen seen marching at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. — NLM



Monday, 28 March  
View on today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံလွှာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌာရုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရ မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစာတီတ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မစ္ဆာဗျူဟာဂါရိတာ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. Song of national races

8:10 am

7. Cute little dancers

8:20 am

8. ဆွာရော့ဒ်ရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစားသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)

5:15 pm

6. Dance variety

5:30 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာတေး

5:45 pm

8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:00 pm

9. Song and dance of

national races

6:05 pm

10. Discovery

6:10 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင် “ဗဟိုဗဟို” (အပိုင်း-၇၉)

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Musical programme

7:20 pm

15. Industrial Achievement

7:30 pm

16. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံရုပ်မြင်စာ

7:45 pm

17. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တစ်ဖက်တော် “မြန်မာ့ပြည်လူငယ်တော်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း” (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင် “ဗဟိုဗဟို” (အပိုင်း-၃)

22. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဥပဿာအစဉ် (အစဉ်မြင်ပညာအစဉ်)

23. The next day's programme



Monday, 28 March  
Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Lsitent to the radio

8:40 am Music: Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Come & see about me

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: -I love you because

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -Into my dreams

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music

-Love is love

-Some where some day

-The boy is mine

9:00 pm Spotlight on the star

“Crystal Gayle”

-Only love can save me now, our love is on the faultline, a long & lasting love

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Women's Affairs

Adolescence Development and Care

9:35 pm Play” loyalty and Forever

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

# Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day reception and dinner

YANGON, 27 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted the reception and dinner to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here this evening.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the venue of the reception and dinner at 7 pm.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets military attachés at the dinner.— MNA

Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council, and Chairman of the leading

committee for observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win,

Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, cordially greeted military attachés and their wives and guests who at-

tended the reception and dinner.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a

dinner to the guests. Also present on the occasion were Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife (See page 6)

# Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe attends 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade

YANGON, 27 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade at the Resistance Park on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

The 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held in accord with the 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 successful realization of The Twelve Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National

Causes; and to build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw.

Also present at the parade were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs

Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, military attaches of foreign missions, departmental heads, senior police officers, senior officers of Fire Services Department, Mawgun Award (See page 7)

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*Tatmadaw is to strive together with the people for national development while safeguarding the independence and national sovereignty.*

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PERSPECTIVES



Senior General Than Shwe inspects parade columns at 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.— NLM