

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

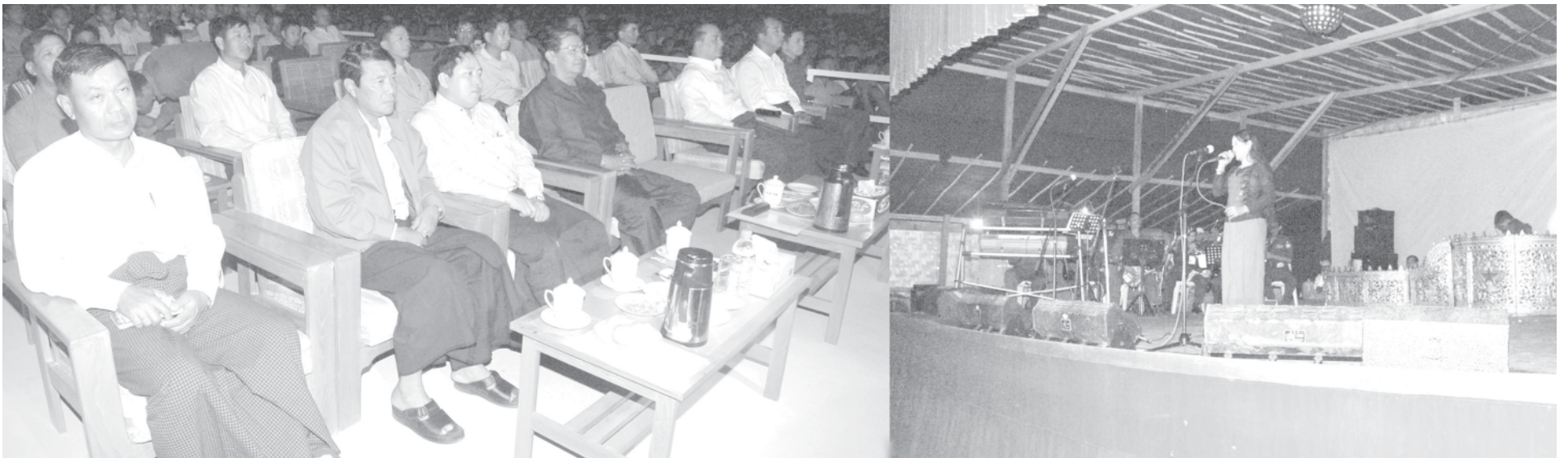
Four economic objectives

- * 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

Entertainment programmes at No 7 Transit Centre in Ywadow



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe at the entertainment presented by artistes to military columns that will participate in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Under the arrangement of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Defence Services TV Production Unit (Myawady TV), No 1 Mobile Public Relations Unit, No 2 MPRU and No 3 MPRU yesterday evening presented the entertainment programmes at No 7 Transit Centre in Ywadow where military columns which will participate in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forced Day Parade.

Among the audience were Chairman of the

Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forced Day Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung and column commanders and senior officers.

No 1, 2 and 3 Mobile Public Relations Units and Defence Services TV Production Unit (Myawady TV) presented musical concerts and Anyeint to Anawratha, Kyansittha, Bayintnaung, Aungzeya, Hsinphyushin, Bandoola and Myawady columns.

Commanding officers, officers and Tatmadaw members watched the entertainment programmes happily.

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INSIDE

The government has so far issued licences to 70 overseas job hunting agencies, and they have made contact with 14 nations and generated more than 30,000 jobs. In this regard, it is perceived that many people of various ages and different social classes go to Thailand that shares border with Myanmar and is easily accessible. Some naive young men and women go there, relying on inhumane human traffickers and they have to undergo hell-like condition during their stay there.

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MAUNG SWE WIN (BAGO)

WEATHER FORECAST FOR (5-3-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Generally fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring areas

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Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Generally fair weather.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 5 March, 2007

Dams and hydro-electric power projects for regional progress

The government is making efforts for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation while utilizing a large volume of water resources available for development of agriculture and hydel power generation.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected Ma Mya Dam Project and construction of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) and Pyapon Bridge in Ayeyawady Division the other day and gave guidance on the projects.

In his inspection tour of Ma Mya Dam Project, Senior General Than Shwe said nearly 200 dams have been built nationwide and the country is capable of building various types of dams. Engineers must have ability to design and build dam projects plus hydro-electric power generation by themselves.

Ma Mya Dam Project is the one that can also generate 500 kilowatts and about 90 per cent of the project has been completed. The government is building irrigation networks continuously nationwide on self-reliance basis.

Altogether 368 dams and 305 river water pumping projects now benefit over 7.3 million acres of farmland and irrigated cultivation acreage has increased up to 18.8 per cent. With the early completion of dams and hydro-electric power projects being implemented in the country, all the people can enjoy the benefits sooner and their socio-economy will improve rapidly.

Fire breaks out in Mandalay

YANGON, 4 March — The house No 185 of U Kyi Maung on 86th Street between 23rd and 24th Streets in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, was on fire due to negligence at 7 am today.

A total of 37 fire engines rushed to the scene and managed to put out the fire. At about 7.30 am, the fire was put under control. The fire destroyed 10 houses.

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Fire prevention is compulsory

Peoples' 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

Education Minister visits universities

YANGON, 4 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by officials, this morning visited Yangon West University where he heard a report by Pro-rector U Thein Win on academic and management matters and research work. The minister stressed the need for cooperation among universities and among subject-wise departments in conducting research and for greening tasks. Next, he viewed students conducting experiments in physics and chemistry practical rooms.

The minister and party proceeded to Dagon University and inspected lecture halls for Zoology and Botany students. He next met the pro-rector and professors. The minister and party also visited Yangon Institute of Education and gave instructions on academic and management matters.

After inspecting laboratory equipment at Diamond Jubilee Hall, the minister and party visited Yangon University of Distance Education, met the pro-rector and professors, and stressed the need for effective use of e-Education learning centres and teaching aids. — MNA

Prizes presented to winners in ASEAN Logo Contest at National Level

YANGON, 4 March — A ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the ASEAN Logo Contest (National Level) to mark the 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day which falls on 8 August 2007 was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu delivered an address. He said that Brunei Darussalam won the award in the ASEAN Logo Contest at ASEAN regional level. He added that Myanmar is planning to celebrate activities for the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN which falls on 8 August as well as for the 10th Anniversary of Myanmar's entry into ASEAN which is on 23 July.

Next, the minister presented prizes to the winners. First prize winner Maung Thuta Win expressed gratitude. The invitees viewed the prize winning logo designs at the national level and the regional level.

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu presents prize to an outstanding person in ASEAN Logo Contest.—MNA

Taze Association (Yangon) holds annual meeting



U Win Myint, President of UMFCCI, offers provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

YANGON, 4 March — Taze Association (Yangon) held the 45th annual meeting the Association and paid homage to the Sayadaw who was conferred Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita title by the State, at the office of the association on 3rd Street in Bahan Township here today.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Secretary Sayadaw of Bahan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Saddamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vayama.

Patron of the Association U Tun Myaing read out the biography of title holder Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ñanobhasalankara of Phayathonsu Monastery in Thingangyun Township.

President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and wellwishers donated provisions to the Sayadaw.

U Win Myint of UMFCCI presented gifts to Thiha Thudamma Manijotadhara title winner U Chit Hmwe, Vice -Chairman of the association.

And then, they shared merits gained. Afterwards, the annual meeting of the association followed, and the President of UMFCCI delivered an address. Responsible personnel of the association awarded the outstanding persons.

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All this needs to be known

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

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN drug control watchdog praises China's efforts

VIENNA, 3 March — The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) on Thursday praised the Chinese Government's political will and commitment towards the implementation of international drug control treaties.

The INCB sent a mission to China in January last year in which the group found that "in China drug control is not only incorporated into the programme for national economic and social development, but is also made an important duty of

governments at all levels", INCB's said in its annual report.

Noting that China now plays "an increasing role" in drug control in East and South East Asia, the report also praised the fact that "China has made achievements in various areas of drug control through bilateral and multilateral cooperation."

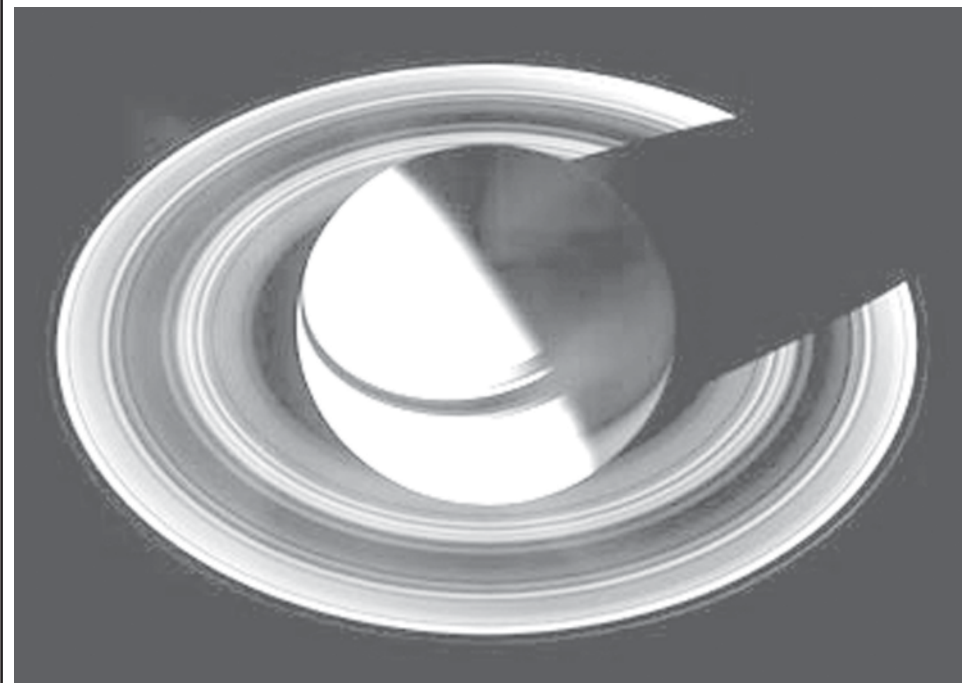
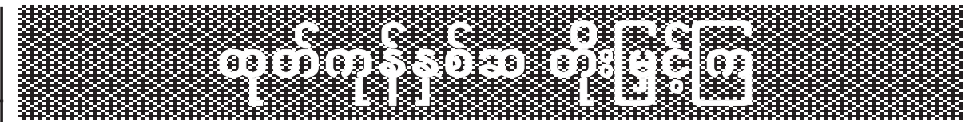
Due to the serious illegal manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulant in Asia, the board hoped that the Chinese Government

could "further strengthen its cooperation, particularly with neighbouring countries and play a more active role in combating this problem".

Moreover, it also encouraged China "to take the measures necessary to ensure that progress is made in implementing the new laws, as well as in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

A model poses in a kimono during the Mimatsu Kimono Fashion Show at the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival in Tokyo, on 3 March, 2007.—INTERNET



An image captured by NASA's Cassini spacecraft on 4 Feb, 2007 and released on 1 March, 2007 shows never-before-seen views of Saturn.

XINHUA

Ahmadinejad vows to support Sudan in facing "Western pressures"

KHARTOUM, 3 March — Visiting Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised here on Thursday that his country would stand on the side of Sudan in the latter's confrontation with what he called the "Western pressures".

Ahmadinejad voiced the support at a joint Press conference with his Sudanese counterpart Omer al-Bashir at the end of his two-day visit to Sudan.

He told the reporters that "we denounce the schemes and hostilities

against the Sudanese people and the Sudanese Government." "When we see that Sudan is standing firmly in the face of the schemes of its enemies, we support this firmness and stand on the side of Sudan," said the Iranian President.

Ahmadinejad revealed that during his visit in Sudan, the two countries signed seven accords covering the fields of science, culture, trade, investment and economy.

He, meanwhile, reiterated his country's legitimate right of using the nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, saying that the Iranian Government would never yield to the pressures aiming at forcing Teheran to abandon its nuclear projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Kadafi says Libya unrewarded for ending nuclear plans

LONDON, 4 March — Moammar Kadafi has complained that Western countries have failed to properly compensate Libya for scrapping its nuclear arms programme and as a result countries

like Iran and North Korea would not follow his lead.

Speaking on the 30th anniversary of his declaration of Libya as a Jamahiriyah (state of the masses), Kadafi told the BBC in an interview broadcast late on Friday that the West had failed to help transform his nuclear weapons programme into nuclear power.

"This should be a model to be followed. But Libya is disappointed because the promises given by America and Britain so that we could give up our

capabilities were not fulfilled," the BBC website quoted Kadafi as saying.— MNA/Reuters

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See-through trash bins serve utility, security purposes

BANGKOK, 2 March — The Thai capital is undergoing a face-lift, as the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) has introduced many new features in the city, quiet green mini-gardens and see-through trash containers.

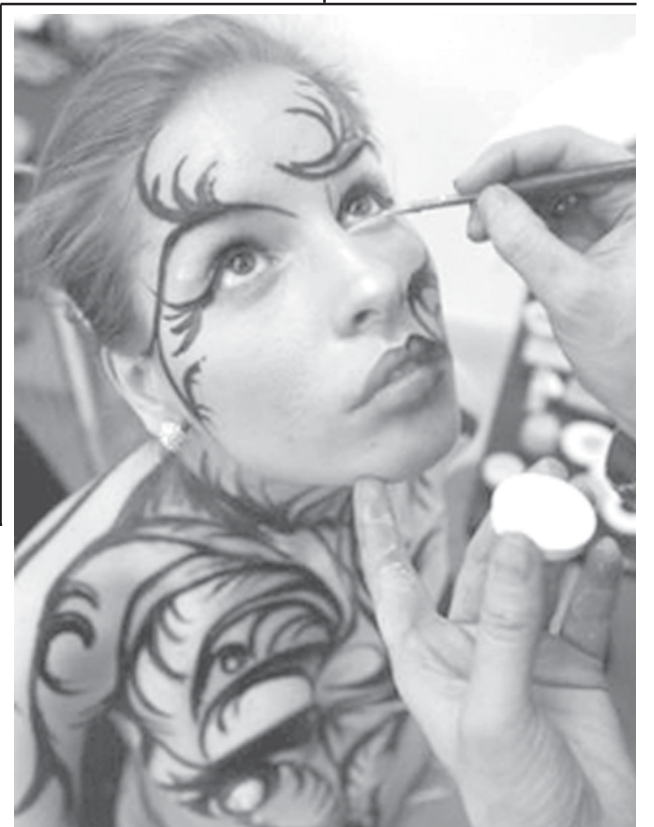
To begin with, Bangkok governor Apirak Kosayodhin unveiled a new type of city garden at a bus station near the Chatuchak Park 'Skytrain' terminus.

Lush gardens in the city's traffic islands are already a common sight for Bangkok commuters. To help the capital's residents and visitors to further fight the heat, small green 'corners' will be added to some 500 bus stations around the city, a quiet green garden nook. Moreover a new type of transparent 'see-through' trash bin with a maximum capacity of 80 litres will be installed citywide. The transparency is to boost the confidence of city residents and trash collectors alike.

Mr Apirak said that in the initial stage, 2,000 new trash bins will replace the old containers at bus stations, electric mass transit stations, hospitals and at Victory Monument before 15 March. The move came after New Year's Eve bombings in Bangkok and suburban Nonthaburi province which killed three people and injured more than 40 others.—Internet

An artist applies final touches on a model during a body-painting contest at the 'Beauty days' fair in Bucharest on 1 March, 2007.

INTERNET



Cuba curbs narcotics flow without US help

HAVANA, 3 March — Fewer drug traffickers are using Cuba as a corridor to the United States thanks to tough enforcement and cooperation with other countries, the ruling Communist Party newspaper *Granma* said on Friday.

Cuba intercepted 1.7 tons of marijuana and cocaine in 2006, the lowest level of seizures in 11 years, it said.

Smugglers fly shipments of narcotics up from Jamaica and Colombia and drop bales into the sea between thousands of uninhabited islands off Cuba's north coast for pick up in speedboats that ship the drugs to the US market.

Severe prison sentences and the exchange of information with police forces of neighbouring countries — though not the United States — have helped crack down on the illegal trade, *Granma* said.

"The shipments decrease." "The routes of international drug traffickers are moving away from our coasts," the

paper said. The US Government, Cuba's longtime ideological enemy, has not cooperated with Havana's war on drug trafficking and Washington has refused to sign agreements proposed by Cuba to jointly fight the

narcotics trade, *Granma* said.

Nonetheless, Cuba last month deported suspected top Colombian drug lord Luis Hernando Gomez to Bogota where he is wanted for extradition by Washington to face trafficking charges in

the United States.

Gomez, known as "Scratch" and one of the heads of the powerful Norte del Valle drug gang, was arrested at Havana Airport in 2004 for entering Cuba on a forged Venezuelan passport.

MNA/Reuters



It is a time-honoured tradition for the Chinese to hang up red lanterns during Spring Festival, especially on the day of Lantern Festival which falls on Sunday, 4 March this year. Qian Qiulian shapes the bamboo frame of a lantern. — XINHUA

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A model displays a wedding dress priced at 65 million yuan (about 8.4 million US dollars) during the 2007 International Wedding Dress Show in Beijing, on 2 March, 2007. The dress was made of Indian nonsuch embroideries and adorned with rare green diamonds. — XINHUA

Bolivian President rejects criticism from US spy chief

LIMA, 3 March — Bolivian President Evo Morales on Thursday criticized a US top intelligence officer who alleged that democracy is at risk in Bolivia and Venezuela, said reports from La Paz.

"US intelligence lacks intelligence, because it is not only lying to its government but misinforming the world with its irresponsible declarations," said Morales, the nation's first president of indigenous origin. "These statements are not only false and manipulated, but they are hiding the clear intention to destabilize the democracy that we are building," he added.

"We are a culture of dialogue and consensus," he said. "We defend life. We are not a culture of imposition and war. We do not promote the culture of death."

Bolivia's non-governmental organizations have also made statements rejecting US National Intelligence Director Michael McConnell's assertions. — MNA/Xinhua

Stargazers thrilled by total lunar eclipse

LONDON, 3 March — A dark red shadow crept across the moon Saturday during the first total lunar eclipse in nearly three years, thrilling stargazers and astronomers around the world.

Partly visible on every continent, residents of Europe, Africa and the Middle East had the best view of the phenomenon, weather permitting.

About a dozen people gathered at the Croydon Observatory in southeast London to watch the start of the eclipse.

"It's starting to go!" said Alex Gikas, 8, a Cub Scout who was studying for his astronomy badge. "I've never seen

anything like it before. I'm really excited." By the time greatest eclipse, shortly after 5:44 pm ET, the light of the full moon was replaced by near-total obscurity.

"It was really very dark," said Paul Harper, Chairman of the Croydon Astronomical Society, who estimated that moon had lost over four-fifths of its luminosity. "It was quite a nice one."

Lunar eclipses occur when Earth passes between the sun and the moon, an uncommon event because the moon spends most of its time either above or below the plane of Earth's orbit. — Internet

Malaysians and tourists toss and mix Malaysia's longest 500 metre 'Yee Sang' or Raw Fish Salad with their chopsticks high in the air in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebration and 'Visit Malaysia' promotion 2007 held at the shopping district in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Saturday, 3 March 3, 2007. Yee Sang is made from thin slices of raw fish, shredded vegetables, herbs, spices and oil which is usually eaten during The Lunar New Year. — INTERNET

Kaddafi mocks at Western democracy

SEBHA, (Libya), 4 March — Libyan leader Moammar Kaddafi mocked the West's concept of democracy, in a speech to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Libya's Jamahiriyah, or State of the Masses.

"Elections are a farce," said the Arab world's longest-serving leader, addressing a special session of parliament in Sebha, 1,000 kilometres south of Tripoli, attended by the presidents of Chad, Uganda and Niger.

He defended the Jamahiriya system, which in theory allows the people to exercise power through popular committees. "It is not the ballot box which guarantees democracy. The electoral system in the West can encourage fraud and vote buying, it is not transparent," Colonel Kaddafi said, compared to the "direct democracy" of Libya. "How can 300 persons representing political parties represent millions of people?" asked Kaddafi, who opposes the formation of parties. "Political parties only represent the persons, not the people."

He pledged to give up attempts to develop weapons of mass destruction and to compensate victims of terrorist bombings carried out by or at the behest of Tripoli. — Internet



ECONOMIC NEWS

Vietnam's computer, electronics exports up 21.7% in first two months

HANOI, 3 March — Vietnam earned over 280 million US dollars from exporting computers and electronics appliances in the first two months of this year, up 21.7 per cent over the same period last year.

Many of the products were exported to Thailand, Japan, the United States and the Philippines, according to the Vietnam Electronic Industries Association on Friday.

To gain bigger export revenues and maintain

domestic market shares under pressure of regional tariff reduction roadmaps, electronics producers in Vietnam, many of them are making electronics appliances under outsourcing contracts with foreign firms, should increase the added value in their products, which currently stands at only 10-15 per cent, said the association's general secretary Tran Quang Hung.

The producers should

either design their own product models, instead of relying on models supplied by the foreign firms, or strengthen production of components and spare parts for export, he said, noting that foreign-invested enterprises in Vietnam are doing that very well.

Vietnam gained nearly 1.8 billion dollars from exporting computers and electronics appliances in 2006, up 24 per cent over 2005, said the association.

MNA/Xinhua

India's state-run airline firms to finish merger in next two years

NEW DELHI, 3 March — India's two state-run airline companies Air India and Indian will finish their merger in next two years, said Indian Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel here on Friday.

Indo-Asian News Service quoted the minister as saying that the technical and procedural formalities for the merger will start immediately.

"One company with one name, one brand, one logo, one code and single financials is expected to be in place in the coming 16

weeks," he said when addressing the Indian Parliament.

The Indian Cabinet had just approved the merger Thursday.

Air India mainly operates international flights while Indian runs domestic business.

"In the past decade, their market position has been adversely affected due to intense competition and their inability to induct new fleet," Patel said. "It is estimated that this decision would result in net benefit of 6 billion rupees (133

million US dollars) at the end of the third year of merger." — MNA/Xinhua



France's President Jacques Chirac (C) waves as he inaugurates the 44th International Agriculture Fair in Paris on 3 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Oracle buys Hyperion Solutions for \$3.3b

BEIJING, 2 March — Oracle Corp, US business software company, has signed a deal of 3.3 billion US dollars to buy Hyperion Solutions Corps in a bid to dominate the business software industry, US media reported Friday. Oracle, the world's

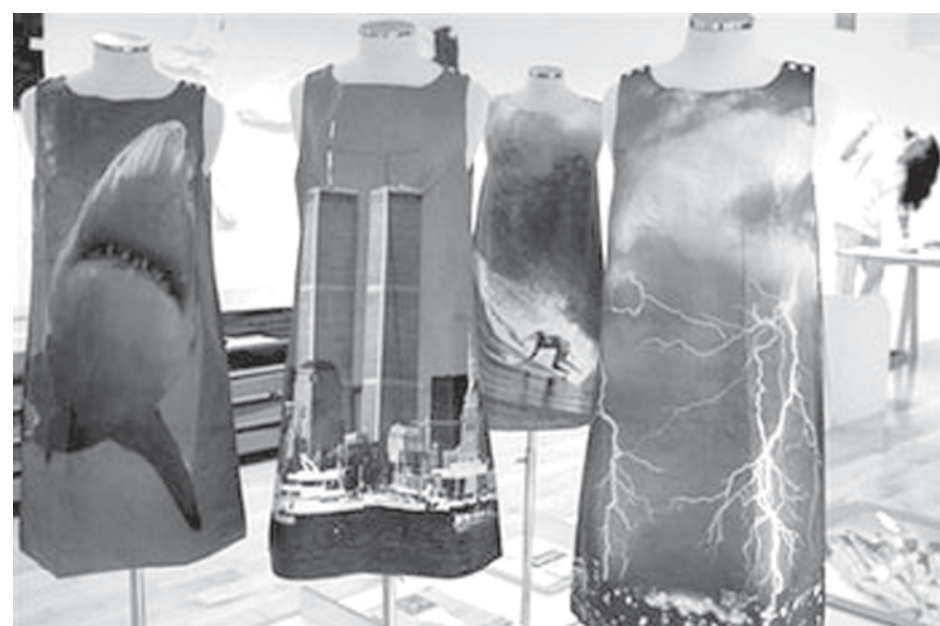
number one seller of database systems, made clear that buying Hyperion Solutions company was a competitive move meant to undercut a major rival, SAP of Germany. "Thousands of SAP customers close their books with the Hyperion

product," said Oracle President Charles Phillips. "Hyperion is the latest move in our strategy to expand Oracle's offerings to SAP customers."

However, SAP Vice President Bill Wohl quickly dismissed Oracle's threat, claiming that despite its recent buying spree, Oracle has yet to catch up with the SAP in the business applications market.

"The fact that Oracle has added another tool in their toolkit isn't going to make SAP customers become Oracle customers," said Wohl. SAP is the world's number one seller of business applications, and has 21 percent share of the roughly 28 billion dollars business applications market in 2005, followed by Oracle with 11 percent, according to the media.

Internet



Dresses made of biodegradable tyvek material are seen at an exhibition of paper garments at the Benaki Museum in Athens, on 2 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Switzerland, Austria most competitive in tourism

GENEVA, 3 March — Switzerland and Austria have the most attractive environments for developing the travel and tourism industry, according to a new report released by the World Economic Forum on Thursday.

After Switzerland and Austria, Germany, Iceland, the United States, Hong Kong, Canada, Singapore, Luxembourg and Britain complete the top ten list of most attractive tourist sites, said the first-ever report of "travel and tourism

competitiveness".

The report is based on a combination of data from publicly available sources, international travel and tourism institutions and experts, as well as the results of a comprehensive annual survey, the Geneva-based World Economic Forum said.

It provides a travel and tourism competitiveness ranking of 124 countries and regions around the world.

"Our study is not a 'beauty contest', or a statement about the attractiveness of a country," said Jennifer Blanke, senior economist of the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Network.

"On the contrary, we aim to measure the factors that make it attractive to develop the travel and tourism industry of individual countries," she said. —MNA/Xinhua

Harry Potter will remain Harry Potter because British actor Daniel Radcliffe has inked an agreement to play the part in the final two films of the seven-part series, according to his spokeswoman on 2 March, 2007. —INTERNET



New strain of computer virus threatens business networks

WASHINGTON, 3 March — Technology experts are warning about new strains of RINBOT computer virus that could potentially attack network systems of businesses worldwide, CNN reported Friday.

RINBOT first emerged in March 2005, however, since February 15 IT security firm has been aware of “a number” of new versions of the RINBOT virus, Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant with Boston-based anti-virus firm Sophos, was quoted by CNN.

“We believe the latest strain is the 7th version of RINBOT,” Cluley said. This version is designed to exploit security vulnerabilities embedded in anti-virus software. A disgruntled hacker with a

personal grudge against Symantec could be behind the new, crippling strain.

Turner Broadcasting System, a division of Time Warner, confirmed that its systems were hit by the virus strain on Thursday. Cluley warned that the virus is not geographically limited. “It’s very stealthy and insidious and works without you knowing it.” If it spreads, technology experts warn the latest strains of RINBOT could hijack business networks

worldwide.

Thomas Parsons, an IT specialist with Symantec, confirmed that the most recent variants of RINBOT have targeted Symantec’s anti-virus programmes.

“Traditionally hackers always went after Microsoft’s anti-virus programmes. But now they’re increasingly targeting other commonly used programmes such as Symantec programmes and others,” Cluley said.

MNA/Xinhua



Labourers work on a cricket bat-shaped car in Hyderabad on 2 March, 2007.—XINHUA

US Army Secretary resigns

WASHINGTON, 3 Mar — US Army Secretary Francis Harvey has resigned his post as the service’s top civilian official, CNN quoted Defence Secretary Robert Gates as saying on Friday.

“I have accepted his resignation,” Gates said, adding that Harvey was “disappointed that some in the Army have not

adequately appreciated the seriousness of the situation pertaining to outpatient care at Walter Reed.” He did not give further explanations for the resignation. Harvey was resigning at a time when a scandal over substandard conditions for wounded troops returning from Iraq at Walter Reed Army Medical Centre was unfolding.

The commander of the hospital was fired by Harvey on Thursday. The revelations about poor conditions at the Walter Reed, one of the leading US military medical facilities for treating wounded soldiers, have embarrassed the Army and prompted two investigations.

A series of disclosures published prominently in the Washington Post about the living conditions, the red tape that

ensnarled the treatment of soldiers, and other problems have challenged the notion promoted for years by the Army — especially since the war in Iraq — that wounded soldiers received best care at Walter Reed. Defence Secretary Robert Gates has promised “swift and direct corrective action and where appropriate, accountability up the chain of command”.

The Army is already cracking down on some staff members after the report of poor care at Walter Reed. A number of staff members have been reassigned from their duties at the hospital, including a captain. On Thursday, Major General George W. Weightman, commander at Walter Reed, was fired after the Army said it had lost trust and confidence in his leadership.

MNA/Xinhua

Al-Qaeda-linked group kills 18 Iraqi policemen

DUBAI, 3 March — An al-Qaeda-linked Iraqi militant group said on Friday it had killed 18 policemen it seized in Diyala Province after the government ignored demands it made for their release.

“The Islamic State in Iraq has given the infidel government of (Nuri) al-Maliki 24 hours to respond to its demands ... but it (the government) did not give any importance for their blood,” said the self-styled group in a statement. “We will show the film of the implementation (of the execution ruling) soon, God willing,” it said in the statement posted on the Internet.

MNA/Reuters

Germany prepares to withdraw troops from Bosnia

LONDON, 3 March — Germany is preparing to follow Britain in deciding to withdraw its troops from Bosnia, the *Financial Times* reported on Friday, citing an EU diplomat.

“The decisions for force transition are still in progress. But the Germans are on the way out,” the unnamed diplomat said.

The move, if confirmed, would come after London announced on Thursday it would pull out its more than 600 remaining soldiers from the Balkan State as security concerns ease. British Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram said the planned withdrawal followed a European Union

decision to cut its 6,000 strong peacekeeping force in Bosnia to 2,500 in June.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said this week EU officials were much more relaxed about

security. They have said they ultimately want to convert the military presence into a civilian force for lighter police-style tasks.

MNA/Reuters



Heavy wind and rain plays havoc with a pedestrian’s umbrella on 2 March, 2007, at Copley Square in Boston.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers, one interpreter killed in Baghdad roadside bomb

BAGHDAD, 3 March — Two US soldiers and an interpreter were killed by a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad on Friday, the US military said in a statement.

Another US soldier was wounded in the blast which struck a US patrol while conducting a route clearance patrol from improvised explosive devices northwest of the Iraqi capital, said the statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, more than 3,160 US soldiers have been killed in the country, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany’s Silke Spiegelburg attempts a clearance as she competes in Women’s pole vault qualifying at the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham, England, on 3 March, 2007.—INTERNET



Follow procedures correctly to work abroad

Maung Swe Win (Bago)

Recently, a friend of mine asked me for my advice on a matrimonial affairs of his daughter. That brought a mental fatigue to me. The case was like that. His daughter, 25, had eloped with her boyfriend. So, I had to console him and told him, "Don't worry about that. She is now old enough to get married." He said, "Yes, that is right. I understand it well. I know the life of the youth and now I have got several children. But, they have been away for ten days. I asked my sons to enquire about them, but in vain. I don't mean I disagree to their love affairs. I fear they may fall victim to human trafficking. Her mother is always crying for that." My friend's explanation made me worried about his daughter.

He could not consider the status of his would-be son-in-law. Instead, he was worried that his daughter might be trafficked in. Thank God! About two weeks later, he could find out where the couple were staying hidden. He brought the two home and held a wedding reception for them.

In reality, human trade is "trafficking in persons" and it is similar to enslavement practised in Rome long long ago. Man is a civilized animal. So, trafficking in persons has been unacceptable and abhorrent to human society for long. Due to very rapid development in technology, the world is now like a global village. It is not difficult for anyone to get a job if he is somewhat educated and skilled.

Newspapers are carrying heartbroken news stories that human traffickers were exposed and punitive action was taken against them, especially the news that some illegal migrant Myanmar female workers were exploited and trafficked in Thailand. Such awful news is absolutely abhorrent to a civilized society. No country prohibits its citizens earning money in

other countries. Anyone may go abroad to earn money. In colonial days, a large number of Indians migrated to Myanmar to do business or to get jobs.

I was completely filled with a sense of overwhelming outrage to read a news story about trafficking in persons carried in 22-2-2007 issue of Myanma Alin daily. It said that Human Trafficking Multi-Disciplinary group of Thailand raided a sea food factory in Maha Chai and rescued 66 Myanmar workers; that responsible persons from the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Myanmar Police Force went to Thailand and made an enquiry about the case and coordinated with Thai officials so that Thai Police Force would make investigation into the case correctly and quickly, and hand down sentences on the accused, and for the victims to get unpaid wages and compensation for the grievances; that some of illegal migrant Myanmar workers were held captive and tortured variously, and had to work so hard without any wages paid to them for as many as seven years; and that those wishing to work abroad were urged to systematically follow the procedures so that they would not be trafficked in or exploited.

Since Myanmar started to practise the market-oriented economic system, the number of national people working abroad has increased. Many of my friends asked me for my advice and suggestions regarding the dreams of their children, nephews and nieces to work abroad. Then, I introduced them to reliable and legal overseas job hunting agencies. Many of them have got jobs in foreign countries.

The government has so far issued licences to 70 overseas job hunting agencies, and they have made contact with 14 nations and generated more than 30,000 jobs. In this regard, it is perceived that many people of

various ages and different social classes go to Thailand that shares border with Myanmar and is easily accessible. Some naive young men and women go there, relying on inhumane human traffickers and they have to undergo hell-like condition during their stay there.

As regards that, the best way is to follow the procedures in the framework of the rules and regulations. Thanks to the coordination between Myanmar and Thai officials, enthusiastic people can now work legally in Thailand. Beginning on 6 November 2006, the government has been issuing temporary passports to Myanmar workers who in the past worked illegally in Thailand. Under the bilateral cooperation agreement between the two governments, collective arrangements are being made for new workers to travel to Thailand through border points at low cost.

A person who went to Thailand through a Thailand-Myanmar border point holding a one-day permit and worked there for a long period said that the Thai employer paid low wages to three illegal Myanmar workers; that they had to work in a state of alarm at the worksite; that they did not dare to go downtown because they might be arrested by Thai police; that such illegal workers were deprived of all the rights that legal workers could enjoy; and that he returned to Myanmar and got legal documents and then he was getting well in his job in Thailand.

Trafficking in persons is related to overseas employment. So, if one goes abroad illegally, one may fall victim to human trade. In Myanmar, when some people unjustly treat their housemaids such cases can be dealt with. Therefore, Myanmar people in foreign countries should not ignore such cases in which their compatriots are being exploited, and should tackle such cases in cooperation with local responsible persons there. If a Myanmar national is exploited and tortured in a foreign country, he is unlikely to be rescued and may be physically and mentally miserable for many years.

I do not need to put blame on my friend and his wife who were worried about their daughter. He made a positive suggestion to me, saying, "You've got a daughter, haven't you? When she is old enough to get married, ask her to be frank to you in that regard." I have to avert such an alarming situation he had experienced.

Translation: MS

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In reality, human trade is "trafficking in persons" and it is similar to enslavement practised in Rome long long ago. Man is a civilized animal. So, trafficking in persons has been unacceptable and abhorrent to human society for long. Due to very rapid development in technology, the world is now like a global village. It is not difficult for anyone to get a job if he is somewhat educated and skilled.

Golden Lion Wire Co Ltd opens new factory

YANGON, 4 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled the signboard of the new factory of Golden Lion Wire Co Ltd at No 3 Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township today.

Also present were

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Soe Thein, departmental officials and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the factory.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the deputy chief justice, Chairman U Cho Aye and Vice-Chairman

U Tin Tun of the Board of Directors and Managing Director U Zaw Myo Lin formally opened the new factory.

Afterwards, U Zaw Myo Lin explained facts about the factory and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, the Commander and the Minister visited the factory.

MNA



Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence presents documents related to Manoramma Sasana Beikman to Chairman of SSMNC Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils signboard of the new factory.

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends consecration...

(from page 16)

Today's donations for the pagoda by 92

wellwishers totalled K 202,452,398.

At the consecration ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wellwisher U Kyaw Nyunt offered Shwekyar robes, the emerald bowl and alms to Manoramma Bronze Buddha Image. Next, members of the

Sangha consecrated Datpaungsu Pagoda. Later, Lt-Gen Tin Aye performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark successful completion of the ceremony. Afterwards, alms were offered to members of the Sangha at Manoramma Sasana Beikman. — MNA

Teachers honoured at Saytana teaching class



Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai gives examination aids to a student. — MNA

YANGON, 4 March — A ceremony to honour teachers at Saytana teaching classes and present teaching aids, organized by Yangon Command's Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning, with an address by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Next, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted teaching aides donated by donor U Soe Thein and Thiri Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Cho Ohn (Dana Aung Company).

Afterwards, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai presented souvenirs to teachers. Next, Maung Zin Aung spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Measures taken as to death of fowls and birds in townships of Yangon Division

YANGON, 4 March—The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is taking measures as to the death of fowls and birds in townships of Yangon Division.

The death of four crows and one quail was found in Insein Township on 4-3-2007, six crows and one pigeon in Mayangon Township on 4-3-2007, three crows in Botahtaung Township on 4-3-2007, one crow and one pigeon in Hline Township on 4-3-2007, one crow in Dagon Myothit (South) on 4-3-2007, one sparrow in South Okkalapa Township on 4-3-2007, one crow in Thanlyin Township on 4-3-2007, one crow in Hlinethaya Township on 4-3-2007, one crow in Kamayut Township on 4-3-2007 and four pigeons in Bahna Township on 4-3-2007. Regarding this, bird flu was not detected.

The death of two domestic fowls was found in Hmawby Township on 4-3-2007.

Altogether 26 crows, quail, pigeons and sparrow were found dead in the townships of Yangon Division on 4-3-2007. Of them, 15 were sent to the laboratory and bird flu was not detected. The remaining 11 were buried as they had decomposed.

The two dead domestic chickens in Hmawby Township were buried as they were decomposed. No other chickens and ducks were dead in the township.

The LBVD came to the conclusion that the death of fowls and birds in Yangon Division was not due to bird flu.

The department has requested the public including breeders to control the moving of crows and sparrows which can be the carriers of bird flu, to avoid eating, selling and undisciplined dumping of dead fowls and birds and to pay serious attention to bio-security at poultry farms.—MNA

Commander, Minister inspect fuel-substitute factory

YANGON, 4 March— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected a fuel-substitute factory in Hlinethaya industrial zone this afternoon.

Next, the commander and the minister looked into paddy husk-fired engines and gave instructions.

A total of 519 15KV-100 KV generators

were produced in 1995.

These generators are being used widely in water pumping projects, iced factory, saw mill and watercraft.

MNA

Minister inspects construction tasks of Hotel Sofitel

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with officials inspected construction tasks of Hotel Sofitel of the LP Holding Co Ltd in Yangon on 28 February and urged officials to expedite the tasks.

On his tour, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing also inspected Beverages section (Lower Myanmar) and Yangon branches.

The minister met with the trainees who were attending the tourism management course No 7 at the Tourism Training School, and called for development of the tourism industry.

A total of 108 trainees are attending the seven-week course.— MNA

Functions of posts and telecommunications inspected

YANGON, 4 March — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the knowledge based website and the information based website at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 2 March. The minister also inspected functions of international express mail service and international parcel service on Pyay Road.

At the meeting

hall, the minister heard reports on extension of auto-telephone cables being undertaken by the chief engineer, and instructed officials to systematically carry out improvement of the functions of the telephone systems in Yangon.

Yesterday afternoon, the minister inspected installation of communication devices at the annexe to the Airport Building of Yangon International Airport.

MNA

Energy Ministry to open new CNG stations

YANGON, 4 March — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi accompanied by officials inspected CNG filling station No 019 (Sawbwagyigon), filling station No 002 (Insein) and filling station 016 (Kyimyindine) here today.

General Manager U Thein Htay reported to the minister on filling of vehicles with CNG and fitting CNG cylinders. The minister called for fire prevention.

Twenty CNG stations are open daily. The Ministry of Energy is conducting the con-



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi meeting with employees of CNG filling station in Kyimyindine.— ENERGY

struction tasks to open more CNG filling stations in Yangon area.

The ministry is scheduled to open new CNG filling stations to

fulfil CNG demand of the CNG vehicles.

MNA

Stolen Rockwell turns up in Spielberg collection

LOS ANGELES, 4 March — A Norman Rockwell painting stolen more three decades ago was found in Steven Spielberg's art collection, but the Oscar-winning filmmaker acquired it legally, the FBI said on Friday.

Rockwell's "Russian Schoolroom", worth as much as 700,000 US dollars today, was stolen from a St Louis gallery in 1973 and purchased by Spielberg from a legitimate dealer in 1989, the FBI said in a statement.

The Hollywood mogul only realized the stolen origin last week when the FBI posted a picture and

description of the painting on a web site. The FBI Art Crime Team confirmed a match on Friday.

The 16-by-37-inch (40.5-by-94-centimetre), oil-on-canvas painting shows children in a classroom with a bust of Lenin.

Spielberg, director of hit movies like "ET" and "Schindler's List", is "cooperating fully" and will retain possession of the painting while its rightful ownership is determined, the FBI said.

MNA/Reuters

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVES



RURAL ROAD INSPECTED: Director U Tin Hlaing of Development Affairs Department (Head Office) inspected progress of Kannyiko-Taungpohthaya rural earth road being constructed by Zigon Township DAC for 2006-07 financial year recently. Township DAC Executive Officer U Tin Aung Saw and Junior Engineer-2 Daw Saw Swe Win reporting on construction of the road.

KYEMON



TUBEWELL LAUNCHED: In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Union Day, A ceremony to open the tubewell, sunk by Pyawbwe Township Development Affairs Committee, was held in Pekan (North) Village in Pyawbwe Township on 4 February. The Chairman of District Peace and Development Council, the Township DAC Executive Officer and the Chairman of Village-tract PDC formally open the tubewell.

K YEMON



Director U Kyee Myint of Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee inspects sales of fresh goods and sanitation of Myoma Market in Taikkyi Township on 7 February. — KYEMON

BBC gagged over British political funding scandal

LONDON, 4 March — The British Broadcasting Corporation has been barred from running a story about a political funding scandal that has cast a shadow over Prime Minister Tony Blair's final months, police said on Saturday.

The government's top lawyer, Attorney General Lord Peter Goldsmith, obtained a court injunction stopping the broadcast late on Friday following a request by police probing whether political parties awarded state honours in return for loans.

Police sought the injunction "because of their concern that disclosure of certain information at this stage would impede their inquiries", a joint statement from the Metropolitan police and Goldsmith said.

The move sparked

speculation among politicians that officers were planning to bring charges against one or more individuals.

Two Blair aides were recently arrested on suspicion of perverting the course of justice or conspiring to do so as the probe appeared to widen into a potential cover-up inquiry.

Blair, who is set to step down this year after a decade in office, has been questioned twice as a witness by detectives investigating whether

businessmen were offered honours, that come with seats in Parliament's House of Lords, for cash.

The injunction was granted shortly before the BBC was due to broadcast the story on its ten o'clock news.

"The Attorney General acted in this regard completely independent of government and (in) his independent public interest capacity," said the statement.

MNA/Reuters



Mak, a five-year-old boy, holds a candle in celebration of Makha Bucha Day in front of the Marble temple in Bangkok on 3 March, 2007. The festival, which commemorates events in Buddha's lifetime, is celebrated on the full moon of the third lunar month. — INTERNET

Bomb injures 14 in Indonesia's Ambon Island

JAKARTA, 4 March — A small homemade bomb filled with nails exploded at a port in Indonesia's Ambon Island on Saturday injuring 14 people, police said.

The blast occurred soon after passengers disembarked from a ship that had just arrived in Ambon, part of the Moluccas Islands, from Sulawesi Island,

Most of the injured were street vendors and motorbike drivers while three of them were passengers, Moluccas police spokesman Tommi Napitupulu told Reuters.

"Our initial investigation shows it was a low explosion, but the components of the piece show it had high potential for wounding. It contained small iron nails of about 2 centimetres (1 inch) each," Napitupulu said.

The Moluccas

Islands, 2,300 kilometres (1,440 miles) east of Jakarta, saw vicious fighting between Muslims and Christians from 1999 to 2002 that killed more than 5,000.

The conflict also drew Muslim militants from groups such as the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiah, a Southeast Asian network blamed for a series of bomb attacks across Indonesia.

Since a 2002 truce between Muslim and Christian communities, sectarian violence has largely subsided on the Islands. — MNA/Reuters

Former Romanian King regains possession of castles

BUCHAREST, 4 March — Romania's famous castles of Peles and Pelisor have been returned to the Romanian Royal House, the country's Culture and Religious Affairs Minister told a Press conference on Friday.

Minister Adrian Iorgulescu signed the document on the return of the two castles to the Romanian Royal House on Thursday, and the memorandum on this issue is likely to be signed next week.

According to the memorandum negotiated between the two sides, the Peles property will be returned to the Royal House and the Royal House is to ask the government to purchase it.

After being sold, Peles Castle will continue to be a

museum and its management will be ensured by a board of directors to which a representative of the Royal House will also be appointed, according to Iorgulescu.

In exchange, as the royal family wished, Pelisor Castle will become its residence and "a small part" of Pelisor will continue to be a museum.

Former Romanian sovereign King Mihai promised the Peles Castle will stay a museum, saying "this castle will never be given away in favour of commercial interests at home or abroad". — MNA/Xinhua



Damage from Thursday's tornado at Enterprise High School is shown, on Friday, 2 March, 2007 in Enterprise, Ala. — INTERNET

Macedonian police seize heroin at border crossing

TIRANA, 4 March — Macedonia police seized 11 pounds of heroin on Friday at a border crossing with its southern neighbour of Greece and detained three people on suspicion of drugs trafficking, news reaching here from Skopje reported.

Customs officers at the Bogorodica border crossing in southern Macedonia stopped a bus travelling from Istanbul, Turkey, to Pristina, in Serbia's Kosovo Province, and found the drugs wrapped in six packets and hidden under a seat, a Macedonian television reported.

The newly released US State Department's International Narcotics Control Strategy Report for 2006 said that Macedonia's borders are porous and that it remains to be an important route for drugs trafficking.

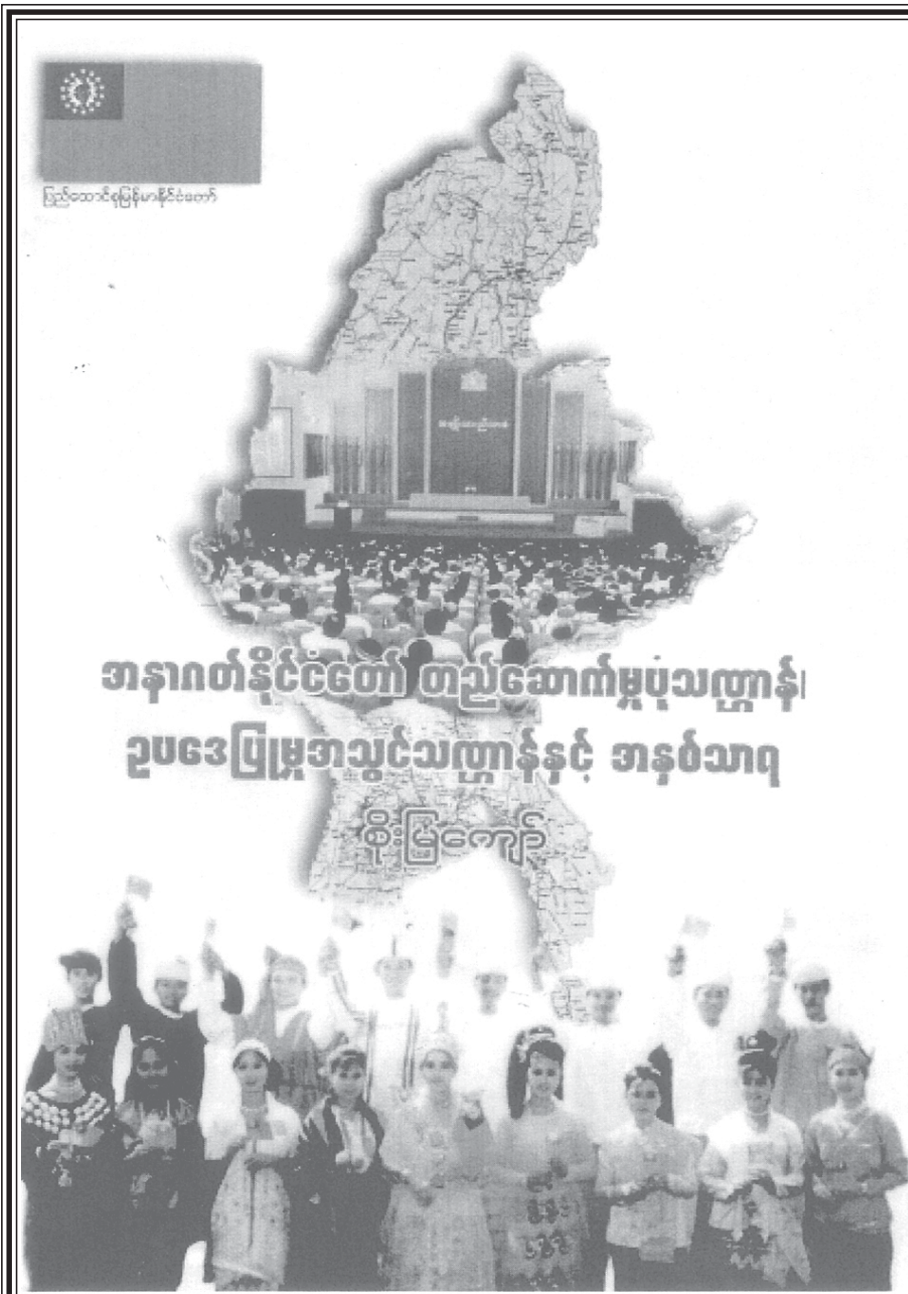
Macedonia lies along one of several land routes used by drug mules

to ship southwest Asian drugs to the markets in western Europe. In the past two months, Macedonian police busted three cases of drugs trafficking, involving 483 kilos of cocaine, 135.7 kilos of marijuana and 33 kilos of heroin respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



A Filipino contestant eats 'gyudon', a Japanese dish consisting of a bowl of rice topped with beef and onion, during the 'Yoshinoya's Gyudon Eating Contest' at a Manila mall on 3 March, 2007. About 27 'heavy eater' finalists of the 'gyudon' eating contest entered the event to win the first prize of 50,000 pesos (US\$1,041). — INTERNET



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British legislators blast government over terrorism curbs

LONDON, 4 March — A British parliamentary committee accused the government on Sunday of breaking European human rights law with its curbs on terrorism suspects and urged it to do more to prosecute suspects instead.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair rushed "control orders" through Parliament in 2005 after courts threw out emergency 11 post-September powers to jail foreign suspects indefinitely.

The orders gave authorities the power to impose a variety of restrictions on terrorism suspects ranging from surrendering their passports or restricting movement to electronic tagging.

A judge last year threw out control orders that confined six terrorism suspects to their houses for 18 hours a day, saying they broke the European Convention on Human Rights by depriving the men of liberty without trial. Three other terrorism

suspects under control orders have absconded.

The British Parliament is debating whether to renew for another year the government's authority to impose the control orders. The Lower House of Parliament has given its assent while the Upper House of Lords debates the issue on Monday.

The Joint Committee on Human Rights, made up of legislators from both houses of Parliament, voiced concern that the government was asking Parliament to renew a power it said was "being routinely exercised in breach of the right to liberty" enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights.

MNA/Reuters

Two died, about 50 injured in Slovak explosions

PRAGUE, 4 March — Two people died, about 50 injured and six were trapped under the rubble in three explosions in an ammunition storage facility of the Military Repairs Company in Novaky, Slovakia, Slovak Defence Ministry spokesman Vladimir Gemela said on Friday.

The blast, which started a big fire, occurred in a room for liquidation of military material around 4:30 pm (local time) when 25 people worked on the afternoon shift, Slovak TA3 television channel quoted Gemela as saying.

The blast could be heard in distances of tens of kilometres from Novaky. Dense smoke can be seen, the report said.

Gemela said that the blast demolished buildings in the area as large as three football pitches.

Nevertheless, Gemela said that neighbouring municipalities were not threatened as there were no chemical substances in the area.

The fire, triggered by the blast, has already been extinguished, according to the ministry's website.

Health Ministry

spokeswoman Silvia Balazsikova told TA3 television that hospitals treated 20 serious injuries and 30 less serious injuries.

Specialists are still cooling some 3,000 artillery shells to prevent further explosions.

MNA/Xinhua

British petrol probe finds silicon in fuel

LONDON, 4 March — Trading standards officials said on Friday they had found traces of silicon during tests on petrol which thousands of British motorists say damaged their vehicles.

Motorists across the country have said their vehicles broke down or suffered serious problems after leaving filling station forecourts.

The Trading Standards Institute (TSI), which began an inquiry after complaints from motorists, said officers had found silicon in a

sample of petrol supplied by a member of the public in Cambridgeshire, central England.

"Silicon products are used by fuel producers as anti-foaming agents in diesel," said Ian Hillier, Lead Officer Petroleum for the TSI.

"However silicon can cause serious problems in petrol engines, particularly in modern cars with computerized fuel management systems. Silicon can build up as a deposit on sensors causing them to malfunction."

The TSI said that, because the findings were preliminary, it would not reveal where the petrol had been bought.

Several motorists have blamed petrol they bought from supermarkets Tesco, Morrisons and Wal-Mart's Asda.

MNA/Reuters



India's Jeev Milkha Singh tees off on the first hole on day three of the Johnnie Walker Classic in Phuket on 3 March, 2007. Singh, 35, was named Asian Player of the Year on Saturday after winning four titles and finishing top of the Asian Tour Order of Merit in 2006. — INTERNET

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Italian "local rascal" investor arrested

ROME, 3 March — A real estate developer whose dealings had helped spark speculation of a takeover of influential Italian bank Mediobanca, has been arrested in a fraud and money-laundering case, judicial sources said.

Daniilo Coppola, member of a brash group of Roman property developers that rose to prominence in 2005 after buying into a number of Italian companies, was arrested by order of the prosecutor's office in Rome, the sources told Reuters on Thursday.

Italy's financial police, who deployed some 100 officers in morning raids throughout the country, had arrested six other people and were looking for a seventh, they said.

A source at IPI, a small real estate company controlled by Coppola, confirmed the arrest, as well as that of IPI Chief Executive Alfonso Ciccaglione.

"IPI is not involved," the source told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Shares in IPI, where Coppola acts as chairman, were suspended from trade in Milan pending a statement. They closed at 7.50 euros on Wednesday.

Coppola's lawyer, Carlo Taormina, told Reuters he had yet to be informed of the arrest.

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Car bomb kills 10 in Baghdad's Sadr City

BAGHDAD, 3 March — A car bomb on Friday killed 10 people and wounded 17 in Habibiya, a district in the Shi'ite militia stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad, a police source said.

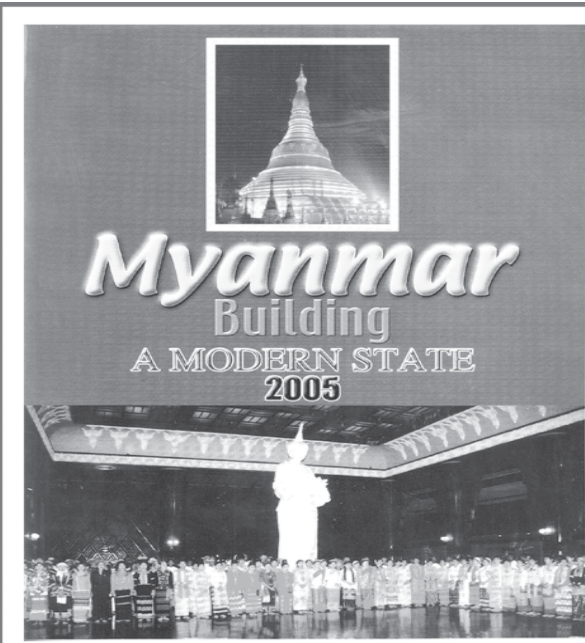
A Reuters photographer on the scene said the blast ripped through a used car market in Sadr City, a Shi'ite militia stronghold in northeast Baghdad. Residents there told him 11 people had been killed.— MNA/Reuters

Indian pilot feared dead after plane crash

NEW DELHI, 3 March — An MiG-21 fighter jet pilot of the Indian Air Force was feared dead after the aircraft crashed over east Indian state of west Bengal Thursday afternoon, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Anonymous defence sources were quoted as saying that Squadron Leader S Pandey was killed in the crash after the aircraft broke up mid-air soon after take-off.

The accident took place over West Bengal's Darjeeling District, which is forested and difficult to access.— MNA/Xinhua



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China urged to open Great Hall to the people

BEIJING, 3 March — A Chinese Government adviser has urged Beijing's Great Hall of the People to stop charging entry fees, saying that the practice hurts the country's "democratic image" and taxpayers are entitled to free visits. But the ticket price has rocketed from 0.3 yuan in

1979, when it first opened some of its 100 or so halls to the public, to 30 yuan (4 US dollars), said Han Fangming, an economist who sits on an elite advisory panel that meets alongside the Parliament session. "It is very inappropriate to levy the entrance fee in light of either building the

nation's democratic image or the trend of sharing public resources," Han said in a written proposal to the panel, the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He referred to the seats of Western parliaments which are open to their citizens, citing Capitol Hill as an example.

"Visitors there can even audit all kinds of hearings inside," said the proposal, a copy of which was given to Reuters. "It speaks of a country's democracy ... People can only come here feeling like masters (of the nation) when the Great Hall is free of charge." MNA/Reuters

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Clinical trial shows gum disease treatment helps the heart

LONDON, 2 March — British scientists have conducted the first clinical trial to demonstrate that an intensive treatment for periodontitis (gum disease) directly improves the health of blood vessels.

The first clinical trial, conducted by scientists at University College London (UCL), demonstrated that relief of inflammation in the mouth, through intensive treatment of periodontitis, a common inflammatory disease of the gums supporting the teeth in the mouth, results in improved function of the arteries, science news website of AlphaGalileo reported on Friday. This is the first time that a direct link has been made between treatment for gum disease and improved circulatory function, the researchers said.



intensive periodontitis treatment, had a marked improvement in their gum disease and also demonstrated a significant restoration of blood vessel function, project leader Francesco D' Aiuto said.

In the study, middle-aged subjects with severe periodontitis, but no evidence of cardiovascular disease, were randomly allocated to dental treatments of two levels of intensity and after six months, those who received the more

The intensive treatment involved removal of plaque through scaling and root planning techniques, as well as extraction of teeth that could not be saved, which initially resulted in some inflammation and dysfunction of the blood vessels and arteries, but that was short-lived and six months later the treatment

led to an improvement in both oral health and arterial function.

The researchers who reported their finding in the latest edition of the New England Journal of Medicine said the finding has potential implications for public health, but further studies are now required to determine whether the treatment of severe periodontitis could directly contribute to the prevention of disease of the arteries (atherosclerosis), stroke and heart attacks.

The gum disease involves a bacterial infection that invades the tissue around the teeth, and the bacteria possibly disturb endothelial function directly, since some bacteria can enter the bloodstream, alternatively triggering a low grade inflammatory response throughout the body that has a detrimental effect on the vascular wall.— Internet

UNICEF donates anti-malaria drugs to Nigerian state

LAGOS, 3 March — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has donated 142,000 doses of anti-malaria drugs to Nigeria's northwestern Zamfara State Government for distribution to pregnant women and children below the age of five, official said on Wednesday.

Alhaji Aliyu Moh-ammed, state commissioner of health, said in the state capital Gusau that the movement was part of the assistance given to the state government this year to fight the disease.

The government would soon begin the distribution of drugs to all clinics, hospitals and secondary schools in the state, he said.

In addition, he said the UNICEF donated 37,500 treated mosquito nets to the government last November as part of its contribution to combat the disease in the state.

The commissioner said the state government had distributed a number of treated nets free women who brought their children for immunization last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Top polluters aim to build global biofuel market

UNITED NATIONS, 3 March — Leading polluters the United States, China and India on Friday announced a bid to increase global production and use of biofuels so fossil fuel dependence and greenhouse gas emissions can be cut.

But the International Biofuels Forum, which also includes Brazil, South Africa, and the European Commission, will not address biodiesel trade and tariff issues — points of contention between major producers the United States and Brazil.

Brazil's UN Ambassador, Antonio Patriota, told a news conference that his president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, plans to

raise the issue of US tariffs on ethanol imports when he meets with US President George W Bush next week in Brazil.

"Biofuels will be on the agenda, very much at the top of the agenda and I think ... bilateral trade in that context will be dealt with and we will indeed raise the issue of tariffs," Patriota said of Bush's visit.

The forum aims to create a world market to

boost efficiency of production, distribution and use of biofuels through talks between producers and consumers. Brazil hopes to host a global biofuels conference in 2008.

Brazil is the top producer of ethanol from sugarcane, while the United States holds the same position for corn and together they make up 70 per cent of the global market.— MNA/Reuters



Spanish actress Penelope Cruz receives a chocolate replica of the Oscar statue from Pippo Baudo during the 'Festival di Sanremo' Italian songs contest, in San Remo, Italy, on 2 March, 2007. — XINHUA

HK Customs seize herbal cannabis at airport

HONG KONG, 3 March — A haul of herbal cannabis with a street value of about 680,000 HK dollars (87,179 US dollars) was seized by Hong Kong Customs officers from an arriving South African woman at Hong Kong International Airport Thursday.

At about 8:30 am local time, Customs officers intercepted a 30-year-old woman who had arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa. From her luggage, they seized 20 slabs of herbal cannabis, weighing a total of 20 kilos, according to a Press

release from the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The woman will be charged with one count of "trafficking in a dangerous drug" and will appear in Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts of Hong Kong Friday. Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance of Hong Kong, drug trafficking is a serious offense. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment and a fine of five million HK dollars (641,025 US dollars). — MNA/Xinhua



Charles Simonyi (C), a former software developer at Microsoft, cosmonauts Oleg Kotov (L) and Fyodor Yurchikhin of Russia, pose for an official photo at Star City, outside Moscow, on 3 March, 2007. The crew is due to fly to the International Space Station from Baikonur cosmodrome on board of Soyuz TMA-10 rocket in spring.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Lyon win derby marred by crowd trouble

PARIS, 4 March— Olympique Lyon took a decisive step towards a record sixth consecutive title when they thrashed bitter rivals St Etienne 3-1 in a Ligue 1 derby marred by crowd trouble on Saturday.

The match was halted for 20 minutes after a flare was fired from a section packed with Lyon fans towards St. Etienne supporters, one of whom sent it back. Police then moved in and sprayed tear gas, which prompted referee Tony Chapron to send the players back to the dressing rooms in the 52nd minute.—MNA/Reuters



CSKA Moscow's captain Sergei Ignashevich (L) holds the trophy as he and his teammates celebrate the victory over Spartak Moscow in their match for Russia's supercup in Moscow, on 3 March, 2007. —INTERNET



Chris John of Indonesia celebrates after defeating Jose Cheo Rojas of Venezuela during their WBA featherweight championship boxing match in Jakarta on 3 March, 2007. John defeated Rojas to retain his title. INTERNET

Bayern beat Hertha to revive title hopes

BERLIN, 4 March— Bayern Munich tuned up for their Champions League showdown against Real Madrid next week and climbed back into the Bundesliga championship race with a 3-2 victory at Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

Hasan Salihamidzic, Lukas Podolski and Roy Makaay scored in front of a sell-out crowd of 75,400 at Berlin's Olympic Stadium to end Bayern's five-match away losing streak in the Bundesliga.

Their second straight victory lifted the defending champions to within six points of faltering leaders Schalke 04, who remain on 49 points after losing at home to Hamburg SV on Friday. Werder Bremen jumped from third to second on 46 points with a 3-0 win over VfL Bochum, moving in front of VfB Stuttgart, who were beaten 3-1 by

Bayer Leverkusen. German international Podolski, enjoying an upturn in form since the arrival of coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, played a part in all three Bayern goals.

Hertha keeper Christian Fiedler just managed to get his hand to Podolski's sharp header from a Willy Sagnol corner in the 30th minute but Salihamidzic was alert to tap in the rebound. Less than a minute later Podolski doubled Bayern's lead, slamming a superb low volley past Fiedler into the right corner. It was his third league goal for Bayern.

After Hertha's Christian Jimenez outjumped Bayern defender Philipp Lahm and knocked his header past Oliver Kahn in the 58th minute to cut Bayern's lead to 2-1, it was Podolski who once again jolted his teammates back to life.

MNA/Reuters

Inter beat Livorno to go 16 points clear

ROME, 4 March— Serie A leaders Inter Milan extended their advantage to 16 points by coming from behind to win 2-1 at Livorno on Saturday.

Trailing to Cristiano Lucarelli's goal, the Ital-

ian champions hit back through Julio Cruz and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, then hung on with 10 men after the 83rd-minute dismissal of defender Douglas Maicon.

Inter have 70 points

from 26 matches. Second-placed AS Roma lost ground on the leaders when they were held to a 1-1 draw by basement club Ascoli. Palermo lie third on 45 points and play Messina on Sunday.

AC Milan will draw level on points with fourth-placed Lazio if they beat Chievo Verona at the San Siro Stadium in a later match kickoff.

Inter's win meant normal service was resumed after their midweek 1-1 draw with Udinese — a result that broke their record-breaking 17-match winning streak in the division.

Lucarelli gave Livorno an unexpected lead with a 27th-minute free kick.

Cruz pulled Inter level shortly after when he volleyed in an Ibrahimovic cross.—MNA/Reuters

Sevilla beat Barca to go top in explosive match

MADRID, 4 March— Ten-man Sevilla fought back from a goal down to beat Barcelona 2-1 at home and move to the top of the Primera Liga in an explosive encounter on Saturday.

Ronaldinho headed Barca in front after 13 minutes and when Sevilla defender Aitor Ocio was sent off in the 28th for bringing down the Brazilian for a penalty the home side looked to be out of the match. But Ronaldinho's spot-kick was saved and Sevilla's Alexander Kerzhakov levelled before the break.

Daniel Alves put the Andalucians in front with a freekick early in the second half, and Barcelona soon lost their numerical advantage as Ludovic Giuly and Gianluca Zambrotta were sent off.—MNA/Reuters

Barclays Premiership Table

04 March 2007

	P	GD	PTS
1. Man Utd	29	47	72
2. Chelsea	28	31	63
3. Liverpool	29	24	53
4. Arsenal	27	27	52
5. Bolton	29	0	47
6. Everton	29	11	43
7. Reading	29	5	43
8. Tottenham	29	-3	42
9. Portsmouth	29	5	41
10. Blackburn	29	-4	40
11. Newcastle	29	-3	37
12. Middlesbrough	29	-2	36
13. Aston Villa	28	-5	33
14. Fulham	29	-13	33
15. Wigan	29	-14	32
16. Sheff Utd	29	-16	31
17. Man City	27	-13	30
18. Charlton	29	-23	24
19. Watford	29	-25	20
20. West Ham	29	-29	20

Internet

Leaders PSV beat RKC with Farfan, Alcides goals

AMSTERDAM, 4 March— South Americans Jefferson Farfan and Alcides struck early for PSV Eindhoven to seal a 2-0 home win over struggling RKC Waalwijk as they edged closer to the Dutch league title on Saturday.

Peruvian Farfan curled a free kick around the wall after two minutes and Brazilian defender Alcides settled the match 16 minutes later with a deflected strike from eight metres.

With seven matches left, PSV are top with 66 points, nine ahead of Twente Enschede who won 3-0 at NEC Nijmegen on Friday.

Ajax Amsterdam, third with 56, host Heerenveen on Sunday, while fourth-placed AZ Alkmaar, on 55 points, visit Utrecht.

Groningen booked a 3-1 home win over sixth-placed NAC Breda, who finished with 10 men after a red card for Mike Zonneveld.

Mark-Jan Fledderus opened the scoring for Groningen after six minutes when he netted a rebound but five minutes into the second half Edwin de Graaf equalized. Erik Nevland, 67th minute, and a converted penalty from Koen van der Laak, 12 minutes later settled the match for Groningen, who moved into ninth with 38 points.

Excelsior Rotterdam stunned Vitesse Arnhem with a 3-2 away win, their first victory since 25 November.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Justine Henin of Belgium (L) and Svetlana Kuznetsova (C) of Russia pose with their trophies next to Sheikh Mohammed bin Faleh Al-Thani, head of the Qatari Tennis Federation, during the final at the Qatar Open tennis tournament in Doha on 3 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Belgium bans investments in cluster bomb makers

BRUSSELS, 4 March — Belgium became the first country to make it a crime to invest in companies that make cluster bombs, said the author of a law passed on Thursday.

“The financial groups which invest in or finance (cluster bomb manufacturers) will be outlawed,” Socialist Senator Philippe Mahoux told Reuters on Friday.

This move followed a pledge in Oslo last week by 46 countries to work for a treaty next year to ban the bombs, which have killed thousands of civilians around the world.

Belgium’s law, approved by the Upper House, specified that

a list of manufacturers would be published by Parliament, Mahoux said. It would prohibit banks from offering credit to cluster bomb makers and from owning shares or bonds in these companies.

Designed to attack troops and vehicles spread over a wide area, cluster bombs are released over targets from a larger shell fired from jets or artillery, hundreds at a time, often with dozens failing to explode.

Used in conflicts from Vietnam to Iraq, the bombs can remain lethal for decades after combat ends, experts say. Small and hard to see, they are often set off accidentally by civilians.

Belgian banking group KBC has already established a blacklist of weapons manufacturers which it believes make cluster bombs or mines and excluded them from all investments.

Fortis, another Belgian banking group,

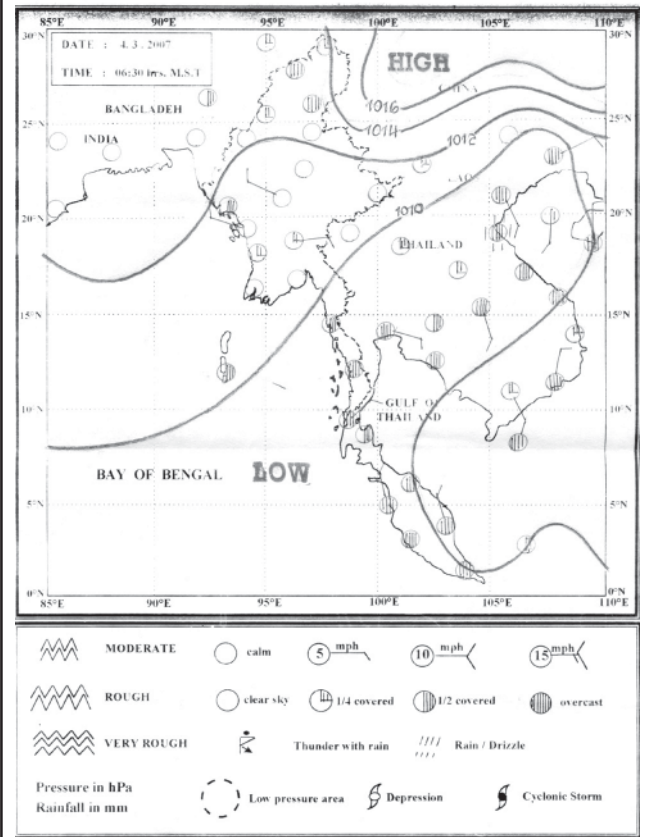
said it stopped investing in firms that produced the weapons in 2005.

Companies listed by KBC denied they produced cluster bombs — which are not illegal everywhere in the world — or were unavailable to comment.

Banks in Australia, the European Union, Switzerland and the United States provided more than 12 billion US dollars in finance for the six main Western producers of the weapons from 2004 to 2007, according to a Brussels-based campaigner for ethical investment.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 4 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin State and weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw, Minbu, Aungmye and Hpa-an (38°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 4-3-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-3-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 3-3-2007 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Northwest at (13:30) hours MST on 3-3-2007.

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 5-3-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-3-2007: Generally fair weather.



Bolton Wanderers Jussi Jaskelainen holds his head after Benni McCarthy of Bolton scored two penalties to give Blackburn a 2-1 win at Bolton at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England, on Sunday 4 March, 2007. —INTERNET



Monday, 5 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Toy boy
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Oxygen
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Anticipating
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-See ya
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Sentimental
-Taddy bear
-Friend
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star:
S Club7
-Good time
-Sun shine
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Golden Land melody/Vocal gems
-In this life
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 5 March
View on today

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends consecration ceremony of Datpaungsu Pagoda in Hlinethaya Township



Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence and party take Nine Precepts from a Sayadaw at consecration ceremony of Datpaungsu Pagoda and merit sharing for Manoramma Sasana Beikman in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

YANGON, 4 March — A ceremony to consecrate Datpaungsu Pagoda was held in conjunction with the merit-sharing ceremony for construction of Manoramma Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maha Tezamuni Pagoda on Bawgawady Hill at Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, wellwisher of Htidaw (Umbrella) U Kyaw Nyunt, senior military officers, officials, local authorities and wellwishers.

First, the Chairman Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented documents related to Manoramma Sasana Beikman to the Chairman

Sayadaw. Next, he donated robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, members of the pagoda construction committee and wellwishers presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

Abbot of Thayagon Monastery of Hlinethaya Township Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tejavamta delivered a sermon, and Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party shared merits gained.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tin Aye accepted K 8.1 million donated by Myanmar Land & Development Ltd and other construction companies (Nay Pyi Taw);

K 6 million by U Bo Ni of East Shan Yoma Co; K 5.6 million by U Thein Lwin-Daw Nyo Nyo of Nyo Nyo Store; K 5.3 million by Nilar Yoma Co; K 5 million each by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Private Ltd and Myanmar Brewery Ltd; K 4.5 million by the 9th Intake of DSA; and K 4 million each by Victory Co Ltd and Ayeyawady Group Co Ltd.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Col Tint Hsan of the local station and Chairman of the Construction Committee Col Myint Aung (Retd) accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

(See page 8)

Altogether 92 wellwishers donate K 202,452,398 for all-round renovation of Maha Tezamuni Pagoda on Bawgawady Hill at Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township.



Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.—MNA

Military Band Competition continues for final day

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — The 15th Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Competition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2007 continued for the final day at the parade ground, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Military Band Competition Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of the panel of judges and Tatmadawmen.

Military bands representing No 2 company of North-East Command, Central Command, No 1 company of Central Command, No 2 company of Coastal Region Command and No 3 company of Western Command participated in the competition.

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