

### 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

## Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2005 presented Film stars urged to uphold Union Spirit and Our Three Main National Causes, to exert efforts with might and main in building discipline-flourishing democratic nation through seven-step Road Map

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise of Ministry of Information organized the Motion Picture Academy Awards Presentation Ceremony for 2005 here today.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the ceremony.

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address and presented the awards to the winners for 2005.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council and wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, the ministers, the chief-justice, the attorney-general, the deputy ministers, departmental officials, members of the panel of judges of Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, officials of the Motion Picture Censor Board, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and en-

terprises under the Ministry of Information, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, film artistes, technicians, film makers

and fans.

Before the ceremony, guests were entertained with songs by artistes to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan Modern Music Troupe.

The Academy Awards presentation ceremony starts at 6.30 pm.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered a speech on the occasion. He said:

I wish, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife, SPDC members, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw

Command, the ministers, the deputy ministers, heads of departments, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon and other NGOs, film artistes and technicians, guests and movie fans, health and happiness.

I also would like to express special thanks to all of you who are attending the Motion Picture Academy Awards presentation ceremony for 2005 which is held for the very first time in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets academy award winners for 2005.— MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 6 March, 2007

## Build infrastructures for further strengthening friendship of national brethren

The government is building a network of roads and bridges and renovating the old ones to bring about equitable development in all parts of the nation.

The Ngawun (Myokwin) Bridge, one of the bridges in Ayeyawady Division, is on the Zalun-Hinthada-Ingapu-Myanaung road. As the bridge serves as a vital link for many towns and villages, it contributes much towards improvement of the socio-economic life of local people.

As the old bridge come into use since 1907 there were restrictions for heavy load of trucks with the passage of time.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, a new bridge was built in place of Ngawun (Myokwin) Bridge in order that 60-ton trucks can use it. The two-lane bridge is of reinforced concrete type and it is 2,835 feet long.

Likewise, the two-lane Pyapon Bridge is now completed cent per cent. It is 3,932 feet and 8 inches long and can bear 60 ton-loads.

The Pyapon Bridge is on the Yangon-Nyaungdon-Maubin-Kyaiklatt-Pyapon-Dedaye-Kungyangon-Dalla road. As the bridge is part of the circular road network, it contributes a great deal to regional development.

This being so, the building of a network of roads and bridges across the nation is for the development of economic infrastructures in different regions and the improvement of the socio-economic life of local people. This amounts to bringing about harmonious development in the states and divisions and further strengthening of friendship among national brethren.

## Four houses gutted in Mawlamyine fire

YANGON, 5 March—The house of U Htay Aung on Kyaikmayaw Street in Zaygyo Ward, Mawlamyine, was on fire at 6 pm yesterday while filling gasoline into a barrel. The fire destroyed four houses, leaving 11 people homeless and two injured.— MNA

*Fire prevention is compulsory*

*Prevent outbreaks of fire*

## 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

### ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန ဆီစားသုံးမှု သတိပေးတားမြစ်ချက် (၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ်၊ မတ်လ ၅ ရက်)

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## Minister for Electric Power No 2 inspects Thakayta Power Station

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 1 March arrived at Thakayta Power Station and inspected new fuel nozzle, cross fire tube, combustion liner and filter of the station.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Power Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe and officials, the minister heard a report presented by officials concerned on installation of new fuel nozzle, cross fire tube, combustion liner and filter for running the station at full capacity and the first stage nozzle.

The minister called on officials to make efforts for production of local made items such as fuel nozzle, cross fire tube and



Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visits Thakayta Power Station.— MNA

filter.

Next, the minister looked into progress of installation of new parts for running the station at full capacity while Executive Engineer U Khin Maung Oo reported on condition of gas control

equipment, turbine and generators.

On arrival at the Gas Station, the minister and party viewed preparations for sending of gas from the Gas Control and Distribution Station to the Gas Station and acquisition of

gas.

After inspecting, the minister stressed the need for the full supply of power to the people, maintenance of the station and making concerted efforts for more power supply.

MNA

## YCDC Chairman inspects development works

YANGON, 4 March — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by officials concerned, went on an inspection tour of Ngamoeyeik water work of YCDC, Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) this morning.

First, Committee Member of YCDC U Kyaw Soe and Head of Department Dr Tun Than Tun of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) briefed Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin on

progress in building of the water work which will supply 45 million gallons of water to Yangon City daily.

After inspecting water works, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave instructions on water works. Upon arrival at Royal Ruby Jade Hotel, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looked into decoration of water fountain, hostels and lighting.

The hotel, a four-storey building over 100 rooms, is 380 feet long and 60 feet wide. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Report warns against Iran attack

LONDON, 5 March—Military strikes against Iran could speed Teheran's development of nuclear weapons, according to a UK think tank.

A report by the Oxford Research Group says military action could lead Iran to change the nature of its programme and quickly build a few nuclear arms.

Iran denies Western claims it is trying to build weapons, saying its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful.

The study comes as the UN nuclear watchdog is set to discuss the nuclear programmes of Iran and North Korea.

In February, Iran ignored a deadline

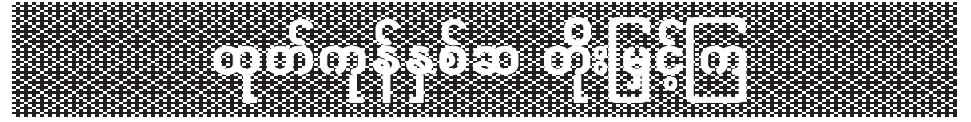
set by the UN Security Council to stop enriching uranium.

A report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Iran was instead expanding the programme.

Enriched uranium is used as fuel for nuclear reactors, but highly enriched uranium can be used to make nuclear bombs.

Western powers have threatened to expand sanctions on Iraq. These could include travel bans on Iranian officials associated with nuclear and missile programmes.

Internet



Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah (front R) welcomes Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (front L) upon his arrival at Riyadh airport on 3 March, 2007. — XINHUA



A model is dressed up during a parade at the Hollywood Boulevard, California, the United States on 3 March, 2007. A giant goodwill parade sponsored by the Beijing and Los Angeles municipal governments to present traditional Chinese culture and encourage visitors to attend the 2008 Olympics was held here on Saturday. — XINHUA

## Thailand promotes cassava for ethanol production

BANGKOK, 4 March—To promote ethanol as an alternative automobile fuel in Thailand, the Agriculture and Co-operatives Ministry has joined with agricultural firms to encourage farmers in six provinces in the north and northeast to grow more cassava, a

senior ministry official said on the weekend.

Anan Phusitthikul, secretary general of the Ministry's Agricultural Land Reform Office, said his agency had signed agreements with three private firms to encourage farmers in four north-eastern and two northern

provinces to grow cassava for the firms. The companies will use the products in producing ethanol.

'Contract Farming' agreements covering more than 400,000 rai of farmland in the six provinces are expected to initially join the pro-

gramme, Mr Anan said.

Ethanol production by the three firms is expected to start in the first quarter of 2008, with a joint demand for not less than two million tons of cassava annually. It is estimated that each cassava grower would earn at least Bt1,500 per ton. Under the contract farming programme, growers will be able to receive higher income because buyers are guaranteed, and the Agricultural Land Reform Office will provide low interest loans to farmers at a maximum of Bt150,000 per grower, he said.

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## Hezbollah denies US accusation on training Iraqis

BEIRUT, 4 March—Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah group has denied a US accusation that its group was training Iraqi fighters in Lebanon and sending them back to Iraq to commit attacks against American troops, local newspaper *The Daily Star* reported on Friday.

Hezbollah described the accusation made by US

National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell as "another American fabrication" in a statement issued on Thursday, the report said. The statement added that such accusation "only highlight the United States' abhorrence of any resistance movement

fighting against its hegemony in the region". On Tuesday, McConnell said that Hizbollah is a key element of Iran's strategic goals and its group could carry out attacks against the United States if it or Iran is threatened.

MNA/Xinhua

## 27 dead, 65 missing in Indonesia landslide

JAKARTA, 4 March—The death toll of landslides at East Nusa Tenggara Province of Indonesia on Saturday has rose to 27, and 65 others still missing, according to Disaster Management Agency.

It has been confirmed that there were at least 21 people dead and 48 others missing in landslides in Regency Manggarai on Flores Island until now, said Koko Haryono, official of Disaster Management Agency.

Rustam Pakaya from Healthy Ministry said, 100 sets of body bag and two tons of medicines and foods were on the way to disaster areas.

The head of County Manggarai Christian Rotok said transportation to disaster areas has been cut off by landslides. As rescuers reach to the sites, the numbers of death and missing may rose again.

Because of decades deforestation and destruction, Indonesia has been frequently hit by landslides and floods in recent years.— MNA/Xinhua



Beijing experiences rain and snow of 21 to 32 millimetres on Saturday and Sunday, with a maximum of 41 millimetres in Haidian District, on 3 March, 2007. — XINHUA

# Stress may 'damage child brains'

LONDON, 5 March— High levels of stress may physically scar a child's brain, a study suggests.

US scientists discovered a brain structure involved with memory and emotion had shrunk in children with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

A withered hippo-

campus may make a child less able to deal with stress and raise anxiety, *Pediatrics* journal reports.

The children in the study also had higher blood levels of a stress hormone called cortisol, which has been shown to kill hippocampal cells in animals.

This could set up a

vicious cycle, where high cortisol causes more hippocampal damage, which in turn raises the anxiety.

The Stanford University Medical Center scientists speculate that the ensuing damage could prolong the stress symptoms and also interfere with therapy.

Lead researcher Victor Carrion explained: "One common treatment for PTSD is to help a sufferer develop a narrative of the traumatic experience.

"But if the stress of the event is affecting areas of the brain responsible for processing information and incorporating it into a story, that treatment may not be as effective."

He said stress had to be extreme to cause the damage. "We are not talking about the stress of doing your homework or fighting with your dad," Dr Carrion said.

The 15 children he and his team studied all had PTSD as a result of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, witnessing violence or experiencing lasting separation and loss.—Internet

## စက်မှုဝန်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



Young dancers perform in a square to celebrate the traditional Lantern Festival in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 3 March, 2007. — XINHUA



People watch a firework display on the 15th and last day of the Lunar New Year celebrations at Merlion Park in Singapore on 4 March, 2007. — INTERNET

## Fifty students stricken with food poisoning in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 4 March— Fifty students in Singapore have been stricken with food poisoning during a school camp on Friday, according to local media reports.

About 30 of Cedar Girls' Secondary School

students were reported sick with diarrhoea on Thursday and another 21 were affected on Friday, principal Ou-Yang Geok Cheng was quoted by *Channel News Asia* as saying.

The annual 5-day camp for some 300 students

which was supposed to end on Sunday, now have been cut short due to the accident, according to the reports.

Ou-Yang said the school stopped accepting food from the caterer once the initial cases were reported, ordering from various fast food restaurants instead.

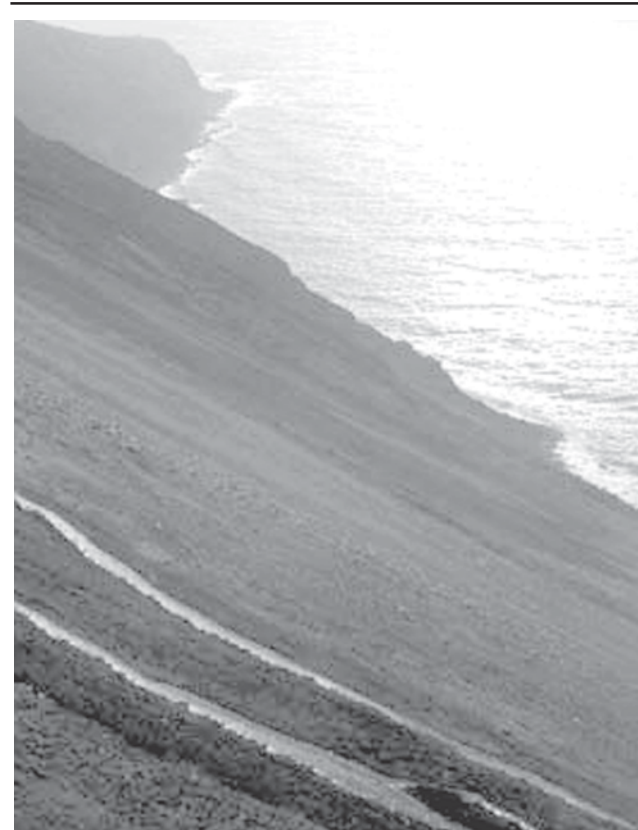
Almost all of the girls who reported sick on Thursday had recovered and those who were ill were also sent home to control the spread of the illness, she added.

Inspectors from the Health and Education Ministries were at the site on Friday to collect food and stool samples, the reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

Lava flows towards the sea from a hillside on the volcanic Italian island of Stromboli on 3 March, 2007.

XINHUA



## New species of mosquitoes found

SYDNEY, 5 March— Researchers say they have found several new species of mosquitoes in South Australia's mid-north.

A group of scientists from the University of South Australia have been touring the region, studying the effects of the January floods on the mosquito population.

The head of the mosquito research unit at the University of South Australia, Craig Williams, says a lack of follow up rain means the surge in the mosquito population

will not lead to a plague.

Dr Williams says the tour of the region has had surprising results, including the discovery of several new species of mosquitoes.

"We actually turned up some species which we think are new to the state or that we hadn't previously discovered in South Australia before and so we've sort of expanded the number of mosquitoes that we know live in South Australia," he said

He says they found several species that have not been formally described.

"We found another one, which we still don't know what it is and we pulled that from Tarcoola," he said.

"There's this really strange one that we just cannot work out what it is so we're going to send that off to some colleagues interstate to see if they can make sense of it.

Internet



The floods have led to a surge in the mosquito population. —INTERNET

## Vietnam machinery import up 80% in first two months

HANOI, 4 March— Vietnam imported over 1.4 billion US dollars' worth of machines, equipment and spare parts from January to February, a year-on-year surge of 80.5 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Friday.

The rise reflects higher demand of enterprises in Vietnam for technology renovation. A large amount of the imports are made in developed countries. The country spent nearly 6.6 billion dollars importing machines, equipment and their spare parts in 2006, up 24.1 per cent from 2005, said the office.—MNA/Xinhua

## Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 March— Three US soldiers were killed on Saturday when their vehicle passed by a roadside bomb in central Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

The three US soldiers died later of their

wounds suffered from the explosion, the statement said.

At least 3,169 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. —MNA/Xinhua

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Overseas Cos increase investment in Chinese real estate sector

BEIJING, 5 March—Morgan Stanley has recently purchased a 24,000-square-metre land in Luwan District of downtown Shanghai for a high-rise office building project worth 1.3 billion yuan (166.67 million US dollars), the *Shanghai Securities News* reported on Saturday.

This is another move of the large US investment firm to extend its investment in the real estate sector on the Chinese Mainland, after it acquired in January this year a high-end housing project in Shanghai's Xuhui District for 530 million yuan.

As small and medium sized real estate developers sell land for lack of money, overseas companies speed up acquiring stakes in them and their

projects and will have a greater say in the Mainland's high-end real estate market, said the report.

The Hong Kong-listed Kowloon Development Co Ltd announced on 19 January that it would raise 5.29 billion Hong Kong dollars to invest in the

Mainland's real estate projects. On 31 January, chairman of Hang Lung Properties Ltd Ronnie Chichung Chan said his company planned to invest 10 billion Hong Kong dollars in 2007 to increase its land reserves by 800,000 square metres on the Mainland.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 1 March, 2007 shows a belt of rapeseed plants to decorate the highway in Luoping County, southwest China's Yunnan Province.— XINHUA



The moon is pictured behind Petronas Twin Towers during a lunar eclipse in Kuala Lumpur on 4 March, 2007. A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon in

orbit around the Earth passes through the earth's shadow, which can be seen cast on to the moon. — INTERNET

## Vietnam steel import surges in first two months

HANOI, 4 March—Vietnam imported 937,000 tons of steel billets and finished products worth 518 million US dollars between January and February, up 45.5 per cent and 69.3 per cent, respectively, against the same period last year.

Vietnam imported 328,000 tons of steel billets valued at 140 million dollars in the two-month period, up 34.6 per cent and 66.2 per cent, respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Friday. The Trade Ministry predicted that Vietnam will import over two million tons of steel billets at prices of 400-420 dollars per ton in 2007 and produce 2.3 million tons of steel billets, and consume some four million tons of construction steel.

Vietnam imported over 5.6 million tons of steel billets and finished steel products totalling 2.9 billion dollars last year, up 1.8 per cent in volume but down 0.9 per cent in value over the previous year, said the statistics office.— MNA/Xinhua

## Kadaffi calls for industrialization, integration in Africa

SEHBA (Libya), 4 March—Leader of the Libyan Revolution Colonel Moammar Kadaffi on Friday called for industrialization and integration in Africa, to have a better future.

Kadaffi made the remarks at a celebration

ceremony, which was organized by the Libyan Government in this small desert town, some 700 kilometres south of Tripoli, to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the people's authority.

The integration would

enable African nations to develop its advantages and share them with other African nations, so that Africa would become more competitive, said Kadaffi.

But this required infrastructure and African nations have to construct strategic road and highways to link with one another, he said.

With investment, Libya would be connected with Sudan, Chad and Niger, and even southwards to Tanzania and Mozambique, said the Libyan leader, who has ruled the northern African nation since 1969. Also, African nations should develop their manufacturing industry, instead of importing all goods from foreign countries, he said.— MNA/Xinhua



A cheesemaker makes hand-crafted Beaufort cheese at the Paris International Farm Show, on 4 March, 2007. French farmers present livestock and agricultural products at the 3 March to 11 March farm show. —INTERNET

## Swedes oppose privatization plans

STOCKHOLM, 5 March—Only one in three Swedes support the government's privatization plans, which will see the state holdings in six major Swedish companies sold off, Swedish news agency TT reported on Saturday.

Of those questioned by polling firm Sifo, 44 per cent said that they were opposed to the sell-off.

On Friday the Swedish Government presented a bill to Parliament naming the six companies, but not indicating whether it would sell all of its interests or a smaller stake.

The sales are expected to generate 150 billion kronor (21.24 billion US

dollars) for the Swedish state over the next three years. But in the Sifo survey, which was published on Saturday, there was only support for the privatization among 33 per cent of the 1,000 people interviewed. Some 23 per cent said they did not know whether the plans were good or bad.

The companies in which

the state will divest all or some of its interests are telecoms operator Telia-Sonera, banking group Nordea, the OMX stock exchange, wine and spirits manufacturer and owner of the Absolut brand, Vin & Sprit, real estate company Vasakronan and the mortgage lender SBAB.

MNA/Xinhua

## UAE, Algeria sign \$ 5-b deal on aluminum smelter

ABU DHABI, 5 March — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Algeria have signed a deal worth 5 billion US dollars to build an aluminum smelter in Algeria, *Emirates News Agency* reported on Saturday.

According to the deal between UAE's Mubadala Development Company and Algeria's national energy company Sonatrach, the smelter will be built at a 400-hectare site at Beni Saf on Algeria's western coastline with an production capacity of about 700,000 tons of high grade primary aluminum a year.

The project will also include a 2,000-MW-dedicated-power plant with a specially constructed deep-water wharf to handle the import of raw materials and export of aluminum. — MNA/Xinhua

## Venezuela reportedly says US drug accord not needed

**CARACAS, 4 March** — Venezuela does not plan to sign an anti-drug accord with the United States, local media quoted Venezuela's top anti-drug official as saying on Saturday, days after Washington criticized Caracas for failing to crack down on drug traffickers.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a close ally of Cuba who has promised to fight US "imperialism", cut off cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration in 2005, accusing the group of spying on him.

The South American nation had promised to renew the accord on different terms but repeatedly postponed signing it. "Until now it is not foreseen that we will sign an agreement with them," said Nestor Reverol, president of the National Anti-Drug Of-

fice, in an interview with the *El Universal* newspaper when asked about renewing DEA cooperation.

"It's not necessary to sign an agreement with any particular country," he said, later adding Venezuela was planning to sign an anti-drug cooperation accord with

Germany.

The State Department said on Thursday drug trafficking through Venezuela from neighbouring Colombia was increasing because of Venezuelan corruption and lack of cooperation with counter-narcotics agencies from other countries.—MNA/Reuters



*South Africa's Anton Haig (C) holds the Johnnie Walker Classic golf tournament trophy between women dressed in traditional Thai attire after winning a three-way playoff in Phuket on 4 March, 2007. —INTERNET*



*A worker uses heavy equipment to clear mud from a road leading to the site where a landslide killed at least 32 people in Ruteng, Manggarai district, on 3 March. Rescue teams have been sent by air to help find dozens of people still missing after deadly landslides buried villages in eastern Indonesia. —INTERNET*

### At least 10 killed in truck accident in north India

**PATNA (India), 4 March** — At least 10 people were killed when a truck fell some 9-metre down from a bridge in northern Indian state of Bihar late Friday evening, local police said Saturday.

The truck laden with sugarcane was crossing over a bridge in Bihar's Samastipur District when it lost control and fell down upon a tea shop under the bridge, a spokesman of the state police administration said here.

At least 10 people in the tea shop were killed in the incident, the spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

### Mexican police flush out heroin haul in bus toilet

**MEXICO CITY, 4 March** — Police in northern Mexico discovered 1 million US dollars' worth of heroin stashed in the toilet of a bus heading toward the US border, authorities said on Saturday.

Two people were arrested after anti-

drug police pulled over the bus bound for the border city of Tijuana during a routine highway search and found more than 68 pounds (31 kilos) of heroin in a secret compartment in the vehicle's bathroom, police said.

MNA/Reuters

## Thailand, Laos urged to upgrade anti-drug cooperation

**BANGKOK, 4 March** — Thailand and Laos must step up their cooperation on fighting drug trafficking along the shared border as drug-related crimes are on the rise, Thailand's supreme commander Boonsang Niempradit said Friday.

Speaking after returning from the Thai-Lao border town of Chong Mek in the northeastern province of Ubon Ratchathani, where he attended a meeting of the Thai-Lao sub-committee for countering cross-border narcotics, Boonsang said that the drug trafficking at Chong Mek, the only land border-cross between Thailand and Laos, is on the rise.

A fierce battle against drug-related criminal activities in the country's north smugglers to change their trafficking routes, opting to smuggle in drugs from Laos and Cambodian borders instead, the supreme commander was quoted by the state-run *Thai News Agency* as saying.

"More and more drug smugglers enter Thailand via Laos and Cambodia, crossing in groups of 3 to 10 persons and carrying some 1,000-5,000 tablets of methamphetamine in each time," Boonsang said.

He said if the two neighbours, Thailand and Laos, strengthen their drug-combating cooperation, especially exchanging news and information, the situation will improve.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iran asks for observer status in SAARC

**TEHERAN, 4 March** — Iran has formally requested for an observer status in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Saturday.

A formal letter in this regard has been handed over this week to SAARC Secretary-General Lyonpo Chenkyab Dorji by Rasool Islami, Director-General for West Asia Affairs of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In their meeting in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, Islami noted that Teheran's membership in the SAARC organization will be beneficial for both

sides because of Iran's geographical position and economic strength.

The SAARC secretary-general, while expressing his happiness over the close relations of SAARC countries with Iran, said that Iran's inclusion in the association would be beneficial for both sides.

Dorji said that Iran's request for observer status would be taken up for

discussion during the meeting of ministers of foreign affairs of SAARC member countries in early April this year in New Delhi. Founded in 1985, the SAARC includes Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan. China, Japan, South Korea, the United States and the European Union are observers of the organization.

MNA/Xinhua



*Spectators watch as more than 40,000 local and overseas runners take part in the marathon, half-marathon and 10-kilometre races in Hong Kong on 4 March, 2007. —INTERNET*

## Motion Picture Academy Awards for ...

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We have tried our best for holding this ceremony and for the convenience of all the guests.

This evening, I am going to present awards to outstanding artistes and technicians of Myanmar films released in 2005. Beginning 1952, Myanmar has been presenting Motion Picture Academy Awards annually with a view to developing her movie industry. Moreover, the number of awards has been increasing year after year, and it has risen to 11 awards. Up to now 290 Academy Awards have been presented.

With the encouragement and guidance of the Head of

rendering assistance for Myanmar artistes and technicians to attend foreign film festivals and screen their movies abroad. An international relations committee was formed with the participation of the executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, and the committee's work is to find international markets for Myanmar films. Hence, Myanmar was able to screen her films of high artistic value at ASEAN Film Festival held in Singapore, International Film Festival held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, International Film Festivals held in Mumbai and New Dehli, India, Myanmar Film Festival, held in Bangkok, Thailand, and Golden Cock



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends the Myanmar Motion Picture Awards Presentation Ceremony for 2005.—MNA

Myanmar films. It is now importing equipment for the development of

movies of higher quality in colour and sound. All these are the results of government's goodwill to the development of the movie world and its members. The members should continue to strive with greater momentum, while understanding that quality improvement and market expansion is the life of their industry.

As the government has been providing

assistance for development of the film industry and improvement of the standard of movies, it also reorganized the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon nearly two years ago. During the two years, the executives were actively and energetically working for the progress of the movie industry. In 2005, coordination was made to lay down the five objectives for the Asiayon and the

members of the film industry. The objectives are:

- (1) To give priority to the development and unity of Myanmar film and video industry for its members' social progress.
- (2) To work for development of the film and video producing techniques.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards Presentation Ceremony.—MNA

State, the University of Culture (Yangon) under the Ministry of Culture, has opened a three-year pre-graduate movie and theatre course to bring out proficient film artistes and technicians. Sixty-six trainees are attending the course. The result of the course will be the emergence of a large number of new generation professionals of the film, video and theatre business, and the increase in the number of high standard movies and videos. Likewise, in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Information formed a committee, that is seeking means to produce high quality films and videos.

In addition, the MOI has been giving priority to

Hundred Flowers International Film Festival held in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China. Myanmar artistes and technicians also took part in the festivals. Thanks to MOI assistance, Myanmar movies were shown at the Fifth Gwangju International Film Festival, and the 30th Anniversary of Korea - Myanmar Friendship, held in Gwangju, the Republic of Korea, and ASEAN Film Festival, held in Pretoria, South Africa. Myanmar also used the festivals as a testing ground to find foreign markets for her movies.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the government has been providing all necessary equipment for improving the standard of

Myanmar movies. Soon, the film industry will have more advanced filming equipment to produce

**Soon, the film industry will have more advanced filming equipment to produce movies of higher quality in colour and sound. All these are the results of government's goodwill to the development of the movie world and its members.**



Academy Awards Winners pose for a group photo.—MNA

# Anti-US demonstrations around the world

*Dr Chaw*

On 10 January 2007, I was in Cebu, the Philippines, on business. I learnt that the 12th ASEAN Summit was being held in Cebu from 9 to 15 January. I noticed posters hailing ASEAN Summit were hung along the road to Manila Airport and throughout Cebu. And Heads of State/Government and ministers of ASEAN countries and heads of ASEAN dialogue partner countries were in Cebu at that time.

I saw local people leading a peaceful life in Cebu, a port town. I perceived that they were civilized people. It was an ASEAN nation, so I felt as though I were in Myanmar. Peoples of ASEAN countries resemble each other, so I was like a Filipino. Myanmar's climate, geographical feature, food and lifestyle are similar to those of the Philippines. My Philippine participant and I became close friends like relatives in a short time.

One day, my friends and I paid a visit to downtown. I visited Cebu International Conventional Centre, where ASEAN Summit was being held, San Pedro garrison fort and Casa Gorordo Museum, and Magellan memorial building. From Cebu, I could see sea-going ships and ferry boats in the Bay of the Philippines.

On our way to Magellan's Cross on 12 February, we were caught in a traffic jam near the centre of Cebu. My Filipino friend explained the situation to me, saying that the Filipino people were staging a protest against the US interference in the affairs of South-East Asian region; and that US troops committed sexual violence against local women as though they were licensed to rape by President Bush. She added that US soldiers were bloodthirsty; that the whole world was seeing mass demonstrations in protest against the US due to the orders of Bush; that even in the US, Americans were protesting against the Bush administration; that a US soldier raped a Filipino woman in Subic Bay Port last year and a protest against the US navy and the US was thus held; and that she also took part in the protest.

When we got closer to the protesters, we clearly saw that they were carrying pictures of US President George W Bush, posters, flags and band troupes, playing traditional musical instruments, and holding placards that read "US Out of South East Asia!", "US: War of Terror" and "Bush: War Criminal". In addition, they were up in arms, shouting in chorus "US Out of South East Asia". The bystanders along the road were applauding in

support for the demonstration. I learnt that on arrival in front of the US embassy in downtown Manila, they burnt a US Flag to express their resentment.

It was fair to say that the demonstration made the Philippines' opposition to the US known to Heads of State/Government and ministers of ASEAN countries and heads of ASEAN dialogue partner countries.

Despite the tight security measures, the protesters were wholeheartedly shouting the slogan "US Out of South East Asia!". I shared the view of the citizens of the Philippines, an ASEAN fellow country. Rife around the world now are news stories about US interference in internal affairs of other nations, its lack of sympathy for other nations, overbearing, ignoring prevailing situations with reliance on hearsay, and domineering attitude. The outrages of world people who can no longer bear the unjust acts of the US have prompted anti-US demonstrations across the world.

When I arrived back at the hotel, I found that TV news stories were protests against US invasion of Iraq, and US citizens' anti-war protests. Relying on the invented CIA news that Iraq possessed WMD, the US accused Iraq of posing a threat to the world and invaded it in 2003. Losing their admiration for their government due to its invasion of Iraq and bearing the burden of military expenses, the US taxpayers are now taking to the streets to protest against their government.

American interferences can be seen in international news, TV and radio programmes, websites and dot.coms. International protests against the



*Protesters shouting slogans and carrying a placard reading "US out of South East Asia Now!" in the Philippines.*

US stand witness to US hegemony in Asia and the Middle East. The US uses force in justifying its hegemonic acts in those regions.

**The book "Why do people hate America?" revealed that the US committed military invasions for 134 times in 111 years. The book has become a bestseller.** According to BBC data, the number of persons supporting US international policy has been declining. The support for the US has been declining from 40 per cent in 2005 to 36 per cent in 2006 and 27 per cent in 2007. On the other hand, the number of persons protesting the US has been rising from 46 per cent in 2005 to 47 per cent in 2006 and 49 per cent in 2007. Hence, the US policy has become less and less popular.

When I was back in Yangon, I saw some people staging protests in front of the US and British embassies from 31 January to 2 February. The reason was that people expressed their resentment as the two countries tried to use the UN to interfere in Myanmar's affairs. The Myanmar friendship association in Japan in support of the truth staged protests in front of the British and US embassies in Tokyo on 13 February as

it was against the wrong acts of the two countries. Letters demanding the US and Britain not to submit another draft resolution concerning Myanmar affairs to the UNSC were also delivered to the embassies of the respective countries.

The protesters held placards saying "We love Myanmar", "Let Myanmar decide their fate", "Democracy is not an export commodity", "Don't make UNSC your puppet", "Myanmar needs not pressures, but understanding", and "Not Burma, but Myanmar".

The US made a proposal to put the matter "Situation in Myanmar" on the UNSC agenda on 15 September 2006. Four countries including two permanent UNSC members — the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation — opposed it, one abstained and 10 supported it. The US acting ambassador to the UN on 11 January 2007 submitted a US-Britain joint draft resolution to the UNSC to take action against Myanmar. When the matter was discussed at the UNSC the following day, China and Russia rejected the draft resolution with a double veto, which had never been applied since 1972. South Africa opposed the draft

resolution, Qatar, Congo and Indonesia abstained. Non-Aligned Movement formed with 118 nations, on behalf of Myanmar, sent a letter of protest to the UNSC president.

The remarks made by the officials representing their own nations stood witness to the fact that Myanmar does not pose a threat to international peace and security, and that the draft resolution is just a US slanderous accusation against Myanmar.

Chinese Ambassador to UN Mr Wang Guangya said on 12 January 2007 at the UNSC that Myanmar affairs was only an internal affairs of a sovereign nation; that Myanmar affairs did not pose a threat to international security.

Russian Ambassador to UN Mr Vitaly Churkin said at the UNSC on 12 January 2007 that Myanmar's internal affairs did not concern the UNSC.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mr Lin Jianchao on 13 January 2007 said that Myanmar's neighbours and most of the nations of the international community believed that Myanmar's situation did not pose a threat to peace and security.

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**The government and the people of Myanmar are working in unity and amity for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democracy in the nation. We would like to urge the persons with negative views to stop their guesswork on Myanmar and visit our nation and witness her objective conditions. It is time America amended its policy of interference under the pretext of democracy.**



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Chinese Ambassador to UN Mr Wang Guangya said on 12 January 2007 that the act of submitting the draft resolution to the UNSC agenda to take action against the country was against the principles of the UNSC.

ASEAN Ministers Meeting and 12th ASEAN Summit held in Cebu, the Philippines, made a unanimous decision saying that Myanmar did not pose a threat to the security of international community.

Chinese Ambassador to UN Mr Wang Guangya said on 12 January 2007 that the ASEAN meeting confirmed that Myanmar did not pose a threat to international peace and security.

Indonesian Ambassador to UN Mr Rezlan Jenie said on 17 January 2007 that it was not proper to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda.

In the letter of protest sent to the UNSC President Mr Jean-Mare de la Sablieva on 10 February 2006, NAM President Mr Hamidon Ali said that NAM had never assumed that Myanmar posed a threat to international peace and security; and that the US accusation was totally wrong.

In an interview with BBC, former Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said that Indonesia was dissatisfied with the one-sided US draft

resolution on Myanmar.

Assistant Foreign Minister of South Africa Mr Aziz Pahad said in the article "Why SA voted no on Myanmar?" that appeared on 17-1-2007 in Asia Observer that South Africa was interested in human rights; that Myanmar affairs did not pose a threat to global peace; that there was no sufficient reason for the UNSC to interfere in Myanmar.

South African Ambassador to UN Mr Durnisani Kurnalo on 17 January 2007 said that Myanmar affairs were not a matter of UNSC intervention.

The Permanent Representative of Qatar HE Mr Sergey Lavrov to the UN said on 15 September 2006 at UNSC meeting that Myanmar's neighbours had never assumed Myanmar affairs as a regional threat.

PRC Permanent Representative to the UN Mr Lin Jianchao at UNSC meeting held on 15 September 2006 said that the stated human rights violations of Myanmar in the agenda was a matter every nation was facing.

Russian Ambassador to UN Mr Vitaly Churkin said at the UNSC on 12 January 2007 that Russia rejected UNSC's action beyond its authority concerning Myanmar affairs.

Neighbouring nations and those standing by the truth are expressing their correct view that Myanmar

affairs do not pose a threat to international peace and security. It is not realistic for America situated in a place far far away from Myanmar to say that Myanmar affairs pose a threat to international peace and security.

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Every sovereign nation has its own policy, culture and historical tradition. It is not fair if one nation measures another with its own yardstick without knowing those basic values or while ignoring them. Democracy accedes to the wish of the majority while acknowledging the minority's wish with respect. How does the US see the people around the world who are protesting it? How are we going to accede to the wishes of 199 member states of the UN?

Together with the global people I am waiting for the response of the US government.

(Translation: MS+TMT) \*\*\*\*\*



Anti-US protest staging in Cebu, the Philippines, on 11 January 2007.

## USDA Secretary-General inspects construction of monastic education school

YANGON, 5 March— Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo looked into the construction tasks of monastic education school in Kyaukyedwin Tadagyi ward, North Okkalapa yesterday.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candavara of

PhaungdawU Phaya Dhamma Lankara monastery and donated provisions to the Sayadaw.

Next, the secretary-general met with officials of Township Peace and Development Council, members of school committee, USDA members and townsenders. They discussed construction tasks of the school and stockpile of construction mate-

rials.

The USDA Secretary-General urged officials to expedite the construction tasks.

The monastic education school was established in 1960. The school is now being renovated with the funds raised by USDA members, townsenders and wellwishers.

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## Foreign Minister arrives back from Cambodia



Minister U Nyan Win attends ASEAN Foreign Minister's Retreat in Siem Reap in Cambodia.— FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat (AMM Retreat) held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 1 and 2 March.

During his stay in Siem Reap, Cambodia, Minister U Nyan Win attended the meeting with

High Level Task Force for Drafting the ASEAN Charter and the Working Dinner hosted by Mr HOR Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia at the Hotel Sokha Angkor in the evening of 1 March 2007. The minister also participated in the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat on

2 March held at the Sofitel Royal Angkor Hotel.

Members of the Myanmar delegation, Director-General of the Department of Political Affairs U Nyan Lynn, Deputy Directors of the Department of ASEAN Affairs U Aung Htoo and U Nyi Soe also arrived back here on the same flight.

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## Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein inspects schools

YANGON, 5 March— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein together with directors-general of Nos 1 and 3 Basic Education Department inspected No 2 BEHS, No 2 BEPS and Practising

High School of Yangon Institute of Education in Kamayut Township today.

The minister inspected test, and learning of students and greening tasks in the school com-

pound.

On his tour of inspection, the minister also inspected No 2 BEHS in Sangyoung, No 3 BEHS and No 10 BEPS in Dagon.

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- (3) To strive for developing production techniques and the standard of Myanmar films and videos.
- (4) To enable Myanmar films and videos to find markets abroad.
- (5) For all the members of the film world to join hands with the government in implementing the national tasks.

I have already explained the following five tasks members of the film world and entrepreneurs should carry out under the leadership of the Asiayon for the film industry's development. They are:

- (2) To install stereo sound system editing machines.
- (3) To strive to obtain advanced filming equipment including world-class cameras.
- (4) To modernize the private cinemas and the state-owned ones run by the private owners under lease system.
- (5) To work for the emergence of world-class cinemas in Yangon and Mandalay.

Moreover, national film experts should study thoroughly the e-Cinema that many other countries are now studying to launch it. If it is found beneficial, you will have to take steps



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Actor Award to Lu Min.— MNA**



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Actress Award to Tun Eindra Bo.— MNA**

in the interests of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, film and video producers, cinema hall proprietors and film lovers.

I am urging you for

work even harder.

In 2005 and 2006 foreign movies, VCDs and CDs flooded into Myanmar. Such films outnumbered domestic films. They constituted a

improvement in the Myanmar film and video industries. And national culture, nationalistic spirit, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit would flourish and could be

techniques, screening and cinema services. Only when there are some remedial measures would the standard of the Myanmar film world improve and it would be



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Supporting Actor Award to Chan Tha Kyi Soe.— MNA**



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Supporting Actress Award to Myat Kay Thi Aung.— MNA**

- (1) To set up a modern studio individually or collectively with the assistance rendered by the government within the framework of the principles.

to replace the old system with it. In every field there will be both strengths and weaknesses. So, in this regard, you should conduct a comparative study of the strengths and weaknesses of e-Cinema

the benefit of the Myanmar motion picture industry and movie professionals. Therefore, I would also like to urge the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and movie professionals to

threat to Myanmar film and video industries as well as to national culture, nationalistic spirit, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit of the people. Only when that threat is removed would there be

preserved. Besides, the Myanmar movie industry still has its weaknesses in various sectors such as plots, presentation, acting, costumes, production, studio covering sound, pictures, colour and

able to cope with media challenges. That was why I had often mentioned the 12 other points that should be adopted by the film world at the pervious ceremonies and in meeting  
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**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Film Director Award to Kyi Soe Tun.— MNA**



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Cinematography Award to Naing Nu Shein (Pa-hti).— MNA**



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Film Editing Award to Aung Thwin.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Music Award to Khin Maung Gyi.—MNA

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with movie artistes and technicians. You all have to focus on these points. In the process, you may face a variety of difficulties and contradictions. Here, I would say members of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and movie professionals have to play a leading role in tackling these possible difficulties and contradictions. No doubt, you will achieve success if you ensure:—

- (1) intensive pursuit of the goal of development of the Myanmar Motion Picture industry,
- (2) fair share of the interests of others and your own,
- (3) perseverance, diligence and tenacity,
- (4) unity,
- (5) harmonious cooperation,
- (6) patience, mutual understanding and forgiveness.

I pledge the Ministry of Information will render assistance as much as it can and will continue to take necessary measures to achieve the goal.

The list of academy awards for 2005 will be announced soon. Myanmar motion picture academy awards scrutinizing committee at different levels selected the winners in accordance with the standards prescribed in



Academy Soe Myat Thu Zar greets the Best Supporting Actress Award Winner Myat Kay Thi Aung.—MNA

the seven basic principles of the Motion Picture Law. The awards have been selected out of 16 films screened during the year of 2005 through a careful scrutinization. I would like to urge this year's winners to make continued efforts to win more awards and those who have not won any awards, to make greater efforts to win academy awards in the coming years.

National film artistes and technicians played an active role during the period of the independence struggles of the Union of Myanmar, that of preservation and safeguarding of independence and that of making efforts for restoration of peace and stability and national development. Now as well, they are participating actively in those endeavours. I would again like to urge you to continue to uphold Union Spirit and Our Three Main National Causes and to exert efforts with might and main in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the seven-step Road Map.

In conclusion, I would like to exhort all from the movie world,

- to focus on the five objectives of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, and the five objectives to be implemented by the motion picture entrepreneurs to achieve the development of the Myanmar film industry and film artistes,
- to make harmonious efforts to raise the motion picture standard, the lifeblood of the Myanmar film industry,
- for film artistes to follow the leadership of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon to develop the Myanmar film industry,
- to contribute towards the preservation and uplift of national cultural heritage and national character,
- to join hands with the government and the people in the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. Thank you.

Next, the list of Academy Award Winners was announced. Best Film Editing Award went to Aung Thwin for his work in "Sahtagan"; Best Sound Award to Ye Win (a) Richard Ye Win for his work in "Kyansit Min"; Best Cinematography Award to Naing Nu Shein (Pa-hti) for his work in "Moe-gok-hsat-wai-ko-kyaw-lunyway"; Best Music Award to Khin Maung Gyi for his work in "Kyansit Min"; Best Scripwriter Award to Kyi



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the Best Sound Award to Ye Win (a) Richard Ye Win.—MNA

Soe Tun for his work in "Sahtagan"; Best Supporting Actress Award to Myat Kay Thi Aung for her work in "Chit-chin-phwe-mitta"; Best Film Award to "Kyansit Min" produced by Ayewarat Film Production; Best Supporting Actor Award to Chan Tha Kyi Soe for his work in "Sahtagan"; Best Film Director Award to Kyi Soe Tun for his work in "Sahtagan", Best Actress Award to Tun Eindra Bo for her work in "Moe-gok-hsat-wai-ko-kyaw-lunyway"; Best Actor Award to Lu Min for his work in "Kyansit Min". Next, some good scenes that helped them win the awards were shown. Later, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Academy Awards for 2005 and K 200,000 each contributed by Super Coffeemix to the winners. After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party cordially greeted the award winners.

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## Myanmar reaches seminal final after defeating Cambodia 7-0

YANGON, 5 March—The Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy for U-21 ASEAN Youth Football Championship 2007 continued at Kompleks Belapan & Padang in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, at 8 pm Brunei Standard Time today.

Myanmar youth team and Cambodian youth team played the second match of the Group (B) and the former trounced the latter 7-0.

Sithu Than scored an opening goal for Myanmar team in the 30th minute, Aung Myo Thant scored second goal for Myanmar team in the 33th minute. Till the break, Myanmar led the plays with two goals.

In the second half, Myanmar scored next five goals.

In Group (B), Brunei beat the Philippines 3-2. Myanmar reached the seminal final with six points.

At 8 pm Brunei Standard Time on 7 March Myanmar and host Brunei will play the third match of Group (B).

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

YANGON, 5 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 12 crows, six pigeons, one sparrow was found in Tamway, Thingangyun, Kamayut, Pazundaung, Hline, Kyimyindine, Mingaladon, Pabedan, Yankin and Botahtaung Townships on 5-3-2007. But, no fowls and ducks were found dead in those townships.

No bird flu was detected on the dead birds. As

the post-mortem on the dead birds revealed a sign of cerebral haemorrhage, cause of the death is under investigation.

The LBVD has requested the poultry breeders and producers under Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation to have bio-security, to control transport of poultry from one farm to another, to carry out disinfection in poultry farm and its environs and to take care of animal health.

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**London businessman  
jailed for spiking  
woman's drink**

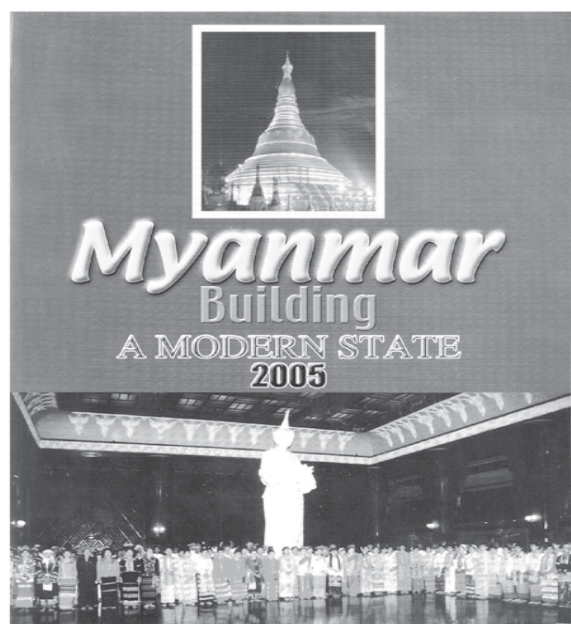
LONDON, 4 March —A British property developer who spiked a woman's drink with a date rape drug as they dined in a London restaurant was jailed for two years on Friday.

After the verdict, his intended victim said the sentence imposed on Rohail Spall, 39, from London, was too lenient.

Spall had dropped a tablet of Xanax, a drug with similar effects to Rohypnol, into the woman's drink when she went to the toilet during dinner. The victim had agreed to go on a date with Spall, who she thought was a high-powered, respectable businessman, after she met him with a friend at a bar in Canary Wharf last June.

MNA/Reuters

*"Cookie," a six-year-old Chihuahua, wears a matching pink polka-dot hat and dress comb while being held by her owner Logan Tenney at the PETCO Spring Fashion Show at a San Diego, California PETCO on 3 March, 2007. — XINHUA*



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**Gazprom may build big  
gas storage in Belgium**

Moscow, 4 March—Russia and Belgium have discussed increasing cooperation in the natural gas sector and may jointly build a big gas storage facility in Belgium, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday.

"We may carry out a very big and useful... project — building a gas depository that would be quite big even for Europe, with an option to transport gas to third countries, including Great Britain," Russian television showed Putin saying at a meeting with Belgium's Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt.

Verhofstadt, in Moscow on a one-day visit, also discussed the issue with Russian gas export monopoly Gazprom's chief executive, Alexei Miller.—MNA/Reuters

**Kuwait finds H5N1 bird flu  
in chicken, falcon**

KUWAIT, 4 March — Kuwait's Health Ministry said on Friday it had found two new cases of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in a chicken and a falcon, bringing to 41 the number of birds infected with the virus in the Gulf Arab country.

Sixty handlers and their families have tested negative for the disease, and Kuwait is closing poultry shops in residential areas for three months in a campaign to curb its spread, Health Ministry official Ahmed al-Shatti told Reuters.

Kuwait confirmed 39 cases of bird flu last month but said 20 of them were in falcons at the zoo and a farm in the south of the country. The rest were domestic birds caged in people's yards.

Kuwait closed the bird

section of the zoo and banned the import of live birds after W last month's outbreak, the first in two years. It last reported a case of bird flu in a flamingo in 2005.

Avian flu has killed 167 people since 2003, according to the UN World Health Organization.

At least 200 million birds have died or been

slaughtered because of the disease.

MNA/Reuters

*A model presents a creation by Lebanese designer Elie Saab for his Autumn/Winter 2007-2008 ready-to-wear fashion show in Paris on 4 March, 2007.*

INTERNET



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## Diabetes threat greater than feared

LOS ANGELES, 3 March — The American Diabetes Association (ADA) warned on Saturday that the diabetes threat was greater than feared.

The number of new cases of type 2 diabetes among middle-aged Americans has doubled over the past three decades, fueled largely by increasing rates of

obesity, the ADA said.

An estimated two-thirds of adult Americans are now overweight or obese.

The world can now expect many more people to succumb to this chronic disease than originally anticipated, said the organization in a new study.

According to the latest World Health Organi-

zation (WHO) estimates, the number of people worldwide with diabetes climbed from 30 million in 1985 to 171 million in 2000.

Some 4 percent to 6 percent of adults aged 20 and over are now affected. Developed nations tend to have a higher prevalence, but developing nations are fast catching up.

There was a 69 percent increase — from 5.2 percent to 8.8 percent — in diabetes prevalence from 1995 to 2005, exceeding the WHO's estimate of a 60 percent global increase between 1995 and 2030 and a 39 percent increase between 2000 and 2030.

In Canada, for example, diabetes prevalence was supposed to grow 65 percent between 1995 and 2030. "I regrettably have to confess that this did not surprise me," said Dr Larry Deeb, president of medicine and science at

the ADA.

"Every estimate I have ever seen for prevalence has been surpassed the next time you get a chance to look. It's quite frightening," he said.

According to statistics provided by the ADA, by last year, the number of people with diabetes in Ontario, Canada, had already surpassed the rate predicted for 2030 by the World Health Organization.

"Our paper indicates that the magnitude of the problem is such that our health-care systems across the world are going to have an increasingly difficult time managing the ongoing increase in diabetes," said Dr Lorraine Lipscombe, lead author of the study, and a research fellow at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in Toronto. — *Internet*



The American Diabetes Association (ADA) warned on Saturday that the diabetes threat was greater than feared. — *INTERNET*

## Study shows ibuprofen best in relieving children's pain

CHICAGO, 5 March — Ibuprofen was superior to acetaminophen and codeine in relieving the pain from a broken bone or serious sprain suffered by children brought to the emergency room, Canadian researchers said on Monday.

A single dose of ibuprofen, sold generically and under the brand name Advil by Wyeth, relieved the pain within an hour in 52 of 100 injured children.

Ibuprofen also eased more of the pain than the two other medications, according to the study published in *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A total of 300 children, aged 6 to 17, participated in the study comparing oral painkillers. They received either a 10-milligramme dose of ibuprofen; 15 milligrammes of acetaminophen, sold generically and under the brand name Tylenol by Johnson & Johnson; or 1 milligramme of codeine. Thirty-six of 100 injured children who took acetaminophen and 40 out of 100 who took codeine reported pain relief. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Doctors say drug testing children bad idea

CHICAGO, 5 March — Subjecting children to drug testing is usually a bad idea for a host of reasons, including often inaccurate results and loss of the child's trust, a leading pediatricians' group said on Monday.

Increasingly, schools are embarking on drug testing, particularly of student-athletes, following a 2002 US Supreme Court ruling that declared the practice legal.

Parents may also be tempted by newly available home drug screening kits in an effort to catch the problem early. But the American Academy of Pediatrics, updating its decade-old policy statement on the issue, said screening for illicit drugs is a complicated process prone to errors and cheating, and has not been shown to curtail youngsters' drug use.

Drug testing also creates a counterproductive climate of "resentment, distrust and suspicion" between children and their parents or school administrators, a committee of experts wrote in the March issue of the group's journal, *Pediatrics*. False-positive results can arise from eating poppy seeds or ingesting certain cold medications, and test results may need to be confirmed with expensive further testing, it said. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Pakistan test fires short-range nuclear capable missile

ISLAMABAD, 4 March — Pakistan Saturday successfully test fired a short-range surface-to-surface missile, according to a military statement.

The statement issued by Pakistan's military Inter-Service Public Relation said that the *Haft-II Abdali* missile with a range of 200 kilometres was fired from an undisclosed location.

The statement said the short-range *Haft-II Abdali* was an "indigenously developed" short-range ballistic missile, which could carry all types of warheads including the nuclear warheads.

"The test was aimed at validating of the desired technical parameters, which has been successfully achieved," said the statement. *Abdali* was last time test-fired in February 2006. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An official at a seismology centre points to earthquake readings. A strong 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia's Moluccas on 3 March, 2007, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. — *INTERNET*

## Bicycle bomb kills two in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 March — A bicycle bomb killed at least two Afghan civilians and wounded 16 when it was remotely detonated as a NATO convoy passed in the country's west on Saturday, a local doctor said.

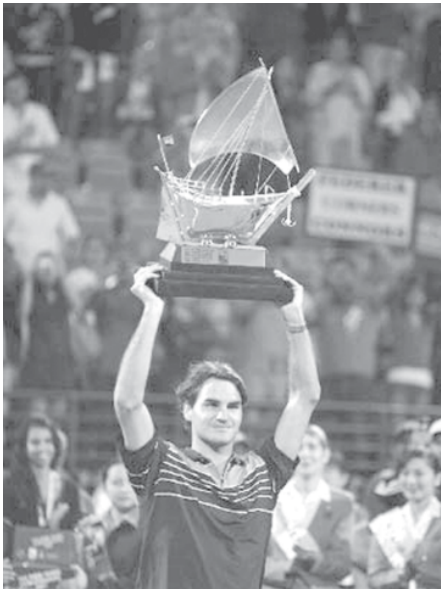
Police confirmed the two deaths in the city of Herat, bordering Iran, but put the number of wounded at six. No further details were available.

— *MNA/Reuters*



Vehicles are seen stranded on a street amid the heavy snow in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 4 March, 2007. — *XINHUA*

# SPORTS



**Roger Federer of Switzerland holds up his trophy after defeating Mikhail Youzhny of Russia in the final of the Dubai Open tennis tournament in Dubai on 3 March, 2007. Federer won 6-4, 6-3.**  
XINHUA

## Federer beats Youzhny to clinch Dubai title

DUBAI, 5 March— World number one Roger Federer defeated unseeded Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 6-3 on Saturday to win his fourth Dubai Open title in five years.

It was also the top seed's 41st consecutive win, stretching back to the start of the US Open in August, equalling the record of Swede Bjorn Borg who witnessed the feat. Youzhny, who upset Spanish title holder Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals, was seeking his second crown in two weeks after winning in Rotterdam but he could not prevent Federer claiming his seventh straight title.

The Swiss had several times started slowly during the week and did so again in the final, dropping his serve in the opening game when Youzhny hit a winning return off a second serve.

But Federer held his second service game with an ace and then levelled at 2-2 when Youzhny hit a double-fault. As both players mixed floating shots with occasional power, Federer broke to take a 5-3 lead when Youzhny netted a backhand.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Melzer squeezes past Korolev to reach Las Vegas final

LAS VEGAS, 5 March— Austrian Juergen Melzer squeezed into the Las Vegas Open final after coming from 5-3 down in the final set to beat unseeded Russian teenager Evgeny Korolev 6-7, 6-2, 7-6 on Saturday.

Korolev lost his nerve at the vital time and the fourth seed took advantage to win in just over two hours and set up a final against second seed Lleyton Hewitt or third seed Marat Safin.

Melzer was broken when serving for the match at 6-5 but held on to win the deciding tiebreak 7-4, clinching victory on his third match point.

The 19-year-old Korolev, appearing in his first ATP Tour semifinal, recovered from an early break down to win the first set on a tiebreak thanks to some aggressive tennis. But with the Russian apparently unwilling to come to the net, the left-handed Melzer was able to wait for Korolev to make mistakes and the tactic paid off as the Austrian levelled the match.

Korolev looked on course to reach his first ATP Tour final when he led 4-2 and then 5-3 but the mistakes began to flow again.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Wilson, Allenby share early third round lead at Honda

MIAMI, 5 March— American Mark Wilson hit back-to-back birdies to join Australia's Robert Allenby at the top of the leaderboard midway through third round play at the Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens on Saturday.

Wilson, who has just one top three finish in 110 PGA Tour starts, moved into contention with birdies at the par four 11th and 12th on the PGA National Champion course to get to six-under for the tournament.

Allenby, who shared the overnight lead with South Korea's Charlie Wi, turned in a flawless first nine that included a single birdie at eighth to remain on course for his first PGA Tour win since 2001.

Wi, who has had a share of the lead since the opening round, slipped one shot off the pace after going even par through his first nine.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Stormers upset Wellington 30-17 in Super 14

WELLINGTON, 5 March— South Africa's Stormers pulled off the biggest surprise of the Super 14 season so far when they beat the Wellington Hurricanes 30-17 in New Zealand on Saturday. The Stormers, who were sitting at the bottom of the standings before the match, scored four tries to claim maximum points and only their second win

of the season.

Wellington, finalists last season and second on the table heading into this weekend's fifth round of matches, could only manage two tries in reply, including one in the last minute. The Stormers scored two tries off intercepts, one in the first half to Jean de Villiers and another in the second to Breyton Paulse, but fully deserved their victory.

Number eight Justin Melck scored from a pushover try while replacement Come Uys crossed after a perfectly-weighted chip kick from skipper Luke Watson.— *MNA/Reuters*

**Sun Xiang, PSV head coach Ronald Koeman on Saturday spoke highly of Chinese player Sun Xiang in their 2-0 home win over RKC Waalwijk, saying Sun "deserves the chance".**  
XINHUA



## Darchinyan batters Burgos to retain IBF flyweight title

LOS ANGELES, 5 March— Vic-Darchinyan retained his International Boxing Federation flyweight title by stopping game challenger Victor Burgos of Mexico in the 12th round.

The Armenian-born Darchinyan, who is now an Australian citizen, overwhelmed former IBF junior flyweight champion Burgos from the start, using his crushing left hand to the body and head to dominate the scheduled 12-round.

Burgos, who took a crunching punch to his body in the second round, fought bravely but the accumulation of blows took its toll. In the last round, Burgos, who had a big welt under his right eye and an abrasion on his forehead, went down after a flurry of punches and a push that

was ruled a slip.

After reassuring the referee he was all right, the Mexican became to stumble backwards as he was

chased by Darchinyan, who hit him with two more lefts before the referee stopped the bout at 1:27 of the round.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Henin wins Qatar Open to complete Gulf double

DOHA, 15 March— Belgium's Justine Henin defeated Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-4, 6-2 to win the Qatar Open and complete a Gulf double on Saturday.

Henin, who had beaten Kuznetsova in the semifinal before she won the title in Dubai last week, continued her mastery over the Russian, extending her head-to-head lead to 14-1.

Henin took home 222,000 dollars while Kuznetsova pocketed 117,000 dollars

Despite her win, Henin will remain No. 2 in the WTA rankings, but she has closed in on Russian Maria Sharapova.

Henin was broken in the sixth game by Kuznetsova but broke back immediately and then again two games later before taking the set after saving three break points on her own serve. An immediate break gave the Belgian a quick advantage in the second set and she never relinquished her grip.— *MNA/Reuters*



**Justine Henin of Belgium holds the trophy after defeating Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia during their final match at the Qatar Open tennis tournament in Doha on 3 March, 2007.**  
XINHUA

## Everton's Cahill to miss rest of season with broken foot

LONDON, 5 March — Everton's Australia midfielder Tim Cahill will miss the rest of the season after breaking a bone in his left foot on Saturday, the Premier League club said.

Cahill landed awkwardly in the first half of Everton's 1-1 draw at Sheffield United and had to come off. A half-time scan revealed he had fractured the fifth metatarsal in his left foot. It is a big setback for Everton as they push for a place in next season's UEFA Cup. They are sixth with nine games to go.

"We have suffered a massive blow in losing Tim today," Everton manager David Moyes told the club's official website (evertonfc.com). "He has broken a metatarsal. "We have a decent goalscoring record this season and part of it is to do with Tim and Andy Johnson.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Hundreds of fans arrested after rampage in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 5 March — Around 300 soccer fans were arrested on Saturday in the Buenos Aires suburb of Quilmes when they went on a vandalism rampage after their team won a Second Division game, local media reported.

Fans of Defensa y Justicia, who beat Ferro Carril Oeste 2-0, were travelling home from the game in 10 buses when they tried to loot stores and a gasoline station and threw rocks at cars. There were no reports of any injuries.— *MNA/Reuters*

# Syria criticizes US policy in Mideast as "stirring up chaos"

**DAMASCUS, 5 March** — Syrian Minister of Expatriates Buthaina Shaban criticized on Sunday the US policy in the Middle East as "stirring up chaos", the official SANA news agency reported.

"The US policy in the region is based on stirring up chaos in a manner that serves Israel's policy," the minister was quoted as saying when meeting a delegation of US intellectuals and businessmen.

"The Arab and American peoples are paying the price for these policies," she added.

Shaban said the main problem in the region lies in the Arab-Israeli struggle, the negative impacts of the US occupation of Iraq and

Israel's rejection of international resolutions in addition to consequences of Israel's occupation of the Arab territories.

"Syria is doing her best to achieve security and stability in the region and realize a just and

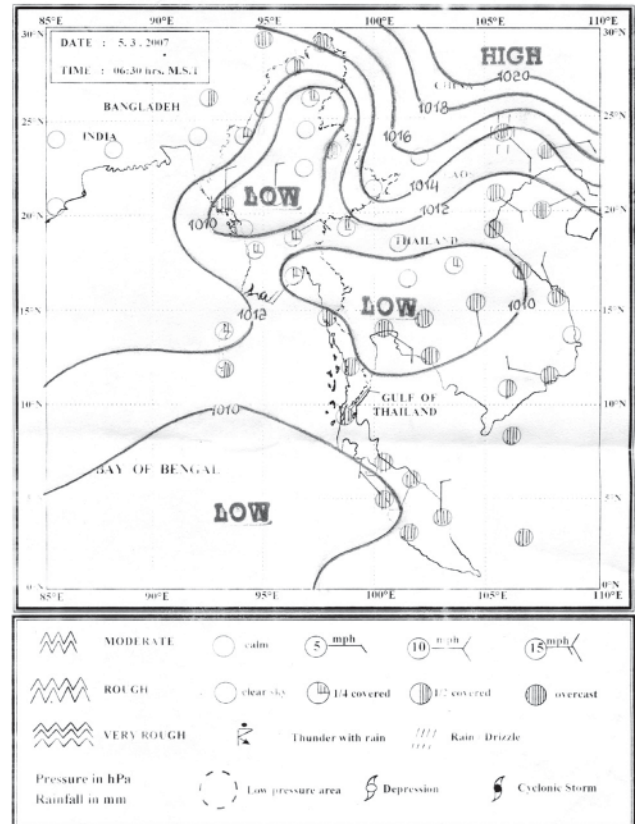
comprehensive peace in line with international resolutions," she said.

For their part, members of the delegation asserted the importance of their visit to listen directly to the constructive view-points of Syria in order to convey them to the US public opinion.

They hoped that US dialogue with Syria would continue in the interest of both sides and serve security and stability in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 5 March, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kayin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Hpa-an (40°C) and Minbu (39°C).

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2007 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-3-2007 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 4-3-2007 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-3-2007 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 (6) mph from Southwest at (13:00) hours MST on 4-3-2007.

**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 6-3-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, and Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.



Frank Gehrke, of the Department of Water Resources, makes his way across a snow covered field during the snow survey near Echo Summit, Calif, on 2 March, 2007. The survey showed that recent storms have increased the snow pack to 63.8 inches with a water content of 18.2 inches for an average of 78 percent of normal for this time of the year.—INTERNET



Tuesday, 6 March  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-I think about you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Straight up
- 8:50 am National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Strong enough
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Loving every minute
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-Gina  
-The lonely teen
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level(II) Unit (19)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure  
-Out of blue  
-Island in the stream
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 6 March  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am  
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)ဟောကြား တော်မူအပ်သောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am  
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am  
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am  
7. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am  
8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:25 am  
9. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am  
10. International news
- 8:45 am  
11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်)
- 4:45 pm  
4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm  
7. "အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ" (စိုးသူနန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 5:30 pm  
8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm  
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
11. "ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ"
- 6:50 pm  
12. တမာနှင့်ဖိုးနီရေလှောင်တစ်
- 7:00 pm  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သစ္စာဘဝ ပင်ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm  
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
- 18. The next day's programme

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## Minister inspects construction of Bwetgyi Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Road

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials of Public Works inspected paving of Pynmana-Taungnyo-Taungwingyi road being undertaken by Pynmana Public Works on 25 February.

At the Gwaygyo briefing hall, Pynmana District senior engineer and senior engineer of road construction project special group-5 reported on work of road sections and future tasks.

The minister told officials to pave the road in accord with the standard set. He also inspected roads and bridges on the road. In the afternoon, the minister and party arrived at Bwetgyi Bridge construction site

on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Road. Engineer in-charge U Kyaw Thu of bridge construction project special group-1 reported on progress of work and future tasks.

The minister told officials concerned to start laying of reinforced concrete on the bridge and to complete the project in time.

The bridge, 1,770-foot long and 29 feet wide, has three feet wide walkways on both sides and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

Out of 10 spans of the bridge on Pyay bank, nine have been installed. On Aunglan bank, five of eight spans have been placed.

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### Objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- \* To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- \* To strive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map of the State with genuine Union Spirit
- \* To crush every danger posed to stability and development of the State hand in hand with the people
- \* To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

## Construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min yesterday inspected construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin rail road section and Phatashin Bridge in Kyangin Township.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard a report on progress of construction work, future plan and stockpiling of construction materials and gave instructions on meeting the set standard, timely completion and minimising loss and wastage.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials, the minister proceeded to Phatashin Bridge construction project site where he looked into progress of work.

Next, the minister and party inspected construction of embank-



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of Phatashin Bridge in Kyangin Township.— RAIL

ment between Kyangin and Panyansu and land preparation for construction of the railway station and attended to the needs.

On arrival at Wawchaung Bridge construction project site in Padaung Township, the minister heard a report on progress of work and ful-

filled the requirements.

At the Kwinhla Junction, the minister and party viewed the producing of concrete bridge frames and stressed the need to send the concrete frames to the work site in time.

After that, the minister inspected construction of Kyaukphu

Bridge and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister proceeded to Kyankhin-Okshitpin railroad section where he looked into construction of bridges and earth work along the road and gave instructions on timely completion of work.—MNA

### INSIDE

Neighbouring nations and those standing by the truth are expressing their correct view that Myanmar affairs do not pose a threat to international peace and security. It is not realistic for America situated in a place far away from Myanmar to say that Myanmar affairs pose a threat to international peace and security

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