

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

Military columns participating in 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade inspected



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects military columns that will participate in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Member of the State Peace and Development Council, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by Chairman of the Work Committee for the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win and responsible personnel

went on an inspection tour of the military columns participating in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade at the parade ground, here, this afternoon.

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column led by Col Aung Gyi, Kyansittha Column by Col Thein Zaw, Bayintnaung Column by Col Zaw Oo, Aungzeya Column by Col San Win, Sinyhushin Column by Col Than Lwin, Bandoola Column by Col Khin

Maung Hsint and Myawady Column by Col Nay Win practised the parade drill under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung.

After the inspection of the parade drills, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe instructed the responsible personnel to make efforts in the parade drills and made arrangements to fulfil their needs.

MNA

WEATHER FORECAST FOR (7-3-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Generally fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Generally fair weather.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 7 March, 2007

Scale up efforts to improve Myanmar motion picture

The major goal of the Myanmar motion picture world is to raise the Myanmar motion picture standard. To achieve this goal, film artistes, technicians and entrepreneurs have to take remedial measures to improve themes, plots, presentation, acting, costumes, and cinema services of the motion pictures.

Now, the government is encouraging the Myanmar motion picture industry for its improvement and to raise the standard of Myanmar motion picture.

With a view to developing the Myanmar motion picture industry, the government has awarded academy awards to the winners since 1952. The academy awards presentation ceremony for 2005 was held in Nay Pyi Taw the other day and 11 academy awards were presented to the winners.

The Ministry of Information is giving encouragement to Myanmar artistes and technicians to attend foreign film festivals and screen their movies abroad. Some Myanmar motion pictures of high artistic value were screened at ASEAN Film Festival held in Singapore, International Film Festival held in Bangladesh, International Film Festival held in India, the Myanmar Film Festival held in Thailand, and Golden Cock Hundred Flowers International Film Festival held in the People's Republic of China.

In addition, some Myanmar motion pictures were screened the Korea International Film Festival and the ASEAN Film Festival to mark the 30th Anniversary of Korea-Myanmar Friendship.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, film artistes, technicians and producers are therefore to speed up making their efforts to boost production of quality Myanmar motion pictures and videos for the improvement of the Myanmar motion picture standard.

MFPTMA members to inform addresses, phone and Fax numbers

YANGON, 6 March—The CEC of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association urged its member associations and companies to urgently inform their present addresses, telephone and Fax numbers to UMFCCI Office Tower (Fax 214840) at No 29, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road in Lanmadaw Township. —MNA

Fire breaks out in Ingon village, relief centre opened, relief aids provided

YANGON, 6 March — Fire burnt down 44 houses in a village in Thazi Township, Meiktila District, this afternoon.

About 250 persons were left homeless by the fire in Ingon Village, which started from the house of U Kyaw Htay at about 1.30 pm today. Officials have opened a relief centre for fire victims at the village monastery, and are providing necessary assistance to them. The cause of fire was due to negligence. —MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Minister for Electric Power No 2 inspects power distribution in two townships

YANGON, 5 March—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials, arrived in Kawhmu Township Electrical Engineer's Office on 3 March.

At the office, Head of Township Electrical Engineer's Office U Aung Kyaw Tun briefed on power supply and consumption to the minister.

In meeting with the staff, the minister said that the ministry opened Township Electrical Engineer's Offices inside and outside Yangon to supply power to the townships. Arrangements are to be made for regular supply of electricity to the suburban townships.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Aye Chan Aung Rice mill in Kungyangon. — MNA

Next, the minister and party went to Kungyangon Township Electrical Engineer's Office.

At the office, Head of Township Electrical En-

gineer's Office U Nay Oo reported on distribution of power from Ywama power station.

Afterwards, the minister gave necessary in-

structions on regular distribution of power.

Then, the minister inspected milling of rice at Aye Chan Aung Rice mill.

MNA

Clerical work refresher course No 1/2007 concludes



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the conclusion of clerical work refresher course No 1/2007. — F & R

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — The clerical work refresher course No 1/2007 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded at the ministry, here this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun spoke on the occasion. He said concerted efforts are to be made for realizing the objectives of the State. The staff are to serve the interest of the people. He urged them to possess work efficiency and to try to become service personnel on whom the people can rely.

The course was attended by 75 trainees.

Also present were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and managing directors and directors-general under the ministry. —MNA



UMFCCI to open new building

YANGON, 6 March—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will open its new UMFCCI Office Tower on 10 March at No 29, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road in Lanmadaw Township at 9 am. It will also hold its annual general meeting at 9.30 am at the Mingalar Hall of the Office Tower the same day. Moreover, talks on various subjects, meetings and trade fair will also be conducted and thus members are urged to attend the ceremonies.

MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran condemns US for refusing visas to Iranian women delegation

TEHERAN, 5 March—Iran on Sunday condemned the United States for declining visas for an Iranian women delegation to attend the 51st conference of the UN Commission on Status of Women in New York.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini said the United States acted in violation of its immediate duties and obligations to UN members, the official IRNA news agency reported.

He said the United States has the responsibility to facilitate the participation of UN members in the international body's meetings,

claiming that Washington was using its status as host of the UN to its political advantage to exert pressure on independent states.

"Global community is required to take account of this issue," he added.

Zohreh Tayebzadeh Nouri, chairperson of the Centre for the Women and Family Affairs, said that the US refusal was an affront to Iranian women.

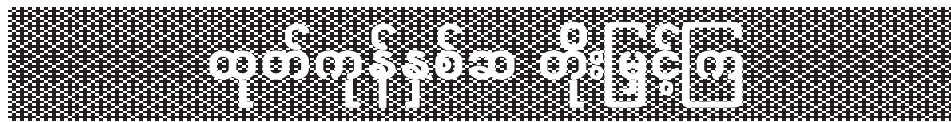
She said that the US officials were fearful of progressive thought of Iranian women and their refusal to grant visas betrayed such a fear.

She said that the group of nine woman delegates, including three reporters,

three researchers and three students, had applied for visas with the US consulate in Switzerland, but, their applications were turned down.

Touba Kermani, who had led the Iranian delegation to Switzerland to get the visas, said that the United States violated its commitments to host the UN Headquarters and created nuisance for member states to participate in UN conferences.

MNA/Xinhua



US presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) (L) looks over at US presidential candidate Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) (2nd R) and her husband, former US President Bill Clinton (R), during a march commemorating the 1965 Selma-Montgomery Voting Rights March in Selma, Alabama, on 4 March, 2007.—XINHUA

UN fears Afghan opium 'explosion'

UNITED NATIONS, 5 March—The United Nations says it fears that Afghanistan may grow even more poppies in 2007 — at a time when current levels are already running at record output.

Poppy production rose 25% in 2006, according to the US State Department.

The UN says although production of poppies, used to make heroin, has fallen in the north and centre, a sharp rise is likely in the lawless south.

It also cites a dramatic increase in cannabis growing, which it describes as a new and disturbing trend.

In a report published on Monday, the UN office on drugs and crime said it was clear that the increased production in the south was a security issue.

Many southern regions have no government presence, while opium farmers were protected by the Taliban which uses drugs money to fund its insurgency, it said.

"It is clear that the insurgents are deriving an income, which they use to pay salaries for their foot soldiers (and) to buy weapons," said Antonio Maria Costa, the UN department's executive director.

"All of this has created quite a cancer of insurgency and illicit drug cultivation that has to be cut through in the years to come," he said.—Internet



University of Tokyo Professor Ken Sakamura shows a portable device with an earphone plug and a screen showing a sample image of his wine store before the start of a test walk of the Tokyo Ubiquitous Technology Project in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district on 5 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Algeria will not host US base on its territory

ALGIERS, 5 March —Algeria said on Saturday its cooperation with Washington's war on terrorism was "profitable" but it would never agree to host a US military base on its territory.

The United States has conducted joint training exercises in countries around the Sahel as part of the "Trans-Saharan Counter Terrorism Initiative" to counter militancy in the region.

And it has reinforced military cooperation and intelligence sharing with Algeria, an OPEC member itself emerging from more than a decade of an Islamic uprising, igniting rumours in the Algerian media that Washington would like to set up a military base in the country. This month, President George W Bush also authorized the creation of a new Africa Command, under which future African continental operations would be conducted.—MNA/Reuters

Coach turnover kills 11, injures 19 in N-W China

XI'AN, 5 March—Eleven people died and 19 others were injured after a coach overturned on highway Sunday morning in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, local government sources said.

The accident occurred at 7:10 am in Fengxian County, 367 kilometres from the provincial capital Xi'an, when the bus with 30 people on board overturned, according to the county government.

MNA/Xinhua

Two British soldiers killed in Afghanistan attack

LONDON, 5 March—Two British soldiers were killed by a rocket attack during operations in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Sunday.

"It is with deep regret that I must confirm the death of two members of 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, who died during operations in Helmand," said Brigadier Jerry Thomas in a statement. Thomas said the attack was in the Sangin area but he was unable to say when it took place.

Britain is due to increase its troop numbers in southern Afghanistan by 800 over the next few months, adding a third battalion of infantry and bringing its total above 6,000, nearly all deployed in the south.—MNA/Reuters



Strong storm tide surges big waves in the East China Sea and hits the seashore levee in Yantai, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 4 March, 2007.—XINHUA



In this picture released by Pakistan Navy, Pakistani folk dancers perform at Karachi dock to welcome the warships arrived at Karachi dock to take part in the Multi-National Naval exercises 'AMAN 07' on 5 March, 2007 in Karachi, Pakistan. Warships from Britain, France, China, Malaysia, and Bangladesh are taking part in the exercises in the North Arabian Sea. —INTERNET

Study says US teens work late, long and in danger

CICAGO, 5 March —US youngsters aged 14 to 18 who work at retail and service jobs during the school year put in an average of 16 hours a week, often at jobs that are dangerous and unsupervised, a study said on Monday.

The report from the University of North Carolina said some of the working conditions found in interviews with a representative sample of 928 teenage workers violated federal law.

"Teens are exposed to multiple hazards, use dangerous equipment despite federal prohibitions and work long hours during the school week," said the report published in the March

issue of Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"They also lack consistent training and adult supervision on the job," it added. The research done during 2003 found the teens worked an average of 16.2 hours per week during the school year, including nearly three times a week after 7 pm on school nights. Thirty-seven percent of those under 16 reported working after 7 pm on a school night, a probable violation of federal law, it said.

Despite federal regulations prohibiting teens under 18 from using certain types of dangerous equipment such as slicers, dough mixers, box crushers and paper balers,

or serving or selling alcohol in places where it is consumed, more than half of the boys and 43 per cent of the girls said they had done work that was prohibited, the study found. —MNA/Reuters

ဝက်မွှေးအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

Arabs want UN to set timetable for US withdrawal

CAIRO, 5 March —The Arab League said on Sunday the United Nations Security Council should set a timetable for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Iraq.

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa listed what the Cairo-based organization believed were the key issues for easing the crisis in Iraq.

Apart from setting a timetable for US-led coalition to leave, the list

also includes a call for the fair distribution of wealth and the disbanding of all militias, which are demands that Arab leaders have repeated many times.

"I suggest that these foundations be included in a binding UN Security Council resolution that all Iraqi and other parties with present roles in Iraq should respect and follow," Moussa said in a speech to a meeting of Arab foreign ministers.

The United States has rejected calls for setting a date for its troops, who make up the vast majority of multinational forces, to leave the country they invaded in 2003.

Arab governments have little influence in Baghdad.

The Arab League representative in Iraq resigned in January because of his frustration over the situation in the country. —MNA/Reuters

MSW residents switch to green power

SYDNEY, 6 March —New South Wales Premier Morris Iemma says he is pleased by figures showing the state's residents are

switching to green power. Around 2,000 people a week are signing up to environmentally-friendly energy, which comes from

renewable sources like wind and solar. The total number of customers increased by 68 per cent last year to more than 68,000. Mr Iemma says the green energy that is being purchased is currently above the state's renewable energy target of 15 per cent by the year 2020.

"This is great news for our environment," he said. —Internet



Ranchers chant slogans during a rally opposing free trade agreement (FTA) talks between South Korea and the United States near the National Assembly in Seoul on 5 March, 2007. INTERNET

Two killed, 25 injured in electric wire falling on bus in India

PATNA (India), 5 March —Two people were killed and 25 others were injured when a high-tension electric wire fell on a crowded passenger bus in north Indian state Bihar Saturday, a local TV channel reported.

According to the ETV, a high-tension 11,000 volt electric wire suddenly fell on the roof of the crowded passenger bus on the way from Rafiganj to Kasma in Bihar's Aurangabad District.

Eyewitnesses said many passengers were sitting on the roof of the bus.

Two passengers were killed on the spot whereas 25 others sustained serious injuries due to the powerful electric shock. —MNA/Xinhua

Blasts kill 9 US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) 5 March — At least nine U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in a pair of deadly attacks north of Baghdad, US military statements released Tuesday said.

"Six Task Force Lightning soldiers died as a result of injuries sustained following an explosion near their vehicles," a statement said. The attack took place during combat operations in Salah ad Din province.

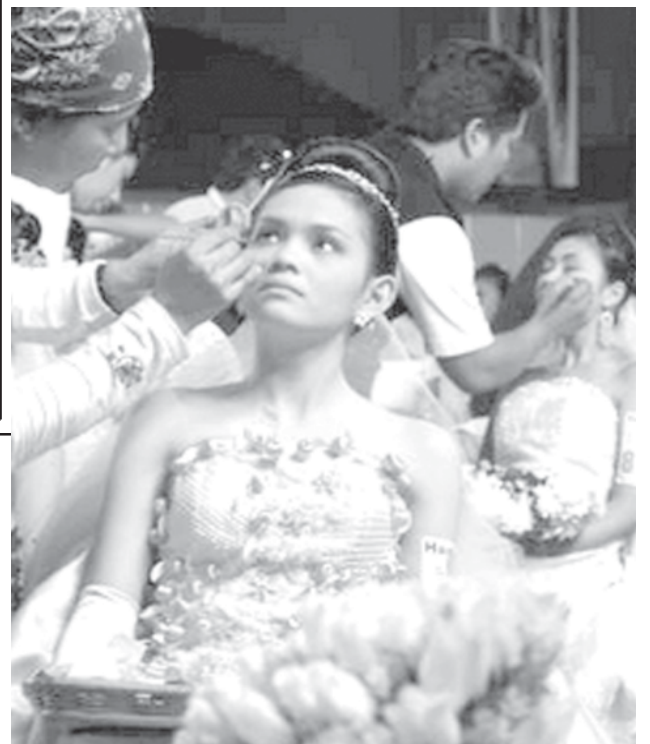
Three other soldiers were wounded and taken to military treatment

facilities.

In Diyala province, three more Task Force Lightning soldiers died when a bomb exploded near them, the military said. One other soldier was wounded.

Internet

Makeup artists apply makeup to their models during the National Open Championship for Hair and Makeup at the World Trade Centre in Manila on 5 March, 2007. — INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

Microsoft debuts 512 MB Xbox memory unit



Game of Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 6 March — Microsoft Corp announced a 512-megabyte memory unit for the Xbox 360 game console at the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, media reported on Tuesday.

The new unit is expected to retail for 49.99 US dollars, beginning 3 April.

The company also said it will cut the price on its smaller 64 MB memory unit to 29.99 dollars, down from 39.99.

According to Microsoft, it will significantly expand the storage capabilities for gaming “on the go” and will permit gamers to more easily store and transport their gamer profiles as well as save game data, Xbox Live Arcade Games and content purchased from the Xbox Live

Marketplace.

Because gamers on the go are always scoping out new games, the new memory unit will also enable Xbox 360 owners to download “exclusive content” from Microsoft’s network of 45,000 Xbox 360 kiosks located in retail stores around the world.

Microsoft also said it hiked the Xbox Live Arcade game size to 150 MB, up from 50 MB.

Shares of Microsoft were unchanged at 27.76 dollar on the Nasdaq Stock Market Monday.

Internet



A model of a Russian submarine seen in the Moscow River, made as an installation of the Second Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art in Moscow, on 5 March, 2007. In the background is the Kremlin.—INTERNET

Bangladeshi man finds perfect happiness up a palm tree

JESSORE (Bangladesh), 6 March—A Bangladeshi man with a head for heights has hit on a perfect solution to try and get a bit of peace and quiet in one of the world’s most densely-populated countries.

Each day carpenter and aspiring writer Salim Hossen Gaus, aged 25, winches himself 30 metres in a precarious home-made pulley to a small wooden platform he has built at the top of a palm tree.

“I spend four to five hours minimum in the tree reading and writing, listening to the birds chirping,” he said, adding his favourite authors were Shakespeare and the Nobel laureate, Bengali writer and poet Rabindranath Tagore.

“The isolation is very pleasing. I don’t get any disturbance from people and no-one can distract me from my literary works,” he said.

Gaus, from the south-west Jessore district, says he enjoys the tranquillity of his tree house so much he had even taken to eating meals and sleeping there sometimes. “I feel a deep affinity with nature when I am in the tree writing poetry in the moonlight or looking at the sun rising or setting,” he said. —AFP

Railway-linked Tibet vexed about inadequate services

BEIJING, 5 March — Entrance tickets to Potala Palace sold like hot cakes in railway-linked Tibet last year, but political advisers and legislators here worry that more tourists will be disappointed by scant ticket supplies.

Tourism to Tibet is soaring with the operation of the new railway line which opened last July, running from Xining in northwest China to Lhasa in southwest China.

As the train races across the Lhasa Bridge, Potala Palace can be clearly seen in the background. But it has become harder to get into the sacred complex as only a limited number of entrance tickets are available each day, said Ngoezhub Puncog, who is here attending the annual session of China’s top political advisory body, which opened on Saturday.—MNA/Xinhua



A model of a Tutankhamun’s golden mask made entirely of Lego bricks is displayed during a preview of an upcoming exhibition at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, Egypt on 1 March, 2007.

INTERNET

Suicide blasts kill up to 90 people in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 March —Up to 90 Shia pilgrims have been killed and more than 140 wounded in a double suicide bombing in the central Iraqi town of Hilla, police said.

It was the deadliest in a number of attacks against pilgrims heading to the city of Karbala for a religious event. At least seven pilgrims were killed and 14 injured in car bombings in Baghdad as they set off for Karbala.

At least three pilgrims were killed in two separate shootings in Latifiya, 30km (20 miles) south of Baghdad.

The attack in Hilla happened in the late afternoon when two bombers wearing explosive vests blew themselves up in a crowd of pilgrims.—Internet

70 killed in Indonesian quake

JAKARTA, 5 March — A powerful earthquake struck western Indonesian Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and injuring hundreds more as buildings collapsed.

The 6.3-magnitude quake, which was followed by several strong aftershocks, forced thousands to flee their homes near the epicenter on Sumatra island.

“We’re preparing for the worst,” Andi Mallarangeng, a spokesman for President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, told CNN.

“We are still monitoring the situation ... We hope the worst is over.”

Power lines and communication were cut to the affected region. Indonesian television showed widespread damage to buildings on the island, including a hospital that had to be evacuated.

The quakes, which were felt as far away as Malaysia and Singapore, sent frightened people running from their homes, Deputy Governor Syamsudin said in the southern Sumatra city of Solok.

Peter Cameron of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Jakarta said it was feared that the death toll could rise sharply. He said “tens of thousands of people” were likely to be affected.

At least two young children and a teacher were killed when a two-story building crashed onto a playground in Solok, according to police.—Internet



Paris Hilton talks to reporters at the Chicago Midwest Beauty Show in Rosemont, Ill. on 4 March, 2007.—INTERNET

“Atlantis” heads back to hangar for repair

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 5 March — Space shuttle *Atlantis* was removed from its seaside launch pad on Sunday for repairs after a freak hailstorm battered the spaceship’s fuel tank last week.

The shuttle had been scheduled to lift off on 15 March for the first of five missions NASA plans to fly to the *International Space Station* this year. But a fierce thunderstorm directly over the Kennedy Space Centre on Monday left the shuttle with a fuel

tank too damaged to fly. The storm dropped golf ball-sized hail on the shuttle—there were about 7,000 strikes on the insulation on the fuel tank.

While most are expected to be minor, several hundred divots and gouges will need to be sanded down and filled with new foam, said shuttle tank manager John Chapman, with NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama.

If the damage proves too severe, NASA also

could decide to replace *Atlantis’* tank with one being prepared for the next shuttle mission, which had been targeted for late June.

Technicians plan to make detailed inspections and tests of the tank before managers decide whether to repair or replace it.

Repairing the gouges in the tank’s insulating foam would likely position the shuttle for a launch in late April or early May, programme manager Wayne Hale said at a briefing last week.

MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle *Atlantis* rolls back from launch pad 39A to the Vehicle Assembly Building for repairs to the external tank at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 4 March, 2007. *Atlantis’* external tank was damaged during a hail storm on 26 Feb, 2007. —INTERNET

Small plane crashes in Philippines

MANILA, 5 March — A light single piston-engine plane crashed Sunday morning into a banana plantation in the southern Philippines while spraying anti-pest chemical over the fruit farm, slightly injuring its pilot, police and Air Transportation Office (ATO) said.

Police Officer John Tacuyan told *Xinhua* an *Agcat* sprayer plane piloted by Captain Alex Montenegro plowed through files of banana trees as it crashed while applying chemicals on them in the village of Kinamayan, Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte in Mindanao.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian Deputy PM to visit Japan, South Korea

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 March — Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak will make official visits to Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) in the coming week, the Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

This will be Najib’s first official visits to the two Asian countries in the capacity of deputy prime minister, with the purpose of further enhancing relations between Malaysia and Japan and the ROK, the ministry said in a statement.

During his tour to Japan slated for March 5-8, Najib, who is also defence minister, will pay a courtesy call on Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. He will also meet with Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister and the new Defence Minister.

In addition, the Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister will deliver a speech entitled “Building Comprehensive Security Environment in East Asia” at the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers perform traditional “Chonglong” dance, a kind of dragon dance with splashing molten iron, to celebrate the Lantern Festival in Puding County, south China’s Guizhou Province on 5 March, 2007.

XINHUA

Child killed, three missing in Russian avalanche

MOSCOW, 5 March — One child was killed and three others were missing in an avalanche in southern Russia on Sunday, news agencies reported.

Four people were buried in snow after the avalanche hit the Krasnaya Polyana ski resort near the resort town of Sochi on the Black Sea coast at 3:10 pm (1210 GMT), the southern regional centre of the Emergency Situations Ministry said, according to news agencies *ITAR-TASS* and *Interfax*.

A 10-year old child was recovered from under the snow but died later in hospital. The search for the three others still missing was underway. — MNA/Xinhua

Mortar shells found in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, 5 March — Lebanese security forces on Saturday found a batch of explosives, including some mortar shells, in south Lebanon, local ANB TV reported.

Security sources was quoted as saying that the forces at first found fake explosive devices in a wooden box on the highway leading to the southern town of Sidon. — MNA/Xinhua

Genetic test detects early lung cancer

BEIJING, 5 March — Lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer in the world and now the Boston University School of Medicine has developed a genetic test that could reveal whether a smoker has lung cancer months or years earlier than is currently possible.

The patterns of what scientists call “gene expression” in the cells taken from the airways of smokers could aid the early detection of lung cancer, according to the study reported by the media Sunday.

The research, published Friday in the journal *Natural Medicine*, identifies a pattern among 80 genes that can distinguish between smokers with and without lung cancer.

Depending on where the cancer is, it is often possible to remove stage one lung cancer with surgery.

“Our study has identified an airway gene-expression biomarker that will impact the diagnostic evaluation of smokers with suspect lung cancer,” said Dr Avrum Spira, who led the study alongside colleague Dr Jerome Brody. “Our data also suggests that this method could improve the diagnostic sensitivity of the overall bronchoscopy procedure from 53 to 90 per cent,” he added. — Internet



Xiao Xiangyu, a well-known Chinese performing artist in Yuju Opera, performs “Hua Mulan” in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 4 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Yekyi producing rattan ware on commercial scale

Article by Than Than Nu, Tin Mar Win; photos by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



Raw rattan wares are delivered to rattan ware companies.

We members of a media group from the Myanma Alin daily recently visited rattan ware enterprise in Yekyi, Ayeyawady Division, and conducted an interview with proprietor of a rattan ware enterprise U Khin Maung Tun.

He said that Yekyi began its rattan ware industry in 1970 for a living. Later local people boosted production of the items and started to distribute them to other regions, then to Bogyoke Aung San Market in Yangon.

Several species of rattan grow in Myanmar. Yekyi rattan ware enterprise uses reddish rattan species to make handicrafts. In Myanmar, rattan thrives in Myitkyina, YeU, Hkamti, and Dawei region of Thaninthayi Division. The rattan produced in those regions is transported to rattan ware factories in Yangon and Mandalay. Rattan stems are made into filigree works with the use of modern machines, and that are used as raw materials. A filigree work



A young woman making a basket.

is about 10 feet long with a girth of five to 13 millimeters.

Workers in a small-scale enterprise manually make rattan stems into filigree works with the use of small knives.

Common rattan items produced in Yekyi are various sizes and designs of plates, heat resistant discs, trays, pots, containers, boxes, sepak takraw balls, baskets, and lamp shades.

Regarding trade of rattan ware of Yekyi rattan ware enterprise, Manager U Khin Hsan of Shwe Oh Gyi Rattan and Bamboo Ware Enterprise said that according to the market-oriented economic system, since 1992, companies



An artistic rattan pot.

have been established to export rattan ware to neighbouring countries and western European countries. The enterprise transports the items to rattan ware companies in Yangon such as Shwe Oh Gyi Co, DIC Co, and KKA Co. At first, it delivers semi-finished products to the markets.



Common rattan wares produced in Yekyi Township.



Workers at work site.

Myanmar, it is said that rattan ware originated in Yekyi. The region produces rattan ware on a commercial scale in addition to cultivating paddy and vegetables and gardening.

Now, the five rural development tasks are being implemented. Thanks to the 1,165-foot-long Ngawun River

ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

The companies make the raw items into finished items by removing the bulks of the items, and pasteurizing, polishing and drying them. The finished items are packed and transported to the markets.

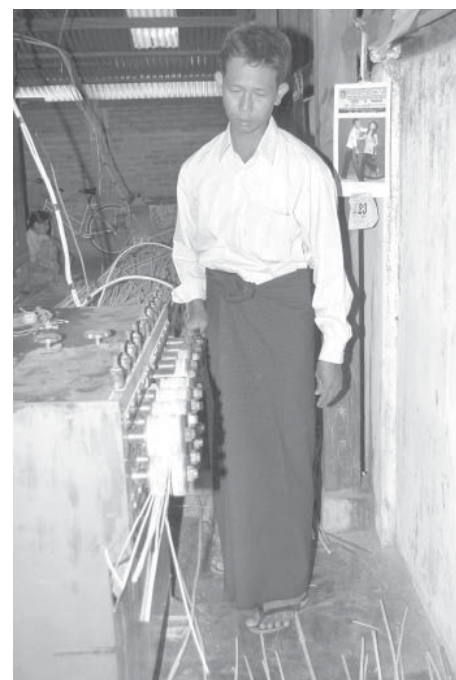
The companies exported the works to the Netherlands, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark, African countries and East Asian countries.

About 50 entrepreneurs run rattan ware enterprises with some 6,000 workers in Yekyi Township. In

spanning bridge, local people in Yekyi Township can travel easily to Rakhine State. With the development of the transport sector the township can look forward to further progress.

Yekyi is a plain region surrounded by mountain ranges and ravines. The region is beautiful pleasant thanks to the Ngawun River that flows from north to south.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin: 1-3-2007



Rattan stems are made into filigree works with the use of modern machines.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attends prize presentation ceremony of Military Band Competition

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — The closing ceremony of the 15th Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Competition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony at the parade ground, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Member of the State Peace and Development Council, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Military Band Competition Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of panel of judges and Tatmadawmen.

After taking positions, Tatmadawmen from the participating military bands saluted Chief

of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the State Flag, paid tribute to fallen soldiers and recited four oaths.

In the military band competition, Yangon Command clinched the first prize, trailed by North-East Command with the second prize and followed by Eastern Command with third prize. Next, Chief of the Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented prizes to the officials of the winning bands.

MNA

Chief of the Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents the third prize to the leader of the military band representing the Eastern Command.

MNA



Religious Affairs Ministry holds coord meeting



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung giving a speech at the work coordination meeting of the ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March— Ministry of Religious Affairs held a work coordination meeting at the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Also present at the meeting were Advisor U Arnt Maung and officials of the departments under the ministry.

Director U Zar Ni Win of the Religious Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and Pro-Rector(Admin) Dr Kyi Myint of International Tharavada Buddhist University reported on tasks being carried out by their respective departments.

The officials briefed on the religious matters of States/Divisions, opening of youth training schools in Kalay and Pakokku.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

MNA

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

YANGON, 6 March—The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is taking measures regarding the death of fowls and birds in townships of Yangon Division.

Altogether ten crows, seven pigeons, one greater coucal, one dove and one myna were found dead in Ahlon, Yankin, Mingala Taungnyunt, Hline, Pabedan, South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa, Tamway and Thanlyin townships of Yangon Division on 6-3-2007. But no fowls and ducks were found dead in those townships.

According to the laboratory test, the dead birds showed no sign of avian flu.

MNA

Roads, bridges inspected in Yangon Division

YANGON, 6 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspected upgrading of road section on Yangon-Pathein Road on 4 March.

An official reported on paving of road and arrangements. The minister told officials to build the road in accord with the standards set.

The minister inspected a road linking No 5 Highway and Dalla-Twantay Road. It is a major road linking Yangon and Pyapon, Dedaye and Kungyangon Townships.

The minister told the workers to upgrade the road into all-weather one.

The minister and party inspected construction of Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

The six-lane reinforced concrete bridge is 4,540 feet long and 72 feet wide with six feet walkways on both sides. It can withstand 75-ton loads.—MNA

Two wounded by terrorist-planted mines

YANGON, 6 March — Terrorist insurgents have been resorting to various means to undermine stability of State, community peace, the rule of law and public security. At about 9 am on 4 March, a terrorist-planted mine blasted the right foot of a villager from ankle on a bullock-cart track near Panin village in Shwegyin Township. The victim, U Tun Tun Oo, of Pugonmyaung village, Nyaunglebin Township, was hit by the mine while searching fire wood together with a companion. He was sent to 100-bed hospital in Shwegyin.

Another person of ward 6, Mone town, Bago Division, was wounded in both feet and face by a terrorist-planted mine at about 10.30 am the same day near Thingyantaung, while cutting bamboo together with two friends. The victim, Maung Zaw Lin Tun, has been warded at Mone hospital. Authorities are providing necessary help for both mine victims.

The people are feeling a deep loathing of the terrorist insurgents who are planting mines in places frequented by the public. — MNA

Minister for Industry-2 inspects farm equipment and automobile part factories

YANGON, 6 March— Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials inspected No 2 farm equipment factory (Malun) of Myanma Agricultural Machinery Industries in Minhla Township, Magway Division on 3 March.

General Manager U

Thein Aung reported on production of parts of the tractor and display of the tractors for sale.

The minister gave instructions on production of tractors and trailers to exceed the targets, quality control and efficient use of power and fuel.

The minister also

inspected No 2 motor factory (Htonbo) in Padaung Township on 4 March. He gave instructions on production in accord with the set standards, full operation at the factory, production of new items and worksite safety.

MNA

Workshop on cervix cancer held



Professor Col Kyaw Nyunt addresses the workshop on cervix cancer.— MNA

YANGON, 6 March— Workshop on cervix cancer was held at No (1) Defence Services Obstetric & Gynaecology and Child Hospital (300-bed) in Mingaladon here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Cervix Cancer Specialist Dr Marleen Praet of Support Fund Myanmar (Belgium) Team and

members, Commandant of the hospital Professor Col Kyaw Nyunt, OG specialists, guests and OG trainees of Defence Services Medical Academy.

Professor Col Kyaw Nyunt explained the salient points of the workshop and Specialist Dr Marleen Praet clarified matters on cervix cancer

and surgical operations and answered queries raised by those present.

Cervix Cancer Specialist Dr Marleen Praet and party in cooperation with Professor Col Kyaw Nyunt and OG specialists will perform surgical operations on seven cervix cancer patients from 7 to 9 March.

MNA

Complaints invited if Supreme Court staff malpractise

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March— By setting aims and objectives in conducting judicial affairs, courts under the supervision of Supreme Court are trying to shape a fair judicial system that can win the trust and reliance of the people upholding such good deeds as impartiality, justice, equality and goodwill.

If any staff member of the Supreme Court or courts at various levels in performing his or her duty commits bribery and malpractice, seeks self-interest or breaches existing rules and regulations and procedures, complaints can be made to the following addressees in person, by phone or by fax.

Chief Justice Ph: 067-404080

Deputy Chief Justice Ph: 067-404071

Ph: 01-372145

Deputy Chief Justice Ph: 02-32154

Director General Ph: 067-404078

Head of Office Ph: 067-404067 Fax: 067-404059

Supreme Court, No 24, Nay Pyi Taw.

If there is any complaint, the Supreme Court will investigate and take prompt action. The people are urged to cooperate with authorities concerned by making authentic complaints. — MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects sanitation and proper drainage in townships

YANGON, 6 March— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials arrived at the corner of Maha Bandoola and Lanmadaw streets in Lanmadaw Township this

morning.

They inspected tasks for proper drainage and sanitation.

They inspected tasks for proper drainage near the Myanmar Umbrella Factory in Insein Township, upgrading of Insein

Road from Parami junction in Hline Township to Hledan junction in Hledan Township, the paving of the 500-foot long and 18-foot wide road near the Royal Ruby Jade Hotel and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Second round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship concludes in Mawlamyine



YANGON, 6 March— Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Zaw Min attended a prize presentation of the second round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and International Beverages Trading Co

Ltd held at Ngan Tae Golf Club in Mawlamyine yesterday afternoon.

After the second round, Brig-Gen Zaw Min presented first prize to Zaw Naing with 140 total strokes and second to Zar Li with 141 total strokes whereas Col Myo Aung Htay of South-East Command awarded third to Hla Win with 141 total strokes, fourth to Soe Oo with 142 total strokes and fifth to Tun Shan with 143 total strokes.

Next, Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council U Aung Win and Executive

of MPGA and MGF U Ko Ko Lay gave away consolation prizes to winners.

Afterwards, prizes were also given to Soe Lwin, Soe Naing, Zaw Min Aye. Vice-President of Ngan Tae Golf Club Deputy Director of General Administration Department accepted souvenirs presented by IBTC.

The main sponsor is Intentional Beverages Co Ltd and co-sponsors, Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine. Han Event Management took charge of the golf championship. — MNA



Winners of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007 pose for a group photo.— MGF

People can complain if there is any malpractice of Attorney-General's Office personnel

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—The Attorney-General's Office is now effectively supervising legal functions for ensuring uprightness of the judicial pillar to enable the law offices to win trust and reliance of the people and to provide legal services to the people.

Therefore, if an employee of any of the law offices at all levels misusing his authority receives any form of bribe, seeks self-interests, perpetrates unfair acts, or makes improper practice of existing laws and procedures, anyone who suffers personally can complain by post, on telephone or by fax to the attorney-general (tel: 067-404088), deputy attorneys-general (tel: 067-404090, 067-404092, 067-404094), the director-general (tel: 067-404097), Fax 067-404146, the head of office, 067-404147, Fax 067-404106, and the Attorney-General's Office at Office No 25, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Premier says China to invest 391.7 bln Yuan in agriculture

BEIJING, 6 March — The central government of China will invest 391.7 billion yuan in agriculture, rural areas and farmers this year, as it vows to develop modern agriculture and promote the building of a new countryside according to a government work report delivered by Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday.

“We will effectively shift the focus of state infrastructure development and development of social programmes to the countryside,” said Wen in the report to 2,890 lawmakers at the opening meeting of the Fifth Session of the Tenth National People’s Congress (NPC), the top legislature. — MNA/Xinhua

S Korea seeks to sell newly developed tanks to Turkey

SEOUL, 6 March— South Korea is seeking to export its newly developed combat tanks to Turkey, the local daily Korea Herald quoted a defence official as saying on Monday.

According to the report, South Korea has applied for the Turkish tank acquisition bid with its next-generation amphibious tanks codenamed XK2, whose first three units were rolled out Friday.

Under the project, Ankara is expected to produce more than 1,000 units in partnership with a selected firm. Turkey is scheduled to select preferred equipment in May.

“Korea and France are currently vying for Turkey’s next-generation tank contract. The Turkish military and defence firms have shown more trust in our technology, so the country is highly likely to pick up our products,” the report quoted an unnamed official of the country’s defence ministry as saying.

In early 2004, XK2’s developer, Agency for

Defence Development, invited Turkish defence officials to South Korea to show the quality of their new tanks. Later, South Korea sent tank developers and defence officials to Turkey several times to promote the equipment, the report said.

On Tuesday, South Korean Defence Minister Kim Jang-soo will fly to Turkey to attend a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between South Korea and Turkey.

During the visit, lasting until March 10, Kim will meet his Turkish counterpart and defence acquisition officials to discuss the sale of the XK2 tanks, South Korean officials told the newspaper.

The XK2, nicknamed “Black Panther,” can

manoeuvre under water as deep as 4.1 metres and travel at a speed of more than 70 kilometres per hour on the road. With a crew of three it boasts an auto-loading 120 mm cannon capable of downing helicopters.

MNA/Xinhua



A prisoner is trapped by the barbed wire in Bochum, Germany, on 4 March, 2007. Three prisoners were wounded and during prison break and then were sent to hospital.— XINHUA

Rabies kill 61 in Hunan Province leading to dog cull

CHANGSHA, 6 March — Sixty one people in central China’s Hunan Province have died from

rabies in first two months of the year, leading the vice governor to call for a cull of dogs in the

province.

Gan Lin, vice governor of Hunan, said the government had to kill unvaccinated dogs to keep the horrible disease away from people.

Rabies killed 443 people in Hunan in 2006, which last year was the country’s most deadly infectious disease.

Since 1996, rabies has killed 2,719 people in Hunan, said Gan.

The increasing number of pet dogs and low vaccination rates are blamed for the rabies epidemic in the province, said Gan, without providing details on the number of pets that have caused the spread of the disease.

MNA/Xinhua



A strong wind amid heavy snow cut the power and water supply in many parts of the northeastern Dalian, a port city in Liaoning Province, on 4 March, 2007 night, local power supply authorities said.— XINHUA

Snowstorm disrupts traffic, causes blackout in N-E China

SHENYANG, 6 March — The heaviest March snowstorm to hit northeast China in 56 years disrupted air and road traffic, and cut off power and water supplies in many parts of the coastal city of Dalian on Sunday.

Gusts of wind measuring up to 30 metres per second blacked out 11 of the 25 220-kilovolt power supply stations in Dalian at 10:00 p.m. The power failure hit the suburban Lushunkou and Jinzhou districts, Wafangdian City and parts of the eastern and western urban areas, and subsequently cut off water supply and central heating in some urban areas.

Dalian Thermoelec-

tricity Group, the city’s largest central heating supplier, was forced to cut heating for 40 per cent of its users at midnight, leaving thousands of urban families shivering as the mercury dropped to minus seven degrees Celsius.

“Repair work is expected to begin on Monday afternoon, when the wind will hopefully weaken to 17 metres per second,” said Ma

Yong’an, a spokesman with the power company, early on Monday.

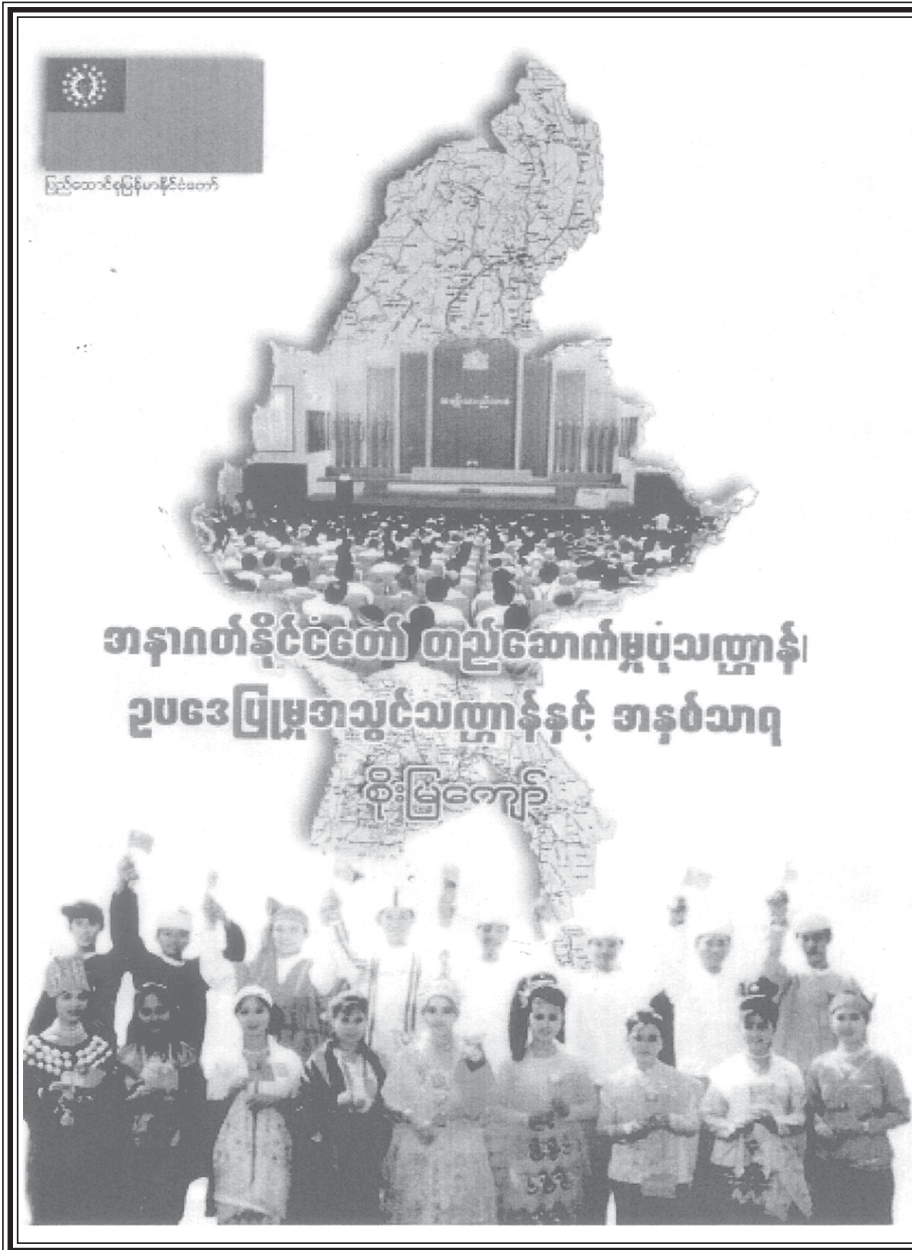
But city authorities predicted they would need two to three days to remedy all the damages.

Dalian weather bureau reported 56 millimetres of rain from the blizzard that started on Saturday night and lasted until the small hours of Monday.

MNA/Xinhua



Residents walk in snow in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 4 March, 2007. The strongest snowstorm in 56 years hit Liaoning, left at least one person dead, seven injured and caused air and highway traffic disturbed. — XINHUA



- အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကို ကျင်းပကာ နိုင်ငံတော်ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံ အခြေခံဥပဒေ ရေးဆွဲရေးအတွက် အခြေခံရမည့်မူများနှင့် အသေးစိတ်အခြေခံရမည့်မူများကို အမျိုးသားညီလာခံကိုယ်စားလှယ်များက ညှိနှိုင်းဆွေးနွေး အတည်ပြုချက် ချမှတ်ပေးလျက်ရှိသည်။
- အမျိုးသားညီလာခံသတင်းများကို လေ့လာကြည့်သောအခါ အနာဂတ် နိုင်ငံတော်တည်ဆောက်မှု ပုံသဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရကို ပုံဖော်မှန်းမျှော် ကြည့်ရှုရလာပြီ ဖြစ်သည်။
- အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော်တွင် ပေါ်ပေါက်လာမည့် ဥပဒေပြုမှုနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်းသည့် အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရကို ထင်လင်းစွာ ပုံဖော်လာရေးအတွက် စာရေး သူ၏တွေ့ရှိချက်များကို တိုင်းရင်းသားပြည်သူများအား အကိုးအထောက် မှန်ကန်စွာဖြင့် လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းဝေငှထားသည့် -

စိုးမြကျော် ၏

အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော်တည်ဆောက်မှု ပုံသဏ္ဍာန် ဥပဒေပြုမှု အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရ

- အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော် တည်ဆောက်မှု ပုံသဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရ အခန်း (၁) ခန်းနှင့် အနာဂတ်နိုင်ငံတော်၏ ဥပဒေပြုမှု အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်နှင့် အနှစ်သာရ အပိုင်း (၁၃) ပိုင်းပါရှိသည်။
- ရောင်းစုံ သရုပ်ဖော်ပုံများနှင့် စာမျက်နှာ (၁၅၀)၊ ရောင်းဈေး ၃၅၀/-
ထွက်ပြီ
- စာပေဗိမာန် စာအုပ်ဆိုင် ၅၂၉-၅၃၁၊ ကုန်သည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။
ဖုန်း - ၃၈၁၄၄၈၊ ၂၄၉၀၃၀
- သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းစာအုပ်ဆိုင်၊ ၂၁၂၊ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။
ဖုန်း - ၂၉၄၃၀၆

7 mln Vietnamese children have psychological disorders

HANOI, 6 March — Some seven million Vietnamese children show signs of psychological disorders such as being fed up with studies, playing truant, disobeying orders of superiors and acting counter to social norms, local newspaper *New Hanoi* reported on Monday.

The number of local children suffering from autism, depression, anxiety and nervous tension tends to rise, the newspaper quoted Vietnam's Committee for Population, Family and Children as saying.

Children facing the highest risk of developing psychology disorder include those having HIV/AIDS, suffering from sexual harassment, and becoming addicted to drugs, and street kids.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspected bird flu patient in Laos dies

HANOI, 6 March — A 42-year-old woman from Laos, suspected of contracting bird flu, died, the country's news agency *KPL* reported on Monday.

Laboratory tests from the Lao Health Ministry, as saying.

The woman, who lived near a village that has bird flu-infected poultry, was admitted to a hospital in Laos' Vientiane capital city on 2 March after developing a fever and pneumonia.

MNA/Xinhua

NPA rebel killed, 2 soldiers hurt in clash in S Philippines

MANILA, 6 March — A suspected New People's Army (NPA) guerilla was killed and two soldiers wounded in an encounter in southern Philippine province of Compostela Valley, a military spokesman said on Monday.

At around 3 am triggering a brief gunbattle, said Army spokesman Ernesto Torres Jr.

The two wounded soldiers were brought to a hospital in Davao City for treatment, Torres said.

An M14 rifle and a .357-caliber revolver were recovered from the scene of the clash, he added.

The Philippine military has set a 2010 deadline to finish off the NPA, the 7,100-strong armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), which has been waging a guerilla campaign from the countryside for nearly four decades.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia sees deficit in gas production

JAKARTA, 6 March — The world's largest gas producer Indonesia said Monday it suffers a deficit of some 300 million cubic feet of gas per day due to growing domestic demand and stagnant production.

National gas production stood at 8.1 billion cubic feet per day while domestic needs have reached 8.4 billion cubic feet, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro said in an open hearing with legislators here.

Gas shortage now hits East Kalimantan, East

Java and areas in northern Sumatra, he said.

The government is working to boost exploration activities to raise the proven gas reserves to 75 trillion cubic feet, he said. Indonesia has targeted to boost gas production to 8.6 million cubic feet per day this year.

MNA/Xinhua



The seashore levee was destroyed by the storm tide in Yantai, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 4 March, 2007. — XINHUA

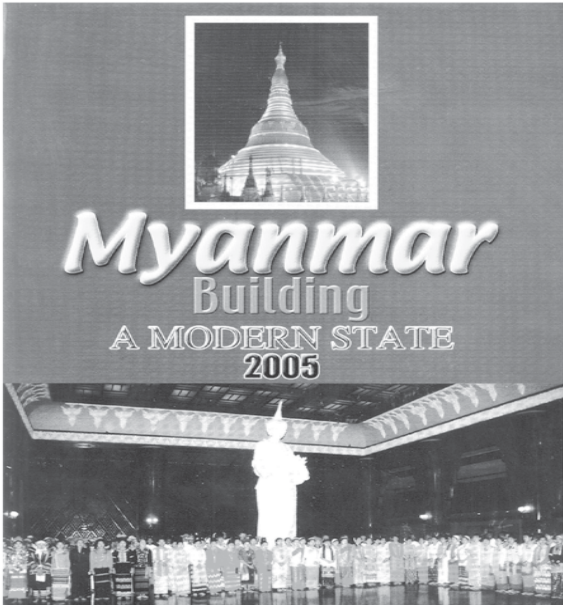
ADVERTISEMENT

Bulgaria seizes 27 kilos of heroin bound for Croatia

SOFIA, 5 March—Bulgarian Customs officers seized 27 kilos of heroin estimated to be worth 2.5 million leva (1.68 million US dollars) hidden in a car travelling from Turkey to Croatia, officials said on Sunday.

Customs officers at the Balkan country's border checkpoint with Turkey found 51 packages of the drugs in the car, driven by a 57-year-old Croatian.

The new European Union country is on the crossroads between Asia and Europe and has long served as a gateway for smugglers trafficking goods and drugs to Western Europe. As an outer border country of the 27-member bloc, Sofia has tightened border controls and has vowed to fight organized crime and corruption.—MNA/Reuters



MYANMAR
Building A Modern State
2005

This facts studied book provides a reliable and valuable reference for scholars, researchers and the public for general reading.
 Illustrated with colourful photographs.
 Published by the Ministry of Information presenting five chapters:
 The Beautiful Land,
 Economy,
 Infrastructure,
 Social Setting,
 International Cooperation.

On sale US\$ 5.00 per copy

Available at
 Sarpay Beikman Book Shop, No. 529-531, Merchant Street, Yangon ☎: 381448, 249031
 News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop, No. 212, Theinpyu Street, Yangon ☎: 294306
 Hotels, Shopping Malls and other Book Shops in Yangon

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
 MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
 MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways for supply of the following Store which will be purchased in US Dollar/ Euro:

Srl.No	Tender No	Description of Store	Quantity
1.	1/MR/Rail Bus(M) 2006-2007	In-Service Rail Buses; Diesel Motorized Units (KIHA 52 or KIHA 58)	10-Nos
2.	2/MR/Rail Bus(M) 2006-2007	In-Service Rail Buses; Diesel Motorized Units (LE 20 or LE 30 or NT 100 or LEDC or CR 70)	10-Nos

Closing Date, Time. 6.4.2007 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 6.3.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985, (201555Ext 601, 602, 605, 612)
 Deputy General Manager
 Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
 MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
 MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways for supply of the following Store which will be purchased in US Dollar/ Euro:

Srl.No	Tender No	Description of Store	Quantity
1.	15(T)3/MR(E) 2006-2007	BS 75 R Steel Rail (Brand New)	24000M-Ton

Closing Date, Time. 7.5.2007 (Monday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 7.3.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985, (201555Ext 601, 602, 605, 612)
 Deputy General Manager
 Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

Volcano in central Philippines spewing thick smoke

MANILA, 5 March—A volcano in central Philippines began spewing thick smoke on Sunday, resulting in raising of alert levels by authorities, reported local radio DZBB.

Mount Bulusan in Sorsogon Province, 350

kilometres southeast to Manila, is one of the two volcanos in the Bicol Region, which was severely hit by typhoon late last year.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said no less than 40

volcanic quakes shook Bulusan since Thursday.

Alert Level 1 was hoisted over Mount Bulusan by Phivolcs, meaning people are barred from venturing within the four-kilometre permanent danger zone of volcano.

MNA/Xinhua

HIV/AIDS patients in Yunnan get free TCM treatment

KUNMING, 5 March—Southwest China's Yunnan Province, which has a large number of people living with the HIV/AIDS, plans to provide free treatment to more HIV/AIDS victims this year with traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

Addressing a provincial health meeting that ended on Friday, Yang Hongsheng, deputy chief of Yunnan Provincial Bureau of Health, said the province would build more infrastructure, bringing the number of TCM AIDS treatment centres to seven.

He did not disclose the size of the investment.

"We hope more than 1,500 HIV/AIDS victims will be able to get free medical treatment at TCM centres this year," said the official.

Yunnan, bordering Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar in the south and west, has China's worst HIV/AIDS figures. HIV/AIDS cases have been found in all of the province's 129 counties, according to the provincial health bureau.

The province had 48,591 people living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2006, accounting for 26 per cent of the nation's total. A total of 1,768 people have died from the disease in the province.

Yunnan began using TCM to treat HIV/AIDS sufferers free of charge in June 2005. Altogether a total of 1,308 people had enjoyed free treatment at the six TCM centres by late last year.

MNA/Xinhua

TRADE MARK CAUTION
 Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., was changed to the name **ASTELLAS Pharma Inc.** of 3-11, Nihonbashi-Honcho 2 Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following Trade Mark:-

ASTELLAS
 Reg.No.IV/5288/2004
 Reg.No.IV/784/2007

in respect of "Class 5: Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary preparations, oiled paper for medical purposes, sanitary masks, pharmaceutical wafer, gauzer for dressings, empty capsules for pharmaceuticals, eye patches, ear bandages, menstruation bandages, menstruation tampons, sanitary napkins, sanitary panties, absorbent cotton, adhesive plasters, bandages for dressings, collodion, breast-nursing pads, dental materials, bracelets for medical purposes, incontinence diapers, fly catching paper, mothproofing paper, lactose [milk sugar], powdered milk for babies, semen for artificial insemination".

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Trade Mark or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.
Khine Khine U, Advocate
 LL.B, D.B.L, LL.M (UK)
 For **ASTELLAS Pharma Inc.**
 #731, 7th Fl., Traders Hotel,
 Yangon. **March 7, 2007**



Vendors arrange watermelons at a roadside stall in Ahmadabad, India, on 5 March, 2007. With summer in the offing, the demand for watermelons is expected to increase.—INTERNET

ပညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပုံနှိပ်တိုးတက်လာ နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့



A Norman Rockwell work stolen from suburban St Louis more than three decades ago was found in Steven Spielberg's art collection, the FBI announced recently. — INTERNET

China opens annual session of parliament



Premier Wen Jiabao delivers a report on the work of the government at the opening session at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 5 March, 2007. — XINHUA

BEIJING, 5 March — China's 10th National People's Congress (NPC) opened at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Monday with an address by Premier Wen Jiabao.

China will do more to save energy and cut pollution in 2007 while striving to keep its economy humming following four straight years of double-digit growth, Wen will say, according to excerpts of which were seen by Reuters. Around 3,000 delegates will attend the NPC, China's Parliament.

MNA/Reuters

Nigerian director wins Africa's top film prize

OUAGADOUGOU, 5 March — Nigerian director Newton Aduaka lifted the top prize at Africa's most prestigious film festival for "Ezra", the tale of a child soldier who struggles to readapt after Sierra Leone's civil war.

Aduaka was awarded the Etalon d'Or de Yennenga, the Golden Stallion of Yennenga, at the closing ceremony of the Fespaco film festival in Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou on Saturday. The main character of the film, Ezra, passes his days between a rehabilitation clinic and a national reconciliation tribunal established by the United

Nations. At the tribunal, Ezra must face his sister who accuses him of murdering their parents, although he remembers nothing of what happened. Fespaco turns dusty Ouagadougou into the Cannes of Africa for a week. African directors often complain that funding is hard to secure and that distribution is

difficult on a continent where most cinemas show Hollywood blockbusters and martial arts films. The festival's second prize went to Cameroonian Jean Pierre Bekolo for "Les Saignantes" ("The Bleeding"), while Chad's Mahamat Saleh Haroun scooped third place with "Darrat" ("Dry Season").

MNA/Reuters



People visit a fire fighting apparatus exhibition in a France's museum on 4 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Sri Lanka launches 2nd International Airline

COLOMBO, 5 March — Sri Lanka launched its second international airline here Sunday with the inaugural test flight of the new airline scheduled for late in the evening.

Mihin Air, a wholly government-owned budget airline, is to make its first flight to the south Indian city of Trivandrum with 58 guest passengers and crew, an official for the Bandaranaike International Airport said. Mihin Air aims to tap the short distance Indian market and lucrative Middle Eastern sector, officials said. A large number of Sri Lankan expatriates work in the Middle East. With its low cost of flying, it aims to present itself as a viable option for the locals

travelling there. SriLankan Airlines, the island's international carrier launched in 1979, is currently managed by Emirates Airlines despite the government of Sri Lanka owning 50 per cent of its shares.

MNA/Xinhua

What's better, morning or evening workout?

BEIJING, 5 March — Physical trainers and exercise experts say the best time to work out depends on your body rhythms and whether you want to lose weight or gain muscle, media reports said Monday.

Cedric Bryant, chief science officer for the American Council on Exercise, says the first thing to do is pay attention to your body's abilities. He suggests picking a time that works with your body clock and fits

your daily schedule. Bryant says the afternoon may be a better time to engage in more explosive exercises, such as kickboxing or racquetball from a physiological standpoint. Research has revealed

the body's temperature tends to rise by a few degrees in the afternoon, warming the muscles and connective tissues and resulting in a slight improvement in your performance capabilities.

Working out in the afternoon also requires a little less time stretching on the mat because your heart and muscles are more prepared for the stress of exercise than when you're fresh out of bed, Bryant says. If you're not putting in a longer warm-up, morning workouts can put you at a higher risk for injury.

Khari May, personal training manager at Crunch in New York, tells clients who want to build muscle mass to hit the

weights in the afternoon. In the morning there isn't enough glycogen in our muscles, or stored fuel, to support an effective workout. "The body is like a well-put-together car," May says. "If there's not enough fuel it might not work for you or take you as far."

May recommends morning workouts for people whose main priority is losing weight. A cardio workout on an empty stomach will burn more fat calories because your carb reserves are almost used up. That causes the body to turn to fat stores for energy first. And those who chose am workouts are more likely to stick with their fitness routines. — Internet



"Daughter's Day" was held on 4 March, 2007 in Gunma County, Japan. XINHUA

SPORTS



Chinese soccer star Shao Jiayi from Bundesliga team Energie Cottbus scored his second goal of the season and helped his team overcome the powerhouse Dortmund 3-2 on Sunday. —INTERNET

Burgos remains in medically induced coma

LOS ANGELES, 6 March — Former IBF junior flyweight champion Victor Burgos remained in critical condition on Monday after getting pummelled in a title fight with Vic Darchinyan. Burgos, a 112-pound flyweight from Mexico, was taken from the ring on a stretcher after being stopped by Darchinyan at one minute 27 seconds of the 12th round in Carson, California on Saturday.

He underwent surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain and to reduce swelling and was placed in a medically induced coma, said Juan Gonzalez, a spokesman for Burgos's promoter, Don King Productions.

Gonzalez said Burgos remained in a coma on Monday yet appeared to open his eyes slightly at one point and move his hands. The hospital refused comment on the boxer's condition. Burgos, 32, became the IBF junior flyweight champion by defeating Alex Sanchez in Las Vegas in 2003. He moved up to the 112-pound flyweight limit in 2005 and was challenging Darchinyan for his title. —MNA/Reuter



Xie Xingfang, women's world number one, wins titles at IBF German Open after rallying over German's Xu Huaiwen 19-21, 21-12, 21-19 in women's singles final on Sunday. —XINHUA

Mourinho wants more credit for Chelsea success

LONDON, 6 March — Jose Mourinho believes no manager could have done better for Chelsea this season and his players deserve more credit for winning the League Cup and still being in contention for three other trophies.

Speaking on the eve of Tuesday's Champions League second leg against his former club Porto, the outspoken Portuguese coach said: "This team deserves to win more... my motivation is that at the end of the season they have another cup in their hands."

Chelsea beat Arsenal to win the League Cup on February 25, take a 1-1 draw with a valuable away goal into the home leg of their first knockout round tie on Tuesday and face Tottenham Hotspur at home on Sunday in

the FA Cup quarter-finals.

They trail Manchester United by nine points in the Premier League, however. "Because we are second in the Premiership people think our work has not been so good as in seasons before. I think exactly the opposite," Mourinho told reporters.

Injuries have forced the twice Premier League champions to play three months without goalkeeper Petr Cech, two months without captain John Terry and almost the whole season without winger Joe Cole, he said.

He listed players such as defender Ricardo Carvalho, midfielders Frank Lampard and Michael Essien and his strikers, who had had to shoulder the burden of the absences.

MNA/Reuters



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia poses with his trophy after beating Jurgen Melzer of Austria in the finals of the Las Vegas Open tennis tournament in Las Vegas March 4, 2007. Hewitt won 6-4, 7-6(12/10). —INTERNET

Rooney fit to play against Lille

LONDON, 6 March—Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney has recovered from a knee injury and is fit to face Lille in the second leg of Wednesday's Champions League tie.

The 21-year-old had a scan after he was hurt in a challenge with Jamie Carragher in the win at Liverpool.

But manager Sir Alex Ferguson said: "Wayne is fine now and will be fit for selection. We have a couple of doubts but Wayne is not one of them."

But Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is sidelined as United look to protect a 1-0 lead.

He is out for three weeks following knee surgery,

However, Ferguson



Wayne Rooney

can pick from Rooney, Henrik Larsson and Louis Saha to lead the attack in the last-16 encounter at Old Trafford.

Rooney will be looking for his first goal in the Champions League since he scored a hat-trick on his debut against Fenerbahce in September 2004.—Internet

World golfer rankings issued

March 6 — Latest leading world rankings issued on Monday (US unless stated, last week's positions in brackets)

1. (1) Tiger Woods 19.19 points average
2. (2) Jim Furyk 8.53
3. (3) Phil Mickelson 7.63
4. (4) Adam Scott (Australia) 6.89
5. (5) Henrik Stenson (Sweden) 6.65
6. (6) Ernie Els (South Africa) 6.61
7. (7) Geoff Ogilvy (Australia) 5.77
8. (8) Retief Goosen (South Africa) 5.69
9. (9) Vijay Singh (Fiji) 5.38
10. (10) Luke Donald (Britain) 5.25
11. (11) Pdraig Harrington (Ireland) 5.20
12. (12) Trevor Immelman (South Africa) 4.94
13. (13) Sergio Garcia (Spain) 4.50
14. (14) Paul Casey (Britain) 4.43
15. (15) Charles Howell III 3.70
16. (16) Nick O'Hern (Australia) 3.57
17. (17) Davis Love III 3.50
18. (18) David Howell (Britain) 3.41
19. (19) David Toms 3.26
20. (20) Colin Montgomerie (Britain) 3.19

MNA/Reuters

Tough draw for Asian teams at FIFA U-20 World Cup

OTTAWA, 6 March — Asian teams will have to battle their way through tough pools after being drawn with strong rivals for this year's FIFA U-20 World Cup.

While Asian youth champions DPR Korea will face Argentina, the Czech Republic and Panama in Group E, runners-up Japan find themselves in Group F which also has Scotland, Nigeria and Costa Rica.

South Korea are in Group D with the likes of Brazil, Poland and the United States. Jordan, the team South Korea beat in the Asian Youth Championship 3rd-place playoff, are in Group B with Spain, Uruguay and Zambia.. The top two teams in each group and the four best third-placed teams advance to the round of 16. The 24-team competition, which runs from June 30 to July 22, will take place in six Canadian cities. Draw:

- Group A: Canada, Chile, Congo, Austria
- Group B: Spain, Uruguay, Jordan, Zambia
- Group C: Portugal, New Zealand, Gambia, Mexico
- Group D: Poland, Brazil, South Korea, United States
- Group E: Argentina, Czech Republic, DPR Korea, Panama
- Group F: Japan, Scotland, Nigeria, Costa Rica

MNA/Xinhua



LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers (L) passes the ball around Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets in their NBA game in Cleveland, Ohio, on 5 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Most graft charges in Malaysia do not stick

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 March — Malaysia's Prime Minister responded to the biggest crisis facing his three-year-old anti-corruption drive on Monday by dismissing 85 per cent of graft allegations as baseless.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who won a landslide election victory in 2004 with a pledge to tackle corruption, also resisted calls for two of his top anti-corruption lieutenants to step down after they themselves were accused of graft.

The head of the Anti-Corruption Agency and the deputy minister in charge of police have both denied the allegations, and Abdullah has ordered full investigations. The two

men continue to serve in their posts, pending the outcome.

"Based on records, about 85 per cent of the complaints are baseless," Abdullah told his monthly briefing of civil servants, including Anti-Corruption Agency chief Zulkipli Mat Noor.

Abdullah added that he could only take action based on evidence, not perceptions. "This is crucial. We are always cautious in such matters," he said.

After a good start, Abdullah's anti-graft campaign has lately seemed to run out of steam. Despite numerous investigations into complaints of official corruption since he took office, high-profile prosecutions for graft have been rare.

Corruption has hogged the headlines after police last week began to investigate a complaint over the wealth of Zulkipli, and a deputy minister made a public denial of speculation that he had

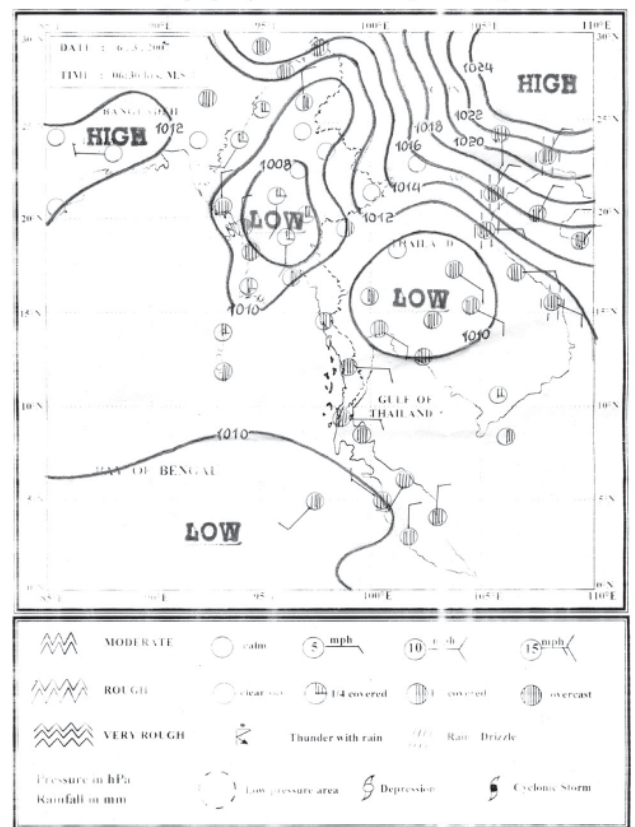
been bribed to free suspects from jail.

On Sunday, Deputy Minister of Internal Security Mohamad Johari Baharum said he was the apparent target of media reports that an unnamed senior politician was bribed to release suspects, and denied taking bribes of 5.5 million ringgit (1.57 million US dollars).

"The allegation on a website and in a newspaper report today is apparently directed at me but it has been made without basis and proof," Bernama quoted the deputy minister as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 6 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, Southern Shan and Kayin States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant day temperature was Hpa-an (40°C).

Maximum temperature on 5-3-2007 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 6-3-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-3-2007 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 5-3-2007 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 6-3-2007 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 (10) mph from Northwest at (15:15) hours MST on 5-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7-3-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions 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 the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST Today)

A strong earthquake of intensity (6.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar about (1,250) miles South of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory, was recorded at (10) hrs (24) min (52) sec MST on 6-3-2007.



Actors dance during a photocall to present the musical 'Disney's Die Schoene und das Biest' (The Beauty And The Beast) in Berlin on 5 March, 2007. The musical has its premiere on 9 March in the German capital. — INTERNET



Wednesday, 7 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: - Faint
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: - Given me love
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: - Doodah
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: - Stay
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- In the beginning
- The lonely teen
- 9:00 pm variations on a tune
- Will you still love me tomorrow
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
- My baby
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 7 March
View on today

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သီရိန္ဒဝတီ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော် 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:00 am 7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက 8:10 am 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:20 am 9. ရွှေလောင်းတံတား 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 ဝေး သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်) 4:40 pm 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ) 5:55 pm 5. Song of national races 5:10 pm 6. Classical song 5:20 pm 7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ် | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 pm 8. ရာဇပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင် 6:00 pm 9. Evening news 6:30 pm 10. Weather report 6:35 pm 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရင် 7:00 pm 12. Discovery 7:15 pm 13. "သတင်းကောင်း" (သွားညှိ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညိုမင်းလွင်) 7:30 pm 14. The mirror images of musical oldies 7:45 pm 15. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ 8:00 pm 16. News 17. International news 18. Weather report 19. Myanmar Movie: "နွေရူပ" (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ခင်သီတာထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး) 20. The next day's programme |
|---|---|---|

*R 489 Published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information, Union of Myanmar. Edited and printed at The New Light of Myanmar Press, No 22/30 Strand Road at 43rd Street, Yangon. Cable Newlight, PO Box No. 43, Telephones: Editors 392308, Manager 392226, Circulation 392304, Advertisement 392223, Accounts 392224, Administration 392225, Production/Press 297028

Minister inspects rice, bran oil mills

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein inspected a Brazilian banana field of Khwanyo company in Kyaukse Township on 2 March.

During his visit to a rice mill and a bran oil mill of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, the minister made arrangements to boost production.

The following day, the minister viewed the onion fields of Shwepadetha company in Myingyan Township, and discussed means to reduce cultivation cost, to distribute the produce at reasonable prices and to produce and distribute quality seeds.

At a meeting with entrepreneurs in Myingyan, the minister urged them to serve the interest of the public in doing business.

Together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, the minister held a meeting with entrepreneurs in Magway.

He pointed out the need to cultivate more crops that have ready markets.

The minister also inspected onion fields of local enterprises in Natmauk and Myothit Townships.

MNA

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

Officials of US, British embassies visiting NLD HQ daily

They visited NLD HQ 18 times in Feb

NLD (Central) following orders of two embassies to the detriment of nation and people's interest

YANGON, 6 March — The National League for Democracy (Central) has been relying too much on foreign countries, especially the Western powers, while disregarding the wish of its members inside the nation and the people. NLD's acts stand witness to the fact that the party instead of keeping in the fore the national cause is trying to make the entire nation become a colonialist-enslaved minion.

The people are criticizing the NLD (Central) for making continuous contacts with US and British embassies in Yangon, and following the orders of the two embassies to the detriment of the interest of the nation and the people. The people are constantly watching the party's steps in making contacts with the said two embassies. News reports had already been released that officials of the two embassies had visited the NLD headquarters on West Shwegondine Road, Yangon, for 34 times in January this year.

During the previous month, officials of the two embassies visited NLD HQ for 18 times to hold discussions and pass large and small parcels to the party.

MNA

Party members take no interest in acts of NLD, no longer wish to carry out duties of NLD

11 NLD party members resign

YANGON, 6 March — U Myint Aung and U Chit Pe, members of National League for Democracy in Pinlebu Township, Katha District, Sagaing Division and nine party members of Sagaing Township NLD, namely, U Kyaw Hlaing, U Nay Win, U Win Kyaing, U Maung Htay, U Aye Thein, U Maung Oo, U Nyan Lin, U Daung and U Kan Chun of Taungyin Village out of own volition sent their letters of resignation to NLD headquarters and the respective local authorities on 15 and 30 December 2006 respectively.

In their letters of resignation, they said they took no interest in the acts of NLD and had no trust in the party. They no longer wished to carry out the duties of the party. Therefore, they said, they resigned from the NLD.—MNA

INSIDE

The Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon, film artistes, technicians and producers are to speed up making their efforts to boost production of quality Myanmar motion pictures and videos for the improvement of the Myanmar motion picture standard.

PAGE - 2

PERSPECTIVES

ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT



Yekyi began its rattan ware industry in 1970 for a living. Later local people boosted production of the items and started to distribute them to other regions, then to Bogyoke Aung San Market in Yangon.

