

### 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

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Gems Emporium

YANGON, 7 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence visited the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Convention Centre here this evening.

On arrival at the centre, he was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, patrons of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman of the central committee Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members and officials.

Secretary U Thein Swe briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on the sale of the previous emporium, the arrival of foreign gem merchants to the emporium, the



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence overviews uncut jade lots displayed at 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Convention Centre.— MNA*

expected number of buyers, and the gems to be sold. Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

Officials conducted Lt-Gen Myint Swe around the compound where jade blocks are displayed and the first floor.

He then gave necessary instructions.

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### INSIDE

**It was found that breast cancer, colon cancer, cervical cancer and non Hodgekin's lymphoma were related to bad fat intake. Those who are obese should avoid bad fats and take good fats within their calorie requirements. Calorie obtained from fat is twice as much as that obtained from carbohydrate and protein.**

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(PROFESSOR DR. PAING SOE)

### WEATHER FORECAST FOR (8-3-2007)

**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

Thursday, 8 March, 2007

### Prevention against outbreak of bird flu

Avian influenza is a disease that can infect from animals to human beings. Since December 2003, it has spread to 56 countries in Asia and Europe. There were 275 cases of bird flu in 12 countries up to 27 February 2007 and 167 persons died.

Researchers have noted that migratory birds can carry the H5N1 virus that causes avian influenza. It can seriously affect the respiratory track, cause pneumonia damaging all internal organs of the body in a short time leading to death.

In order to control the disease, no outsiders should be allowed to enter the poultry farms and arrangements are to be made to see that domestic birds, crows, pigeons and sparrows do not enter the farms.

Moreover, houses and poultry farms are to be separated. Authorities have warned the public against sleeping in poultry farms and depots where live domestic fowls are sold. If anyone who sees and finds any suspicious bird deaths, he should inform the nearest local authorities concerned, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Myanmar Livestock Federation soonest. If there is any death of fowls, the dead are to be buried systematically.

The H5N1 virus can survive in room temperature and also in the refrigerator. So cooking well for half an hour is safe for everyone and only well-cooked eggs should be eaten.

We would like to urge the breeders and those who process and handle fowls, ducks and quails to follow the reminder of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department strictly in order to help prevent the outbreak of the bird flu.

### UMFCCI annual general meeting 10-12 March

YANGON, 7 March—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will hold its 16th annual general meeting along with a three-day discussions about eight economic sectors at its Office Tower at No 29, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Township, here.

Matters on IT and transport sector will be under discussion on 10 March, trade, banking services, finance and agriculture sectors, on 11 March, and industry and energy, hotels and tourism, and general economic sectors on 12 March.

Members of congenial organizations may attend the meeting as participants and those interested, as observers after getting registered.—MNA

## 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

### Dagon Myothit ( North) MCWA honours Cetana night school teachers

YANGON, 7 March — Dagon Myothit (North) Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association honoured teachers who taught at Cetana night school at the township MCWA office today.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai delivered an address. On behalf of the teachers, U Tun Tun accepted gifts presented by Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai. Then, she gave examination aids to students.

Daw Kyi Kyi Nyunt, Chairperson of the Township MCWA, also spoke and the ceremony ended.

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*Daw Mar Mar Wai delivers an address at the honour to teachers of Cetana night school.—MNA*



### Topcon Positioning System Road Show staged

YANGON, 7 March—The Topcon South Asia Pte Ltd and the Concordia International Co Ltd co-introduced Japan-made Topcon Brand surveying instruments at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this afternoon.

Regional Support Engineer Mr Michael Goh of the Topcon South Asia Pte Ltd presented Topcon Brand surveying instruments and measuring methods, and demonstrated Topcon Imaging Total Sta-

tion GPT-7000 i and PI-3000 Software to have 3D view.

Responsible persons answered the queries put by the attendees observing the surveying instruments.

Those wishing to know more about Topcon Brand surveying instruments may contact Shwegon Plaza on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township, Yangon, (Tel: 09-500-5912, 544199, 544824, 558386 and 558438).—MNA



*Mr Micheal Goh speaks at the introduction of Topcon Brand surveying instruments.—MNA*



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Ban Ki-moon demands protection for Iraq civilians after bombs**

NEW YORK, 7 March—United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called on Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and other leaders of the country to protect civilians after suicide bombings and other attacks killed about 120 people.

Two suicide bombers blew themselves up yesterday in the central Iraqi city of Hilla, killing 90 Shiite Muslims and injuring 160, in an attack on a procession of pilgrims heading to a shrine in nearby Karbala. Hilla, which is 95 kilometres (52 miles) south of Baghdad, is a predominantly Shiite city. At least 28 people were killed in other attacks targeting pilgrims.

Ban called on Iraq

leaders “to exert their influence to protect civilian lives and to promote mutual respect and dialogue between all Iraqi communities,” according to the UN News Service Web site. The report said Ban is “outraged” by the attack.

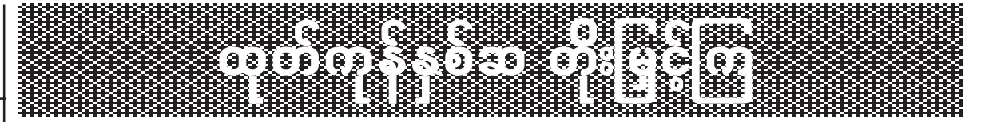
Violence in the country continues unabated after President George W Bush in January decided to send more than 20,000 more troops to Iraq to combat a growing insurgency and stop a full scale civil war between majority Shiites and minority Sunnis.

Nine US soldiers were killed in roadside bomb attacks in Iraq two days ago, the military said yesterday. US military deaths in Iraq totaled 3,166

by 5 March, according to a Defence Department tally. The second bomb in Hilla went off as people rushed to help those who had been targeted in the first blast, a tactic intended to cause a high casualty toll, state-run television cited police as saying.

Central Hilla’s only hospital was struggling to help the wounded, many of whom have life-threatening injuries.

Internet



In this photo provided by GSN, 18-Year-old Robert Marstrand, right, from Madison, Wisconsin smiles in jubilation of his victory, as he was named the winner of the National Vocabulary Championship, on 5 March, 2007 in New York.—INTERNET

**Lawmakers say US Army hospital problems widespread**

WASHINGTON, 6 March—Problems over treatment of wounded soldiers that created a scandal at the top US military veterans’ hospital are prevalent throughout the Army’s health care system, lawmakers said on Monday.

One Democrat speaking at a US House of Representatives hearing also suggested that the crisis at Walter Reed Hospital may have been a consequence of what he called the “terrible planning” surrounding the US military operation Iraq.

Representative John Tierney, a Massachusetts Democrat who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee’s national security subcommittee, said the problems did not stop with the Washington DC hospital.

“I also, unfortunately, feel that these problems go well beyond the walls of Walter Reed, and that they are problems systemic throughout the military health care system,” he said.

“Is this just another horrific consequence of the terrible planning that went into our invasion of Iraq?” Tierney asked. Democrats and some Republicans accuse the Bush Administration of bungling the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The outcry over conditions at the hospital followed a report in *The Washington Post* that some recuperating soldiers at Walter Reed were living in rodent-infested quarters and trapped in a bureaucratic limbo.

Army Secretary Francis Harvey resigned and the general in charge of the facility, Major-General George Weightman, was replaced.

“These problems are not unique to Walter Reed,” said Representative Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican. “The crushing complexity and glacial pace of outpatient procedures in medical evaluation boards are Army-wide problems.”—MNA/Reuters

**Threat of “ice bombs” closes major Toronto streets**

TORONTO, 6 March — Toronto closed several major streets on Monday on fears that table-sized sheets of ice could sheer off tall buildings and smash down on cars and pedestrians.

Roads closed to traffic included parts of the Gardiner Expressway, an elevated freeway that leads to downtown Toronto, as well as part of King Street, the normally busy thoroughfare that is home to the Toronto Stock

Exchange and Canada’s financial district.

Yellow tape kept even pedestrians indoors, leaving an eerie calm in the centre of Canada’s largest city.

“It’s a situation where we had a mild December, then cold in mid-January, and over the last week or so a good blast of snow and freezing rain,” said Geoff Coulson, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

MNA/Reuters

**Blast kills six US soldiers in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 6 March—Six US soldiers were killed by a bomb during combat operations in Salah ad Din province, north of Baghdad, according to a US military statement released Tuesday.

“Six Task Force Lightning Soldiers died as a result of injuries sustained following an explosion near their vehicles,” the statement said. The deaths occurred Monday.

Three other soldiers were wounded and taken to military treatment facilities.

The deaths brought to 3,173 the number of US troops killed in the Iraq war. Seven American civilian contractors of the military also have died in the conflict.—Internet



A boy looks at a ‘Reborg-Q’ robot at Security Show 2007 in Tokyo on 6 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Pupils solve math problems at a primary school for the children of migrant labourers in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu province on 6 March, 2007. INTERNET





## Malaysian auto firm aims to expand market in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 7 March — Malaysian automotive firm Proton is to expand market in its neighbour Indonesia and step forward from the current market presence limited to taxi fleet sales, local Press said on Tuesday.**

Proton plans a new investment of 26 million US dollars to build more dealerships in Indonesia in line with the company's target to boost production in the neighbour to 40,000 units a year.

The expanded

distribution chains aim to change perception among Indonesians who see Proton as taxi car manufacturers, reported leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*.

Local unit Proton Edar Indonesia now runs

an assembly plant in the Jakarta suburb of Cikarang, occupying a space of 13.4 hectares.

Proton Indonesia marketing head Arief Gunawan said the company has targeted retail sales in eight major

cities, mostly on the most crowded island of Java.

Proton made its Indonesian debut in 1996 and has since become more popular as taxi supplier among Indonesians.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese natural gas field finds 500 bln Cubic metres of reserves

BEIJING, 7 March — Oil giant Sinopec Corporation has announced that further exploration at Puguang, one of China's largest natural gas fields, has led company officials to revise proven oil reserves upwards to more than 500 billion cubic metres.

"The gas field in southwest China's Sichuan Basin is enormous and is expected to be producing 12 billion cubic metres of natural gas annually by 2008," said Sinopec.

The techniques used to discover and explore the gas field won the company China's technological progress prize for 2006 last week.

MNA/Xinhua

## Italy has hottest winter in 200 years

ROME, 6 March — This winter has been the hottest in Italy in at least 200 years, Italy's National Research Council (NRC) said on Monday.

According to the NRC institute for atmospheric sciences, the average temperature this winter has been 1.79 degrees Celsius higher than the previous hottest winter on record, 1990.

"For the first time ever, farmers around Rome are harvesting fava beans which usually do not mature until the end of spring and markets in the capital are already flush with such crops as peas, artichokes, tomatoes and all kinds of salad greens," said the national farmers' union Coldiretti.

One of the reasons for the exceptionally warm winter was that Atlantic wind currents this year changed direction and did not usher in cold fronts from the northeast, which

would have brought in chilly Arctic air from Siberia and Scandinavia.

Even the famous "Tramontana" north wind suffered from the quirky winter weather, blowing 30 per cent below normal, the reports said. The unusual winter also disrupted the slumber of bears in the Abruzzo National Park.

MNA/Xinhua



**Rescuers try to fight the flames on a Garuda Boeing 737-400 jet, not long after its landing at Yogyakarta airport. A total of 140 people — 133 passengers and seven crew — were aboard. —INTERNET**

## US soldiers killed in guerilla attacks in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 March — Two US marines and a sailor were killed in combat operations in Iraq's western Anbar province, the US military said on Monday.

A marine and a sailor, assigned to Multi-national Force-West, were killed on Friday in the Volatile province of Anbar, the military said in a brief statement.

A marine assigned to the same force was killed on Saturday while conducting combat operations in the province, the military said in separate statement.

The names of the killed are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement added. since the US led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, about 3,170 US soldiers have been killed in the country, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four Australians missing after Indonesian plane crash

JAKARTA, 7 March — Four Australians are among those missing after a passenger plane crashed on landing at Yogyakarta Airport in Indonesia.

The operator of a plane, Garuda Airlines, has released casualty figures that differ from the official government death toll. Garuda says 22 people have died in the crash.

Yogyakarta's provincial secretary had earlier put the toll at 49. There is no explanation as to what has caused the discrepancy but local reports agree that 91 people have been taken to hospital.

The Boeing jet burst into flames when it overshot the runway. Rescue workers have started removing bodies from the burnt out plane. The Foreign Affairs Minister, Alexander Downer, says he knows of at least nine Australian officials and journalists who were on board the plane. —Internet

## Egyptian girl recovers from bird flu

CAIRO, 6 March — A four-year-old Egyptian girl who contracted the H5N1 bird flu virus several days ago recovered on Monday after receiving due medical treatment, a health official said.

Sarah Borhan, from Daqahlia Governorate, 90 kilometres north of Cairo, was discharged from hospital after taking Tamiflu tablets, the official MENA news agency quoted local hospital director Yousri Ragab as saying.

Suffering from high temperature after contacting infected domestic poultry, Borhan was admitted to the Mansoura Chest Hospital on 26 February, Ragab said.

Borhan had been the 23rd human bird flu case since the H5N1 virus was first detected in dead poultry in Egypt on 17 February, 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pentagon raises estimate of troops for Iraq

WASHINGTON, 7 March — The number of US troops needed to carry out President George W Bush's Iraq security plan could approach 30,000, significantly more than he projected in January, a senior Pentagon official said on Tuesday.

In testimony to the House of Representa-

tives Budget Committee, Deputy Secretary of Defence Gordon England said US military commanders in Iraq were requesting varying numbers of support troops to augment the additional 21,500 soldiers Bush has ordered into combat.

"At this point, our expectation is the

number of troops could go above 21,500 by about 4,000, maybe as many as 7,000," England said.

There are nearly 140,000 US troops already fighting in Iraq, where sectarian violence has thwarted American efforts to bring the 4-year-old war to a close.

MNA/Reuters



**Microsoft Research employee Richard Banks, from Cambridge England, demonstrates the 'Bubbleboard' voicemail display technology at TechFest 2007 at the company's headquarters in Redmond, Washington, on 6 March, 2007. — INTERNET**



**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**FAO voices concern at high seas overfishing**

ROME, 6 March—Uncontrolled high-seas fishing is jeopardizing certain species, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned Monday.

Up to 66 per cent of high-seas fish species, such as hake, Atlantic cod and halibut, orange roughy, basking shark and bluefin tuna, are either over-exploited or depleted, said the Rome-based UN body in a report on the state of world fisheries. More than a quarter of the fish stocks monitored are over-exploited and

7 per cent are depleted, said the report.

Although the figures represent only a small fraction of the world's fishery resources, they are hugely reflective of the oceanic ecosystem, it warned.

Among the most over-fished high seas are the Southeast Atlantic, the Southeast Pacific, the Northeast Atlantic.

The FAO urged governments to adopt "more cautious and effective" measures to regulate fishing in areas out of national jurisdictions.—MNA/Xinhua



People gather at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday to celebrate the 97th anniversary of International Women's Day.—XINHUA

**Over 4,300 fishermen marooned by East China Sea storm tide**

BEIJING, 6 March—The Ministry of Communications has started an emergency scheme to ensure the safety of more than 4,300 fishermen marooned at sea after the worst storm tide since 1969, sources with the ministry said on Monday.

A total of 559 fishing vessels with 4,360 people aboard were at work on the East China Sea Sunday when a strong storm tide made its appearance, and have been unable to return to harbour.

No casualties have been reported.

Under the emergency scheme, Communications Minister Li Shenglin has arrived at the China Marine Rescue Centre to direct the rescue work.

Around 11 salvage vessels were dispatched to the three fishing areas where the marooned ships were operating when the tide occurred. At 1 am on Monday morning, rescuers came across 22 fishing boats, but the men aboard said they did not require assistance, the sources said. No capsized ships were found and nobody appeared to have been tossed into the sea, the sources added. At around 5:00 on Monday evening, the wind began to weaken in these maritime areas. Rescue operations are continuing.—MNA/Xinhua

*Olympic champions Tatyana Totmyanina and Maxim Marinin of Russia perform during the Troika Dialog ice-skating extravaganza in Singapore on 6 March, 2007. —INTERNET*



**UA to operate fifth direct air route between China, US**

SHANGHAI, 6 March—United Airlines (UA) will launch a daily non-stop air route from Beijing to Washington DC on 29 March.

It will be the fifth air route operated by UA between China and the United States. The existing four routes are the Beijing-Chicago, Beijing-

San Francisco, Shanghai-Chicago and Shanghai-San Francisco routes.

"The new air route will give people more choices when they want to fly to Beijing to watch the Olympic Games next year," Mark Schwab, UA's Vice President of the Pacific division, said.

Sidney Kwok, general

manager of UA China Operation, said they would use Boeing 747-400 planes to fly the new air route, and in late March, also on the Shanghai-Chicago route.

"It means UA's air passenger seats in China will go up by 32 per cent," said Kwok.

MNA/Xinhua



Some diabolo fans perform diabolo stunt during the New Spring temple fair in Kaifeng, an ancient city of central China's Henan Province, on 6 March, 2007. —XINHUA

**Cambodia, Canada to hold mine action conference**

PHNOM PENH, 6 March—The Cambodia Mine Action Authority and the Embassy of Canada announced that they are to co-host an international mine action conference in Phnom Penh from 12 to 14 March, a Press release said here on Monday.

The dire consequences that landmines have on a country's economic and social development will be a significant topic of discussion during the conference, which entitled "Mine Action: Implications for Peace and Development", the Press release said.

Delegates from across Southeast Asia, as well as participants from Europe and the Middle East will join a range of men and women from Cambodia's mine action community at the conference to discuss experiences of mine-affected states, the needs of survivors and international cooperation on mine action, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

**1.5 m Algerians use the Internet**

ALGIERS, 6 March — Some 1.5 million Algerians use the Internet, out of whom 100,000 are regular Internet surfers, according to the Algerian daily *El Moudjahid* on Monday. The number of cyber-cafes is currently

about 7,000 in the country.

These results are largely due to favourable conditions provided by the state on the sale of personal computers and the appearance on the market of new service providers.

Since 1998, Algeria's public authorities have licensed an executive decree the supply of Internet services to the public through specialized companies and have issued six licences in the sector in one year.—MNA/Xinhua



## Russian far east hit by record snowstorm

**Moscow, 6 March** — A record snowstorm in Russia's far east has forced schools and airports to close and left some towns without power, news agencies reported on Monday.

A state of emergency was declared in the Primorsky territory due to the snowstorm. In the city of Vladivostok, 54 millimetres of snow was recorded overnight to Monday, twice the monthly average for the city, according to the *Interfax* news agency.

The local airport was

closed and ferry services were suspended, but highways remained open to traffic. The snowstorm caused power blackouts in some towns. Emergency workers were clearing roads leading to key facilities such as hospitals, fire brigades and food stores. Schools in Vladivostok were closed

and city authorities recommended company directors and administrative chiefs announce Tuesday a day off for employees. Alexei Kazakov, assistant head of the Vladivostok city administration, was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying the snowfall was the heaviest ever in 130 years for the city. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*France's Ophelie David shows her gold medal after winning the women's ski cross race at the Freestyle World Championship in the northern Italian resort of Madonna Di Campiglio on 6 March, 2007. — INTERNET*

## US missile plan triggers NATO tensions

**BRUSSELS, 6 March** — A US plan to base a missile defence system in eastern Europe triggered friction among NATO allies on Monday as the Czech Republic rejected criticism of talks with Washington over its possible participation.

Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolaneck defended his country's deliberations on hosting the radar component of such a shield after Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn attacked the US plan as threatening to cause new tensions with Russia.

"As for the 18 European Union member states who host US military bases, it is not up to them to comment on the existence of such a presence in the Czech Republic," Topolaneck told reporters after talks at NATO headquarters.

Along with the Czech-based radar system, the United States also wants to site a missile battery in Poland as part of a shield that would shoot down missiles fired by what Washington calls "rogue states" such as Iran and North Korea.

*MNA/Reuters*



*This photo provided on 3 March, 2007 by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History shows Dr Michael J Ryan with the holotype skull of the new horned dinosaur. —INTERNET*

## Survey says most women sleep poorly

**WASHINGTON, 6 March** Six out of ten American women say they only get a good night's sleep a few nights per week or less and 67 percent say they frequently experience a sleep problem, according to a new poll released Tuesday by the National Sleep Foundation.

Additionally, 43 percent say that daytime sleepiness interferes with their daily activities, according to the NSF. Women's lack of sleep affects virtually every aspect of their time-pressed lives, leaving them late for work, stressed out, too tired for sex and little time for their friends, the organization claims.

The poll found that women of all ages are experiencing sleep problems, which change and increase in severity as they move through the different biological stages of their lives.

Lifestyle also plays a significant, often negative, role in women's sleep and daytime alertness,

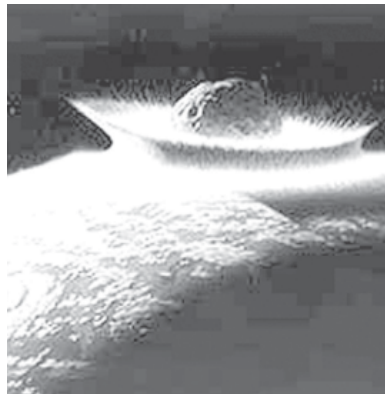
according to the survey's results. Working mothers (72 percent) and single working women (68 percent) are more likely to experience symptoms of sleep problems like insomnia.

But, stay-at-home mothers report a high level of overall sleep problems, with 74 percent saying they are experiencing symptoms of insomnia at least a few nights each week, 59 percent saying they frequently wake up feeling un-refreshed and 9 percent report co-sleeping with a child or infant, which adds to the sleep disturbances they experience each night.

*Internet*

## NASA lacks funds to find killer asteroids

**BEIJING, 6 March** — A killer asteroid whose target is Earth will likely go undetected because NASA doesn't have the funds to find it, media reported Tuesday.



*NASA tracks objects at least 3,300 feet in diameter, that could wipe out most life on Earth, much like what is theorized to have happened to dinosaurs 65 million years ago. —INTERNET*

NASA officials say the space agency is capable of finding nearly all the asteroids that might destroy Earth, but the price to find at least 90 percent of the 20,000 potentially hazardous asteroids and comets by 2020 would be about 1 billion US dollars, according to a report NASA will release later this week.

The report was previewed Monday at a Planetary Defence Conference in Washington.

Congress in 2005 asked NASA to devise a plan to track most killer asteroids and propose how to deflect the potentially catastrophic ones. "We know what to do, we just don't have the money," said Simon "Pete" Worden, director of NASA's Ames Research Centre.

These asteroids are a threat even if they don't hit Earth because if they explode while close enough — an event caused by heating in both the rock and the atmosphere — the devastation from the shockwaves is still immense. The explosion alone could have with the power of 100 million tons of dynamite, enough to devastate a state the size of Maryland. — *Internet*



*This image released by NASA in 2003 shows a partial moon that was photographed by an Expedition 7 crewmember from the International Space Station. China will launch its first lunar probe this year and the nation's fledgling space programme will have the ability to land a man on the moon within 15 years, state press reported Tuesday. —INTERNET*

## At least 28 Iraqis killed in Baghdad car bombing

**BAGHDAD, 6 March** — At least 28 Iraqis were killed and more than 60 others wounded in a car bomb blast in the crowded Mutanabi book market in Baghdad on Monday, media reports said.

A booby-trapped car detonated around midday in the most attractive market place in Baghdad, the Mutanabi book market, where dozens of book stores and out-door sellers line up displaying their books, magazines and other goods on the floor. Witnesses at the scene said mixed flesh and remains of books were scattered in the street after the powerful explosion and a plume of gray smoke followed by columns of black smoke rose over the area. — *MNA/Xinhua*



# Choosing Cooking Oil for Health

(Professor Dr. Paing Soe)

Fat is one of the major nutrients of human beings and is required for cooking foods. Fat contributes 25-35% of total energy requirement, while carbohydrate and protein contribute 50-70% and 10-15% respectively. Nowadays Myanmar people are receiving lots of news about fats and oils from various media, some of the facts nourishes us with correct information and some of which are incorrect and can lead to inappropriate use and consumption of cooking oils and fats. Fearing of those incorrect messages reaching the consumers, the author would like to present about the information on the fats and oils and their correct use and consumption to help prevent from ill effects.

Most of us are well aware that high cholesterol level in our blood is dangerous and is related to ischemic heart disease, stroke, certain types of cancer etc. "Eat a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet." Most of us have heard this simple recommendation so often over the past decades that we can recite it in our sleep. But what most of us are not aware is that the aforementioned simple message is now largely out of date. Detailed research shows that the total amount of fat in the diet, whether high or low, isn't really linked with disease. **What really matters is the type of fat in the diet.**

Major type of fat, triglycerides is chemically made up of three molecules of fatty acids attached to glycerol molecule. Saturated fatty acids are solid and unsaturated fatty acids are liquid at 4°C. Those residing in Asia and Africa mostly consume peanut oil, sesame oil, sunflower oil etc which are rich in unsaturated fatty acids (liquid at 4°C) while those from Europe, America, and other Western countries mostly consume butter, lard etc as are solid fats and olive oil, corn oil etc as liquid fats. Finding of high prevalence of cardiovascular diseases among the westerners has prompted to conduct research work and come to understand more about fats.

Bad cholesterol level in our blood depends more on the type of fat in diet (saturated, unsaturated, and trans fat) although cholesterol level in the diet also counts. Amount of saturated and trans fat in our diet are the main culprits of our bad cholesterol level in our blood. **What is becoming clearer and clearer is that bad fats, meaning saturated and trans fats, increase the risk for certain diseases while good fats, meaning monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, lower the risk. The key is to substitute good fats for bad fats, but within the individual's calorie requirement, otherwise one will put on weight as all types of fat, regardless of their quality, give 9 kilocalories per gram weight.** There is no such fat in the world which can reduce weight as advertised in some media.

Although it is still important to limit the amount of cholesterol you eat, especially if you have diabetes, dietary cholesterol is not nearly the villain it has been portrayed to be. The average person makes about 50-75% of blood cholesterol in his or her body, while the rest is absorbed from food. Cholesterol plays essential roles in the formation of cell membranes, some hormones, and vitamin D.

Too much cholesterol in the blood, though, can lead to problems. Deposits of cholesterol can build

up inside arteries. These deposits, called plaque, can narrow an artery enough to slow or block blood flow. This narrowing process, called atherosclerosis, commonly occurs in arteries that nourish the heart (the coronary arteries). When one or more sections of heart muscle fail to get enough blood, and thus the oxygen and nutrients they need, the result may be the chest pain known as angina. In addition, plaque can rupture, causing blood clots embolization that may lead to heart attack, stroke, or sudden death. **Fortunately, the buildup of cholesterol can be slowed, stopped, and even reversed.**

Cholesterol-carrying lipoproteins play central roles in the development of atherosclerotic plaque and cardiovascular disease. The two main types of lipoproteins basically work in opposite directions. Low-density lipoproteins (LDL) carry cholesterol from the liver to the rest of the body. When there is too much LDL cholesterol in the blood, it can be deposited on the walls of the coronary arteries. Because of this, LDL cholesterol is often referred to as the "bad" cholesterol. High-density lipoproteins (HDL) carry cholesterol from the blood back to the liver, which processes the cholesterol for elimination from the body. HDL makes it less likely that excess cholesterol in the blood will be deposited in the coronary arteries, which is why HDL cholesterol is often referred to as the "good" cholesterol. In general, the higher your LDL and the lower your HDL, the greater your risk for atherosclerosis and heart disease.

For adults aged 20 years or over, the latest guidelines from the National Cholesterol Education Program recommend the following optimal levels:

- \* Total cholesterol less than 200 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dl)
- \* HDL cholesterol levels greater than 40 mg/dl
- \* LDL cholesterol levels less than 100 mg/dl

## Bad Fats: Saturated and Trans Fats

Saturated fats are found in whole milk and dairy products (cheese, milk, and ice cream), poultry skin, and egg yolks. Some plant foods are also high in saturated fats, including coconut and coconut oil, palm oil, and palm kernel oil. Saturated fats raise total blood cholesterol levels more than dietary cholesterol because they tend to boost both good HDL and bad LDL cholesterol. The net effect is negative, meaning it's important to limit saturated fats.

Trans fatty acids are fats produced by heating liquid vegetable oils in the presence of hydrogen. This process is known as hydrogenation. The more hydrogenated an oil is, the harder it will be at room temperature. Most of the trans fats in the diet are found in commercially prepared baked goods, margarines, snack foods, and processed foods. Commercially prepared fried foods, like French fries, fried vegetables and onion rings, also contain a good deal of trans fat.

Trans fats are even worse for cholesterol levels than saturated fats because they raise bad LDL and lower good HDL. They also fire inflammation, an overactivity of the immune system that has been implicated in heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other chronic conditions. While you should limit your intake of saturated fats, it is important to eliminate trans fats from partially hydrogenated oils from your diet. Ounce for ounce, trans fats are far worse than saturated fats when it comes to heart disease.

**It was found that breast cancer, colon cancer, cervical cancer and non Hodgekin's lymphoma were related to bad fat intake. Those who are obese should avoid bad fats and take good fats within their calorie requirements. Calorie obtained from fat is twice as much as that obtained from carbohydrate and protein.**

## Good Fats; Unsaturated Fats (polyunsaturated and Monounsaturated)

Unsaturated fats are found in products derived from plant sources, such as vegetable oils, nuts, and seeds. There are two main categories; polyunsaturated fats (which are found in high concentrations in sunflower, corn, and soybean oils) and monounsaturated fats (which are found in high concentrations in canola, peanut, and olive oils). These good fats decreased LDL levels and increased HDL levels in case of monounsaturated fats.

Fish, an important source of the polyunsaturated fat known as omega-3 fatty acid, has received much attention for its potential to lower heart disease risk. There is strong evidence that fish and fish oil consumption reduces the risk of heart disease deaths and so-called "sudden deaths." A combined analysis of multiple studies suggests that eating just 6 oz per week of fatty (dark meat) fish, such as salmon, herring, mackerel, anchovies, or sardines, may be enough to reduce the risk of dying from heart disease by 36 per cent. Higher intakes may be beneficial for people who already have heart disease. Eating fish may help prevent heart disease in several ways. It may replace red meat or other less-healthy sources of protein. More importantly, the omega-3 fats in fish appear to protect the heart against the development of erratic and potentially deadly cardiac rhythm disturbances. People should eat at least two servings of fish a week.

## Diseases related to fat intake

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Therefore choice of the type of cooking oil for your family is extremely important and not to be misguided by the incorrect messages provided by the various advertisements. To help you in this matter, the author adds the following table to look for the fatty acids profiles of the cooking oils. **The one that is low in saturated fatty acids, moderate in polyunsaturated fatty acids and high in monounsaturated fatty acids should be chosen, taking into account of one's purchasing power and availability, of course. One has to keep in mind also that oil used for repeated frying can convert the unsaturated fats, particularly the polyunsaturated ones to trans fats.** Cholesterol, which is an exclusive animal product, is not present in any type of vegetable oil, no matter whether this fact is shown in the label or not.

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## Gem entrepreneurs to enjoy fair share with the State

YANGON, 7 March— Patron of the Central Committee for the Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint had a meeting with gem entrepreneurs at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township here this morning.

The minister said that Myanmar gem stones have a good reputation and win customer satisfaction in the international market for their quality. With the development of the gems industry, Myanmar precious stones are in high demand, thus bringing benefits both to the State and the entrepreneurs.

He called on private entrepreneurs, gems companies and cooperative societies to exhibit their gems at the gems emporiums held by the State.

Indeed, precious stones are an exhaustible

national resource based on the volume of mining, so those engaged in the gem industry are to enjoy fair share with the State, he pointed out.

Gems should be on sale as finished value-added items rather than being sold in raw, he said, urging national gem entrepreneurs to seek ways for advanced methods and see that their products have a foothold in the markets at home and abroad.

The government is rendering various forms of assistance to the gem entrepreneurs. Thus, they are to do the job and sell their items in accordance with rules and regulations for emergence of an established gem market in the nation, he said.

Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe called on the entrepreneurs to follow the Myanmar Gems Law

regarding gem mining blocks, tenders for permitted blocks, paying taxes for gems, exhibition of gem emporiums, environmental conservation, work site safety measures, and application for permits and new blocks.

Next, tentatively-selected members of the panel of patrons and CEC members were selected through common consent for forming the Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association.

Also present on the occasion were Patron of the Central Committee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, CEC members and gem entrepreneurs.

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## United Nations Secretary-General's message on International Women's Day

YANGON, 8 March— *The following is a message of United Nations Secretary-General on the occasion of the International Women's Day which falls today.*

I am happy and honoured to send you my warmest wishes on International Women's Day — my first one as Secretary-General of the United Nations. I hope you will all come to know me as your representative and ally in the years ahead.

This day is an opportunity for all of us — women *and* men — to unite in a cause that embraces all humankind. Empowering women is not only a goal in itself. It is a condition for building better lives for everyone on the planet.

No one can dispute the evidence that this is so. And no one can gainsay the outcome of the 2005 World Summit, when leaders reaffirmed that gender equality and human rights for all are essential to advancing development, peace and security.

Yet we are still so very far from turning this understanding into universal practice. In almost all countries, women continue to be under-represented in decision-making positions. Women's work continues to be undervalued, underpaid, or not paid at all. Out of more than 100 million children who are not in school, the majority are girls. Out of more than 800 million adults who cannot read, the majority are women.

Worst of all, violence against women and girls continues unabated in every continent, country and culture. It takes a devastating toll on women's lives, on their families, and on society as a whole. Most societies prohibit such violence — yet the reality is that too often, it is covered up or tacitly condoned.

That is why International Women's Day is so important. It spells out our responsibility to work for enduring change in values and attitudes. It calls on us to work in partnership — Governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector. It urges us to work for a transformation in relations between women and men, at all levels of society. It compels us to strengthen every means of empowering women and girls — from education to microcredit.

The United Nations must be at the forefront of those endeavours. I pledge to do all I can to ensure that it is — not only on International Women's Day, but *every* day. I look forward to working with you in our collective mission. — UNIC

**Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint**  
addresses at the meeting with gem entrepreneurs  
at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township. — MNA



## Choosing Cooking Oil...

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Table: Fatty acid profiles of different types of fat

Oils	Saturated	Mono-unsaturated	Poly-unsaturated	Trans
Canola	7	58	29	0
Safflower	9	12	74	0
Sunflower	10	20	66	0
Corn	13	24	60	0
Olive	13	72	8	0
Soybean	16	44	37	0
Peanut	17	49	32	0
Palm	50	37	10	0
Coconut	87	6	2	0
<b>Cooking Fats</b>				
Shortening	22	29	29	18
Lard	39	44	11	1
Butter	60	26	5	5

\*Values expressed as per cent of total fat; data are from analyses at Harvard School of Public Health Lipid Laboratory and USDA publications.

### Special fat for health

Special blended oil, which is excellent for health is innovated by the Japanese researchers. It is a properly mixed bran oil and safflower oil. For Myanmar, peanut oil is good enough as it contains high concentration of monounsaturated fat, moderate amount of polyunsaturated fat and small amount of saturated fat and easily available. It is relatively quite stable compared to corn oil, conventional sunflower oil, etc. which are richer in polyunsaturated fatty acids, and are thus less stable, thus can form more trans fat if hydrogenated (overheated). For frying, edible palm oil is another option, as it is more stable although its saturated fatty acid content is higher than others.

Before concluding my article I would like to encourage the consumers again to choose the cooking oil type which is low in saturated fats and high in monounsaturated fats, avoid practicing repeated use of oil for frying, reduce consumption of foods that are likely to contain high amount of trans fat, and make a habit of reading food labels (hydrogenated/partially hydrogenated vegetable oil etc. means trans fat) when buying foodstuffs.

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## Second meeting on organizing 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium held

YANGON, 7 March — The Central Committee for Organizing the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2007 held the second coordination meeting at Malikha Hall of Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this evening.

Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an address. Members of the Central Committee and sub-

committees reported on preparations for organizing the gems emporium.

Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members submitted suggestions on successful holding of the emporium.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

MNA

## Regional Capacity Building Workshop to Promote Youth Initiated (ICT) Enterprise opened

YANGON, 7 March — The Regional Capacity Building Workshop to Promote Youth Initiated (ICT) Enterprise was opened at the Myanmar Info-Tech in University of Hline Campus here today with an address by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department, officials of ASEAN Secretariat, repre-

sentatives of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and departmental officials.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint visited the booths opened by Myanmar youth.

The workshop gained opportunities to exchange experiences and friendship among ASEAN youth. It will last till 9 March.

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## CARE-Myanmar donates bird flu prevention equipment to LBVD

YANGON, 7 March — Country Director Mr Peter Newsun of CARE-Myanmar donated 112 items of equipment comprising 100 cans of pesticide, 50 spray bombs, suits, gloves, boots and pairs of glasses worth K 3.6 million to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department today.

These equipment will be used in prevention and control of bird flu in Yangon Division. **Measures taken as to death of chickens and birds in townships of Yangon Division**

The death of 18 crows, 11 pigeons and one swallow was found in Kamayut, Sangyoung, Pabedan, Yankin, Bahan, Mingala Taungnyunt, Mayangon, Insein, Hline, Kyimyindine, South Okkalapa, Ahlon, Hlinethaya, Seikkyi-khanaungto and Mingaladon townships today. Regarding this, bird flu was not detected. One domestic chicken

was found dead in Ahlon Township. Bird flu could not be detected as the chicken had decomposed.

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

**Experts from international organizations on field trip of prevention against bird flu**

Regional Bird Flu Coordinator Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh of FAO, Bird Flu Biosecurity Expert Dr Larry Allen and Laboratory Technician Dr Sudarad Damrongwatanapokin of USAID, accompanied by veterinarians of LBVD, inspected two bird flu suspected poultry farms in Mayangon and Hlinethaya townships today and conducted tasks of control and prevention against bird flu.

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Officials of international organizations visit a suspicious bird flu infected poultry farm.

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## District News



**FIRE PREVENTION TAKEN:** Mogok Township Development Affairs Committee in cooperation with Auxiliary Fire Brigade members and responsible persons always checks systematic use of fire at the markets. On 15 February, officials inspect keeping of fire extinguishers at the shops at Padamya Market and urge shopkeepers to take of fire prevention measure. — KYEMON



Deputy Director-General (Admin) U Ohn Nyunt of Development Affairs Department (Head Office) and Director U Khin Maung Swe of Sagaing Division DAC inspect progress in construction of four-apartment staff quarters of Myinmu Township DAC in Myinmu recently. — KYEMON



Director U Hla Myo of Shan State (East) Development Affairs Committee supervises erection of the welcoming signboard at the entrance to Tarlay recently.

KYEMON



## Gulf FMs stress peaceful solution to Iranian nuclear issue

**RIYADH, 7 March** — The foreign ministers of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) said on Monday that a peaceful solution must be found to the Iranian nuclear issue, urging Teheran to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The ministers met in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh where they were briefed by GCC Secretary-General Abdul-Rahman al-Attiyah on his talks with IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei when he visited Vienna last month.

The Middle East and Gulf region needs to be

free of weapons of mass destruction, the foreign ministers said in a statement issued at the end of the day-long gathering.

But international accords need to acknowledge the right to develop nuclear technology for civilian purposes, the statement

said.

It appealed to the international community to press Israel to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and allow scrutiny of its nuclear facilities. The ministers also discussed the situation in Iraq, the national reconciliation of Palestinians, the crisis in Lebanon.

The Gulf states made their joint statement as the six major powers — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — discussed a new draft resolution that would impose sanctions aimed at forcing Iran to abandon its disputed nuclear programme.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam needs huge investment for seaport development

**HANOI, 7 March** — Vietnam needs 3.7 billion US dollars to build and upgrade seaports nationwide from now to 2010, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Tuesday.

The country's Maritime Department said that it has identified Van Phong Port in central Khanh Hoa Province and Lach Huyen Port in northern Hai Phong City as having the best potential for further developing the domestic maritime sector.

Van Phong Port can currently receive 15,000-TEU (twenty foot equivalent unit) ships, and Lach Huyen Port can act as a transit port for 80,000-ton ships. The two ports are transit destinations for ships from China and

throughout the Asia-Pacific, said the department.

Khanh Hoa plans to upgrade five seaports within three years and expected to expand further to have a total area of 400 hectares and capacity of receiving 4.5 million TEU ships after 2020.

Vietnam has allocated state funds of 300 billion Vietnamese dong (nearly 18.8 million dollars) to develop Ba Ngoi Port into a major transit port in the central region. — MNA/Xinhua



Workers installing a giant billboard for "Spiderman 3" in Thailand. Sony Pictures Entertainment announced that the third instalment of the hugely successful "Spider-Man" movies will make its worldwide premiere in Japan next month.

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## Colombian police arrest major drug trafficker

**BOGOTA, 7 March** — Colombia's secret police, the Administrative Security Department (ASD), Monday captured Hugo Bernal, a drug trafficker wanted by the United States with a five-million-US-dollar reward on his head.

Bernal, better known as Chepe, was arrested with false documentation identifying him as Miguel Angel Henao Arias in Valencia, a municipality in the northern Colombian province of Cordoba. He has offered a 250,000-dollar bribe to investigators for his freedom.

A court in New York was seeking him for connection with a shipment of five tons of cocaine to the United

States.

He is one of Colombia's 10 most wanted men, and is on the Interpol wanted list. In the 1980s, Chepe was a senior Colombian Army officer, but was sacked because of links to Pablo Escobar, the former chief of the drug cartel in the northeastern Colombia city of Medellin.

The ASD said it would soon extradite the trafficker.

MNA/Xinhua

## Syria renews support for national reconciliation in Iraq

**DAMASCUS, 7 March** — Syrian Vice-President Farouk al-Shara on Monday renewed Syria's support for efforts to achieve national reconciliation in Iraq and make the political process a success, the official SANA news agency reported.

The renewal came in a meeting between al-Shara and visiting Iraqi Vice-President Tarek al-Hashemi, where they reviewed the latest developments on regional and international arenas, particularly the Iraqi issue.

"National accordance and end of occupation are the guarantee for restoring stability in Iraq and preserving its territorial integrity," al-Shara was quoted as saying.

For his part, al-

Hashemi stressed the importance of Syria's role in helping Iraq find a way out of the current difficult situation and expressed appreciation for Syria's hosting of Iraqi refugees.

The two sides also discussed bilateral relations and expressed willingness to boost cooperation in all fields, SANA said.

Al-Hashemi arrived here earlier in the day on an official visit to Syria.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nine African countries meet on oil, natural gas

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 7 March** — Nine countries gathered in Arusha of northern Tanzania on Tuesday to start the third biennial regional conference on oil and natural gas in Africa.

More than 300 government officials, seismologists and petroleum specialists are to focus on such issues as trade in oil and distribution of the precious fossil fuel, according to reports reaching here.

The 2007 East African Petroleum Conference, facilitated by the East African Community Secretariat, drew participants from all five community member states

of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda as well as from their neighbouring countries of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Sudan and Zambia.

The regional oil and natural gas conference was inaugurated in 2003 with a meeting held in Nairobi of Kenya.

Entebbe of Uganda played host to the second regional petroleum conference two years later. — MNA/Xinhua

## Venezuelan police seize 150 kilos of cocaine

**CARACAS, 7 March** — The Venezuelan National Guard has seized 150 kilos of cocaine in parcels being carried by courier firm DHL in Caracas in two separate operations, the unit's anti-drug command said Monday.

Jairo Victor Perez Garcia, head of the unit, said in a statement that one shipment had been found in three cardboard boxes which also contained 175 pairs of shoes.

The shoes had been impregnated with 105 kilos of cocaine solution and were marked for

shipping to the Spanish city of Alicante, the command said.

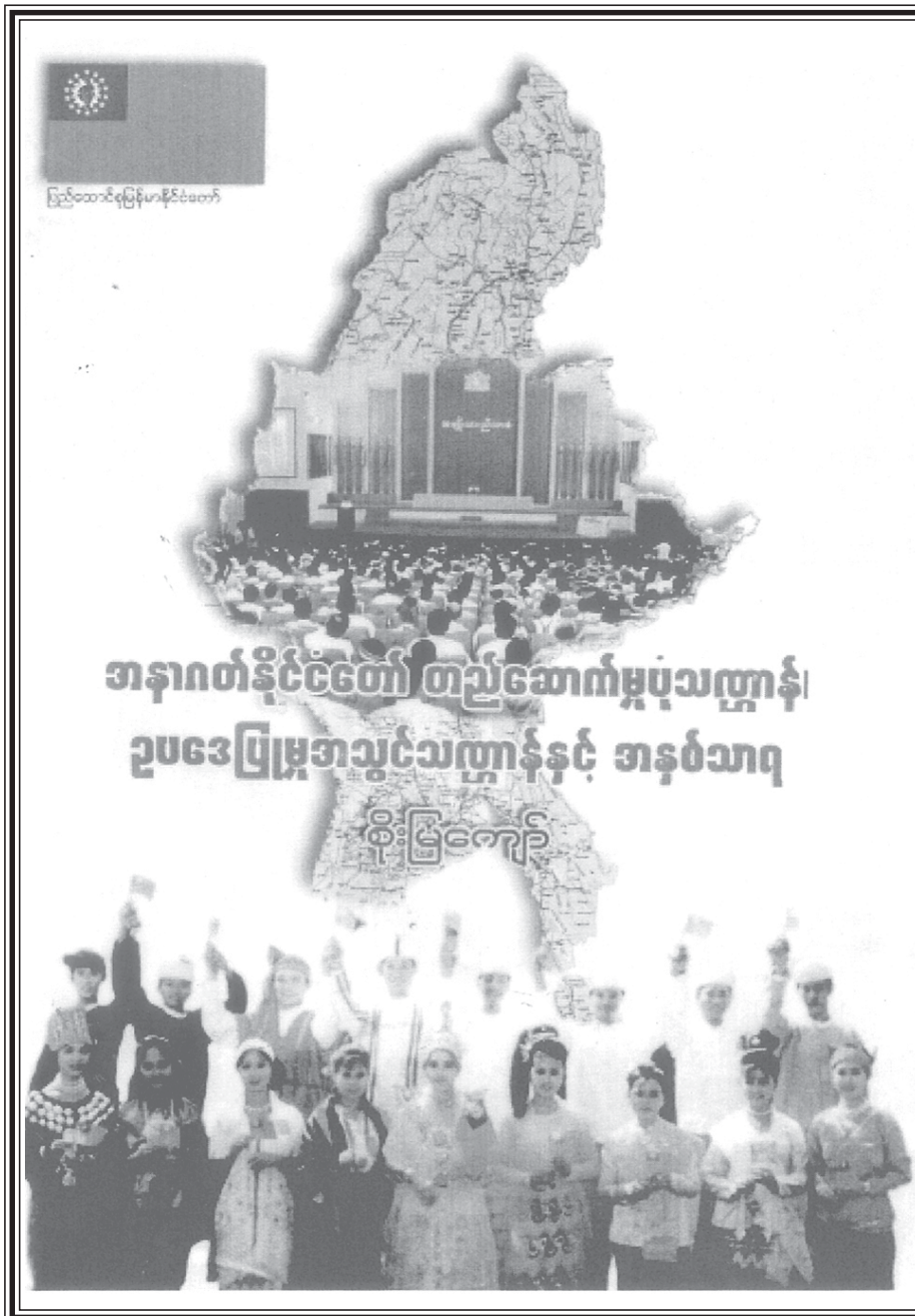
In another incident, officers found 47.4 kilos of cocaine in a double compartment of wooden box carrying a bed marked for shipping to Spain's capital city, Madrid.

MNA/Xinhua



In this handout photograph provided by NV, Carmen Electra poses during an appearance as the new face of the 'NV Weight Loss Beauty Pill' at a GNC Health store in New York on Tuesday, 6 March, 2007. — INTERNET





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**Singapore to open consulate in southern Malaysia**

SINGAPORE, 7 March — Singapore intends to open a consulate in Malaysia's southern city of Johor Baru in a bid to ease strains between the two southeast Asian countries.

"On the whole, our relations with Malaysia are good and getting better," Singapore's Foreign Minister George Yeo told Singapore's Parliament on Monday, according to official records.

"I welcome this new phase in our relationship," he said, announcing that

he had discussed the plan for a consulate in Johor Baru with his Malaysian counterpart last week.

The two nations, which separated in 1965 after a brief union in the years following independence from Britain, have deep economic ties but relations have sometimes been

prickly.

MNA/Reuters

**NATO troops launch major operation in S Afghanistan**

KABUL, 7 March — The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) has launched a major operation in south Afghanistan on Tuesday, an ISAF statement said.

At the request of the Afghan Government,

ISAF and the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) launched Operation Achilles in the morning, an effort concentrated on the northern region of Helmand Province, the release added.

Operation Achilles will eventually involve over 4,500 NATO troops and close to 1,000 ANSF personnel, said Maj-Gen Ton Van Loon, Commander of Regional

Command (South) in the statement.

It added the operation would focus on improving security in areas where Taliban extremists, narco-traffickers and other elements are trying to destabilize the Afghan Government.

Two NATO soldiers from Britain were killed by Taliban militants in the province last week.

MNA/Xinhua

**Car bomb kills five Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 7 March — A car bomb killed five Shiite pilgrims in central Baghdad on Tuesday as they were heading on foot to the holy city of Kerbala, police said.

The blast in Yarmouk District also wounded 10 pilgrims, the latest in a string of attacks against Shiite pilgrims streaming to Kerbala to mark Arbain, the end of a 40-day mourning period since Ashura, which marks the death of Prophet Mohammad's grandson Hussein in 680.

At least seven pilgrims were killed in several attacks in Baghdad on Monday. Sunni Arab insurgents frequently attack Shiite pilgrims and sites in what US and Iraqi officials say is a campaign to spark a sectarian civil war. — MNA/Reuters



The Worrell, Weekes and Walcott Stand is seen under construction at the Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados, Tuesday 6 March, 2007. The Kensington Oval, with an enlarged capacity of 28,000, will host the final of the Cricket World Cup on 28 April. — INTERNET

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- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
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**Study say Atkins diet best in helping women lose weight**

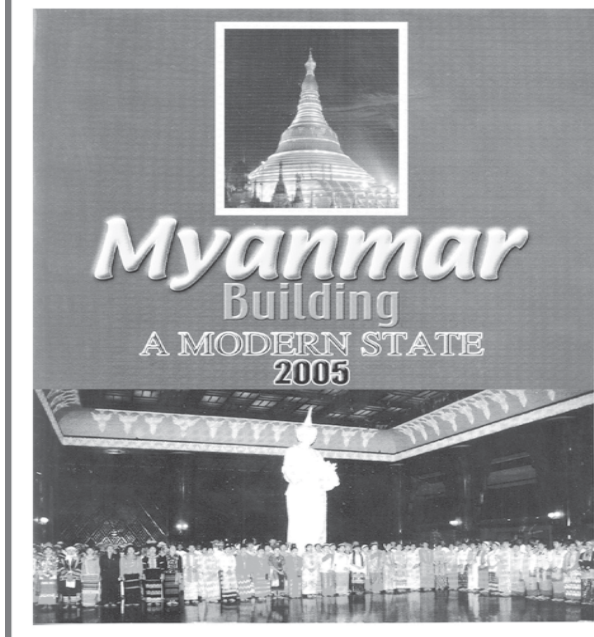
BEIJING, 7 March—A largest and longest-running study of four widely used diets found that women who followed the low-carbohydrate Atkins diet lost more weight on average than those on three other popular diets and had no adverse health effects, US media reported on Wednesday.

The average weight reduction was small and participants started regaining pounds by the end of the one-year study, according to the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Although the results were modest, Atkins dieters experienced the largest drops in blood pressure and cholesterol, showing that even small amounts of weight loss can improve overall health, researchers said.

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**Vietnam detains Australian for heroin trafficking**

HANOI, 5 March —Vietnamese police have arrested an Australian man of Vietnamese descent on drug trafficking charges, the second Australian suspect in less than three weeks, state media reported on Monday.

The *Thanh Nien* (Young People) quoted officials as saying the 40-year-old man was detained on Saturday after trying to board a flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Sydney with 1.1 kilos (2.42 lbs) of heroin hidden in his underwear.—MNA/Reuters



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**Bangladesh says China model of developing countries**

DHAKA, 6 March — Fehrudin Ahmed, chief adviser of Bangladeshi caretaker government said here Monday China is the model of all developing countries.

While meeting with Chai Xi, the outgoing Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Ahmed said Bangladesh should learn the experience China has got in developing their economy.

Ahmed said the friendship between the two countries and the two peoples has been improved, especially after the direct air link opened between the two countries.

The chief advisor thanked the Chinese Government for their unselfish assistance to Bangladesh in the areas of defence and trade. He hoped the two countries would maintain the cooperative relationship in the years to come.

For his part, Chai Xi said during the meeting China and Bangladesh have established the comprehensive cooperative partnership featuring long-term friendship, equal and mutual benefit. He hoped the partnership will be enhanced gradually. Chai Xi praised the caretaker government headed by Fehrudin Ahmed for their contribution in bringing law and order back to the country, fighting against corruption and beautifying the city environment.—MNA/Xinhua

*Ernest Gallo sips a glass of wine at Robert Mondavi's 90th birthday party at the Mondavi Winery in Napa, Calif.—INTERNET*

**EU bans most of PAI fleet**

BRUSSELS, 6 March — The European Union on Monday banned most of Pakistan International Airlines' (PAI) fleet from flying to the 27-nation bloc, and lifted restrictions on two other carriers that had previously been on the EU's "blacklist".

The executive European Commission said only PIA's seven Boeing 777s would be allowed to fly to the EU, confirming a Reuters report in February.

The rest of the airline's fleet of 42 planes would be blocked for safety reasons.

The EU's concerns focused on maintenance problems and old aircraft, specifically its Boeing 747s and Airbus 310s.

MNA/Reuters



A BMW automobile dealership is seen in Boulder, Colorado on 6 March, 2007.—INTERNET

**UAE, Belarus discuss ways to boost bilateral cooperation**

ABU DHABI, 6 March — President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan met here with his Belarussian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko on Monday to discuss ways to boost bilateral cooperation, Emirates News Agency reported.

During their meeting, the two presidents expressed interests in boosting bilateral cooperation to better serve the interest of peoples of both countries, the report said.

"We hope the visit of President Lukashenko would open new avenues of cooperation between our

two countries," Sheikh Khalifa was quoted as saying. Lukashenko, who is on an official visit to the UAE, said that he hoped his visit would enhance bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade and investments.

MNA/Xinhua

**Obese girls tend to reach puberty down to nine**

BEIJING, 6 March — US scientists found that rising rates of childhood obesity could be behind a troubling new phenomenon — a girl will reach puberty by Grade 4, media reported on Tuesday.

They who followed 354 girls from age three to 12 found that those who were fatter at age three and who gained weight during the next three years reached puberty, as defined by breast develop-

ment, by age nine.

The scientists said that 168 of the girls were classified as being "in puberty" by the age of nine and nearly two dozen reported having their first menstrual period by two years later.



Obese girls.—INTERNET

The study from the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital is published in the journal *Pediatrics*. "Our finding that increased body fatness is associated with the earlier onset of puberty provides additional evidence that growing rates of obesity among children in this country may be contributing to the trend of early maturation in girls," said Dr Joyce Lee, the lead author.—Internet

**Contaminated food ordered to be removed in South Africa**

JOHANNESBURG, 6 March — South African health authorities on Monday ordered the removal of all food products that may contain prohibited Sudan Red dyes, following early findings of contamination among some products. Department of Health said on Monday that it has requested local authorities in all nine provinces to remove all chilli products suspected to contain the cancer-causing dyes.

MNA/Xinhua



**Study says impact of physical, mental torture similar**

CHICAGO, 6 March — Researchers who studied prisoners in the former Yugoslavia reported on Monday that psychological torment and humiliation can inflict as much terror and trauma as physical torture.

The study's authors, who are psychologists at King's College, University of London, and Clinical Hospital Zvezdara in Belgrade, said the findings pointed to a need for a broad definition of torture.

Interrogation techniques have stirred controversy in the United States after evidence emerged of detainee abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan, and after revelations the CIA ran secret prisons outside the the United States for terrorism suspects.— MNA/Reuters



# SPORTS



**Barcelona's coach Frank Rijkaard (3rd R), Ronaldinho (2nd L) salute the crowd after their Champion's League first knockout round, second leg soccer match against Liverpool in Liverpool March 6, 2007. Barcelona nipped a 1-0 victory but failed to prevent Liverpool advancing to the Champions League quarterfinals on away goals after aggregate it 2-2. — INTERNET**

## Saha misses Lille game, Fletcher out 2 months

MANCHESTER (England), 7 March — French striker Louis Saha was injured in training on Tuesday morning and will miss Manchester United's Champions League match with Lille.

Midfielder Darren Fletcher, who picked up an ankle injury against Reading last week, will also miss Wednesday's last 16 game after a scan showed ligament damage worse than first thought. He is expected to be sidelined for at least two months.

"Louis was injured in training and was sent for a scan and won't be fit although we are not yet sure exactly what the injury is," manager Alex Ferguson told a news conference at Old Trafford on Tuesday ahead of the second leg.

Saha has scored four goals in six Champions League matches this season and was likely to start against Lille.

His place is expected to be taken by Henrik Larsson, playing his last competitive match for United at Old Trafford before his loan spell from Helsingborg ends next week.

"Wayne Rooney is fit for tomorrow, Paul Scholes picked up an injury but trained this morning but Darren Fletcher is out for two months with ankle ligament damage he got against Reading.

"We thought that maybe it would be two weeks but we did the scan yesterday afternoon after the swelling went down and the news was not good. — MNA/Reuters

## QPR admit China brawl charges

LONDON, 7 March — English Second Division club Queens Park Rangers have admitted an FA charge relating to a brawl during a friendly against China's Olympic side at their training ground last month, the club said on its website ([www.qpr.co.uk](http://www.qpr.co.uk)) on Tuesday.

The FA charged the London club with failing to control their players and officials after the match on February 7 flared into a fight in which Chinese player Zheng Tao was knocked unconscious and suffered a broken jaw.

MNA/Reuters



**Oklahoma State guard Danielle Green, center, goes up for a shot in between, from left, Kansas' Ivana Catlic, Kelly Kohn (2), Danielle McCray (4) and Sharita Snith (1), in the first half of a women's Big 12 basketball tournament game in. —INTERNET**

## Norway police probe Mikel's Chelsea transfer

OSLO, 7 March — Norwegian police are investigating the transfer to Chelsea last year of midfielder John Obi Mikel amid suspicions of contract forgery, police said on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old Nigerian signed with English champions Chelsea in June 2006 after suddenly announcing that he would not join Manchester United from Norway's Lyn Oslo as expected.

Mikel then reached a settlement with United and Lyn to allow him to move to Chelsea.

"The case is about document forgery and that is serious," Oslo police attorney Paal Hernaes told Reuters.

Hernaes said police had questioned Mikel in London last week. "Mikel is just a witness in the case," he added.

Former Lyn director Morgan Andersen had declined to be interrogated in the case, Hernaes said. Mikel's Nigerian agent John Shittu had agreed to be questioned.

The police expected to complete their investigation by early April, he said. — MNA/Reuters

## Injury hits Beckham England hopes

SPAIN, 5 March — David Beckham's hopes of being recalled by England to face Israel and Andorra this month are over after he was ruled out for four weeks with a knee injury.

The 31-year-old midfielder was hurt playing for Real Madrid against Getafe in the Spanish League on Sunday.

Beckham hurt his right knee after mis-hitting a cross and running into advertising hoardings behind the goal.

He will also miss a return to Old Trafford on 13 March when he was set to play for a Euro-



**David Beckham.**

INTERNET

pean All-Star XI.

Beckham will also miss Real's crucial match against Barcelona next weekend - and possibly a further three league games.

Tests at Real's training ground confirmed that Beckham had damaged the internal lateral ligament in his knee.

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## Lille do not want to spark things off at old Trafford

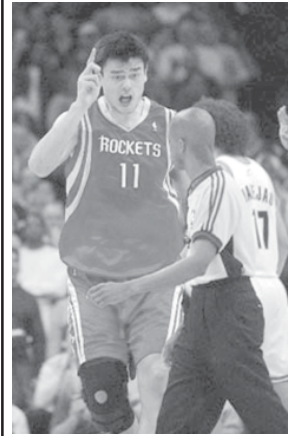
PARIS, 7 March — Lille will not let the controversy surrounding their previous match against Manchester United upset them when they meet in the return leg of their last-16 Champions League tie at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

"We don't want to spark things off. We'll go to Old Trafford as if nothing had happened," Lille's general director Xavier Thuillot was quoted as saying by French media on Tuesday.

Manchester United won the first leg 1-0 thanks to a Ryan Giggs free kick, which was taken while the French team were still preparing their defensive wall.

Lille lodged a formal complaint to UEFA but their appeal was turned down. — MNA/Reuters

## Yao: "I can't wait for the next game"



**Yao Ming (11) of the Houston Rockets talks to referee Sean Corbin during their NBA game against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland, Ohio, March 5, 2007.**

INTERNET

BEIJING, 7 March — Houston Rockets centre Yao Ming returned to action after missing 32 games for a fractured right leg on March 5.

The absence of more than two months took its toll on Yao, but only for three quarters. He erupted in the fourth and helped to cut a 14-point deficit to within two near the end of the game, but the rally came too late, and the Rockets lost to Cleveland Cavaliers 85-91.

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"I didn't play long tonight. I mean, 27 minutes, that's not my average (34.6) because coach would not play me if I did not feel good. He said he would control my minutes by how the game was going and how I was going. I understand; everything for the team," said Yao. "So the minutes I played in the first three quarters got me feeling regular, so in the fourth quarter, when I stepped out, I made a couple shots and it was a big help."

March 6 is the day of Jingzhe (the Waking of Insects), one of the 24 solar terms that divide the traditional Chinese lunar year. From this day on, little creatures that were hibernating are supposed to come back to life.

With Yao's return, the energy seems to be back with the Rockets, too. "In the fourth quarter, it was a little bit better. But I'm just not up to it all. I felt the team played with high energy in the fourth quarter, and I could feel the energy of my teammates. I can't wait for the next game."

## Chinese need more beef to play and fight with Westerners

BEIJING, 7 March — Chinese footballers need to eat beef and drink milk if they are to play, and fight, with Westerners on a level playing field, according to a member of the advisory body to China's Parliament.

Last month's brawl between China's Under-21 team and English club Queens Park Rangers proved that Chinese athletes did not have enough brawn, according to Zhang Xinshi, a biology researcher from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

"You can't just say you aren't used to eating beef and drinking milk and leave it at that," Zhang said during a discussion of Chinese agriculture at this week's meeting of the advisory body CPPCC.

"Our football can't reach a higher level. We are only good at skilful sports. Running for two 45 minute halves on such a large pitch at speeds like 100m, how can (our) bodies do that?"

"We all saw the recent fight in England and they (the players) were beaten to a pulp.

"Sounds tragic? But if you are as strong as a buffalo how can they beat you up? Therefore I don't think we should advocate the Chinese grain-eating tradition."

Chinese defender Zheng Tao was taken to hospital with a fractured jaw after the 30-man fight during an ill-tempered friendly at QPR's training ground, which provoked a media storm in China.

QPR assistant manager Richard Hill was interviewed by police for his part in the fracas but English media reported on Monday that no charges would be brought against him. — MNA/Reuters



# Guantanamo inmates appeal detention to US top court

WASHINGTON, 7 March — Some of the Guantanamo prisoners have been unlawfully detained for more than five years and deserve at least a hearing on their challenge to their confinement, their attorneys said on Monday in an appeal to the US Supreme Court.

The lawyers argued a US appeals court was wrong in its ruling last month that upheld a key part of an anti-terrorism law sought by President George W Bush that took away the rights of the prisoners to challenge their detention before US federal judges.

They urged the country's high court to decide the issue quickly because the prisoners remain in an unpreced-

ented "legal limbo" with no meaningful way to challenge the lawfulness of their indefinite detention.

The indefinite detention and allegations of prisoner mistreatment at Guantanamo, which the US military denies, have tarnished the United States' image abroad and a chorus of allies have urged Bush to shut down the camp for foreign terrorism suspects.

There currently are

about 385 detainees at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. *MNA/Reuters*

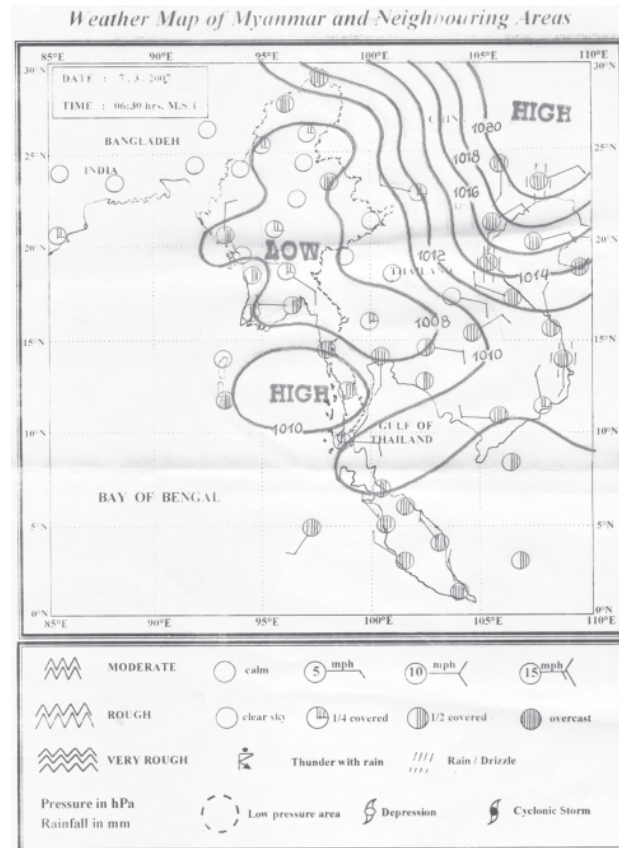
## Fires break out in Myinbya, Chanayethazan, Yedashe

YANGON, 7 March — Due to the short circuit at the generator, a fire broke out at the video house of U Saw Tun in Minbargyi Ward of Aukwabaing Region in Myinbya, Sittway District, at 7 pm yesterday.

The fire destroyed 30 houses, and over 300 people became homeless.

A fire broke out at the house of U Sein Kyaw at 55 in West Aungnan Block on 84th between 34th and 35th Streets in Chanayethazan Township at 5.50 am today. The fire that started from the wire shock destroyed one warehouse and other property.

A fire broke out at the house of U Tin Hla on Aungmyanmar Road in Ward 4 of Yedashe Township at 1 am. Due to negligence of fire, three houses were destroyed. *MNA*



Auditions performing a dance in Yorkshire, Britain, on 5 March. — INTERNET

### WEATHER

Wednesday, 7 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, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The significant day temperature was Aunglan (40°C).

Maximum temperature on 6-3-2007 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 7-3-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-3-2007 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 6-3-2007 was (8.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-3-2007 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 Northwest at (12:35) hours MST on 6-3-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is the North Bay and partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-3-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight increase of day temperature in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.



Thursday, 8 March  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: - The perfect fun
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: - Whatever it takes
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: - Violet
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: - Misery
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music - Heart breaker - In love with you
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers - Careless whisper - Reality
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 8 March  
View on today

- 7:00 am
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- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. Dance of national races
- 8:10 am
  6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  7. Dance variety
- 8:30 am
  8. International news
- 8:45 am
  9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song for uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. English for evryday use.
- 4:45 pm
  4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်)
- 5:00 pm
  5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြု) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)
- 5:10 pm
  6. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm
  7. Cute little of Dancer
- 5:30 pm
  8. "အနိုင်အရှုံး" (ဝိစိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:35 pm
  9. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
  10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
  11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  13. သီရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
  14. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
  15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်လေး၏ ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
  16. News
  17. International news
  18. Weather report
  19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
  20. The next day's programme

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# Prevention and control of avian flu clarified

YANGON, 7 March — A clarification on prevention and control of avian flu in Yangon Division was held at Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office on Bank Street in Kyauktada Township yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win spoke on the occasion. He said the bird flu spread not only to animals but to human beings. Virus that wild birds carry infects domestic birds. He called for cooperation in preventive measures.

Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein of Health Department gave talks on avian flu, surveillance, education and cooperation among departments

and non-governmental organizations.

Head of Yangon Division Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Soe Win reported on death of fowls in the division and work done.

Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint reported on training for preventive measures and coordination.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the commander.—MNA

*Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win speaking at the talks on prevention and control of avian flu in Yangon Division. — 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

# Myanmar Youth Team sail into semifinal with 3-1 win over Brunei Youth

YANGON, 7 March —The Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy for U-21 ASEAN Youth Football Championship 2007 continued in Brunei today.

In the Group (B), Myanmar Youth Team edged out host Brunei Youth Team 3-1.

In the first half, Myanmar Youth Team dominated the opponent team with a 2-0 result. The winning goals for Myanmar came through Sithu Than and Pyae Phyo Oo.

In the second half, Kyaw Htay Oo added one more goal as a third for Myanmar. Afterwards, Brunei Youth Team snatched only goal.

Myanmar Youth Team stood first on the standing table with nine points from all wins in three matches and cruised to the semifinal.

At 10pm Brunei Standard Time on 10 March, Myanmar Youth Team will meet with the team that stood second in the Group (A) in the second semifinal match.— MNA

# CEC member supervises rural development tasks in Wetlet Township



*USDA CEC member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses opening of summer youth training courses in Wetlet. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with secretaries and executives of Shwebo District and Shwebo, Kanbalu, YeU, KhinU, Taze and Dabayin Township USDAs at Irrigation Department in Shwebo on 4 March.

The CEC member attended the opening ceremony of summer youth training courses at Wetlet Township USDA office.

And the CEC member and Thitagu Kyeidapwint Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññananda unveiled the archway of Hsartaungni Village in Wetlet Township, and the CEC member donated exercise books and sports gear to village-elders.

While in Wetlet, he attended the opening ceremony of the new building of Post-Primary School in East Shwekyin Village and accepted 412 USDA membership applications.

Afterwards, the CEC member and party attended opening ceremony of a paddy husk-fired power plant in Yonbingon Village and Duwunkyei Library in Powintat Village.

MNA