

**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 attends opening of Royal Ruby Jade Hotel Resort and Spa



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils signboard of the building of Royal Ruby Jade Hotel Resort and Spa.—MNA*

YANGON, 8 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to open Royal Ruby Jade Hotel Resort and Spa of Yangon City Development Committee at the corner of Mindhamma and Tawwin Roads in Mayangon

Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Chair-

man of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, senior military officers, Secretary of YCDC U Tin Soe, the joint secretary and members, departmental heads, the Chairman of Ruby Dragon Companies Group and members, YCDC workers and guests.

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*Building of Royal Ruby Jade Hotel Resort and Spa at the corner of Mindhamma Road and Tawwin Road in Mayangon Township.—MNA*

**Ruby Dragon Companies rented Royal Ruby Jade Hotel from YCDC. The hotel is a four-storey building that comprises 60 ordinary bedrooms and 10 suites, facilitated with Internet and e-mail, in addition to the outdoor swimming pool, the meeting hall and the gym.**

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 9 March, 2007

## Extend exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas

The geology of Myanmar being favourable for exploitation of oil and natural gas, the Ministry of Energy is trying to increase the exploration and exploitation of these natural resources onshore as well as offshore to meet the domestic consumption of fuel and promote national interests.

The survey and exploration conducted in Myanmar waters have shown that there is excellent potential for commercial exploitation of oil and natural gas. At present, overseas oil companies and the Ministry of Energy are working in a joint venture for production of oil and natural gas at the offshore blocks along the Mottama, Taninthayi and Rakhine coasts.

Oil companies from Russian Federation, India, Britain, Canada, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand have begun work and started production of oil and natural gas in some blocks.

Test exploitations being made at Zawtika (1), Gawthaka and Karkonna (1) test wells in Block M-9 off the Mottama coast have shown that there is a natural gas reserve suitable for commercial production. It is estimated that 21 million cubic feet of natural gas can be produced per day from Kakarkonna (1) test well.

We believe that we will be able to produce oil and natural gas on a commercial scale from offshore and onshore oil wells if we make exploitation based on the continued geological survey and test drilling.

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## 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

## Commander inspects Military Code of Conduct Contest

YANGON, 7 March — Yangon Command organized the Military Code of Conduct Contest in commemoration of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2007, at the hall of the command headquarters this morning. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win viewed participation of the contestants.

A total of 40 contestants —eight each at the officer, WO and SGT/Cpl levels and 16 at the private level —took part in the competition. — MNA

Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win visits military code of conduct contest. — MNA



## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Department
(a) U Than Tun	Director-General Planning and Administrative Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(b) U Pe Than Oo	Director-General Consular and Legal Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MNA

## USDA S-G meets local people in Kanyutkwin

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo on 6 March met with local people, departmental personnel, members of Kanyutkwin Township USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade at Kanyutkwin.

They discussed regional development.

The secretary-general donated school stationery for students of Kanyutkwin Basic Education High School to the local education committee. Likewise, USDA, MCWA, WAO, Red Cross society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Kanyutkwin and Pyu presented school stationery to officials. — MNA

## Coord meeting on supply and consumption of electricity

YANGON, 8 March— Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended the coordination meeting of supply and consumption of electricity in Yangon city area at the meeting hall of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board in Ahlon Township on 4

March. Also present at the meeting were Chairman of YCEPSB Col Khin Maung Soe, the Chief Engineer, power station managers, heads of engineers of District and Township Electrical Engineer's Offices.

Next, member of YCEPSB U Tun Aye, Chief Engineer U Aung

Khaing and Chairman of YCEPSB Col Khin Maung Soe reported on installation of electric meters and exposing illegal use of electricity. Afterwards, the minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements of the task.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint speaking at coordination meeting on electric power supply and consumption.— MNA



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Garuda defends safety record after deadly plane crash**

JAKARTA, 8 March—The head of Garuda Airlines' Australian operations has defended the company's safety record in the wake of yesterday's fiery crash in Indonesia that killed 23 people.

Five Australians are still missing, feared dead.

An investigation has been launched into how the

Garuda 737 skidded off the runway and burst into flames at the provincial capital's airport. Garuda spokesman in Australia, Kerry Timms, says the 737 was 14 years old and had been serviced earlier this month.

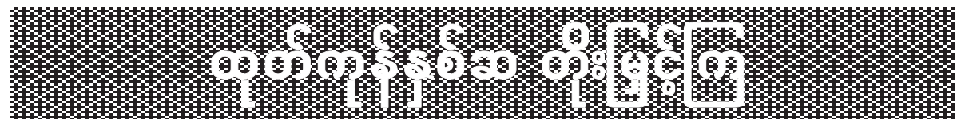
He told the ABC that the airline is operating as normal this morning and

few customers have changed their bookings.

"The record of Garuda in safety over the last 10 years has been recognized and proven, quite well," he said.

"Indeed we have a maintenance facility in Jakarta that is often contracted by other carriers to do work both in Indonesia and throughout parts of Asia."

Internet



Cars are parked in deep snow in the Russian Far Eastern city of Vladivostok, about 9,300 kilometers (some 5,750 miles) east of Moscow, on 5 March, 2007. A heavy snowfall hit the southern part of Primorye in the Russian Far East Sunday night and a storm warning was issued. —INTERNET



Construction staff work at the site of the Singapore Flyer in Singapore on 7 March, 2007. The Singapore Flyer, a giant observation ferris wheel, is expected to be completed in March 2008. — INTERNET

**Only 28% of Americans think US will win war in Iraq**

WASHINGTON, 7 March—Only 28 per cent of Americans think their country will probably or definitely win the war in Iraq, down from 35 percent in December, and the lowest since the question was first asked in September 2005, a poll published on Tuesday showed.

The share of people who now call the war a mistake is 59 per cent, the same as September 2005 and the highest level in the 58 times the question has been asked since the war began, according to the USA Today/Gallup poll, which was conducted from

last Thursday through Saturday.

Six out of 10 people said they want Congress to set a timetable to withdraw all US troops by the end of 2008. Three-quarters said Congress should require that US troops come home if Iraqi leaders do not keep

pledges to reduce violence. Another 76 per cent support requiring that US troops returning from Iraq to stay in their homeland for at least one year before being redeployed to the country.

At the same time, six in 10 people said they do not want Congress to deny funding for additional troops to be sent to Iraq. A slim majority, 52 per cent, said they do not want lawmakers to revoke the authority they gave US President George W Bush in 2002 to use military force in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

**Two US soldiers die in Ethiopian road accident**

ADDIS ABABA, 7 March—Two US servicemen were killed after the vehicle they were in plunged into a ravine in eastern Ethiopia, the Ethiopian and US governments said on Tuesday.

Another soldier and the Ethiopian driver of the vehicle were also injured in the crash on Monday, the US Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa said in a statement from its base in Djibouti.

"The accident occurred when the vehicle in which the Americans were travelling fell into a deep ravine," Commander Demsash Hailu, spokesman for Ethiopia's Federal Police, told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

**Slum fire kills 21 in Bangladesh's Chittagong**

DHAKA, 7 March — At least 21 people were killed in a fire that raged through a slum district of Bangladesh's port city of Chittagong early on Tuesday, police and witnesses said.

They said the dead included 10 children and eight women, and that around 25 others were injured and taken to hospital. The blaze erupted in the city's Bau Bazar

slum in the Bakulia area, gutting at least 30 houses before fire fighters brought it under control after four hours. Six storage areas for garment factory waste, adjacent to the slum, were also gutted.

Police and firefighters have recovered 21 charred bodies and are looking for more under the smoldering debris, one witness told Reuters by telephone.

Police said the fire was started by an electric spark in one of the storerooms and spread quickly through the slum, where people were still sleeping.—MNA/Reuters

*Manuel Uribe, who once weighed half a ton, celebrates with champagne as he sits on his bed while being driven around his neighbourhood on his first trip outside of his home in five year to celebrate the weight he has lost in San Nicolas de los Garza, northern Mexico, on 7 March, 2007.—XINHUA*

**US military deaths in Iraq at 3,188**

WASHINGTON, 8 March—As of Wednesday, 7 March, 2007, at least 3,188 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,574 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count matches the Defence Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 am EST.

The British military has reported 134 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 19; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, six; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia, three; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Romania, one death each.

Since the start of the US military operations in Iraq, 23,924 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.—Internet





## Chinese pol adviser proposes tobacco surcharge to curb smoking

BEIJING, 7 March— Chinese political adviser Huang Jun has proposed setting up tobacco surcharge to reduce the huge number of smokers in China.

The surcharge, either to be levied on cigarette producers or sellers, should be used to fund smoking prevention efforts and the treatment of smoking-related diseases, said Huang, a member of the Tenth National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

He suggested that the

provincial government of Jiangsu pilot the surcharge programme and order taxation departments to levy 0.1 per cent of the sales revenue of the tobacco industry.

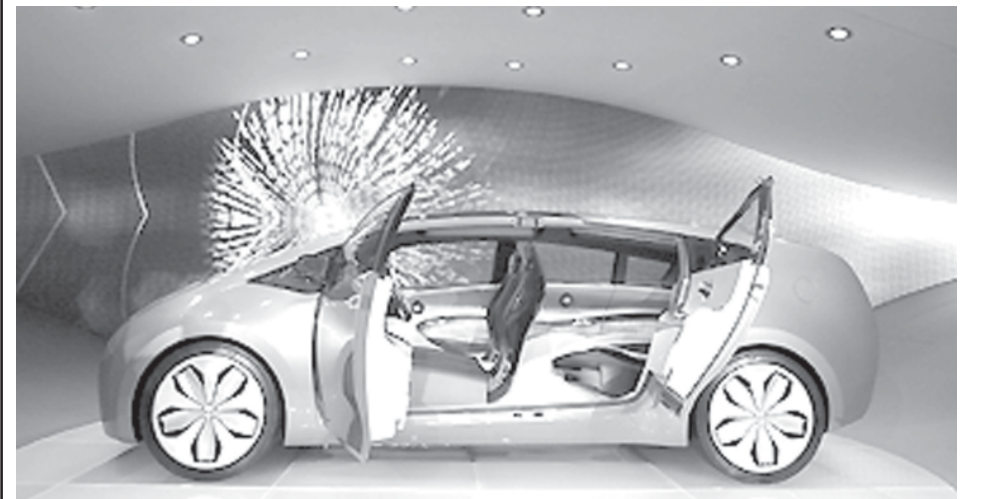
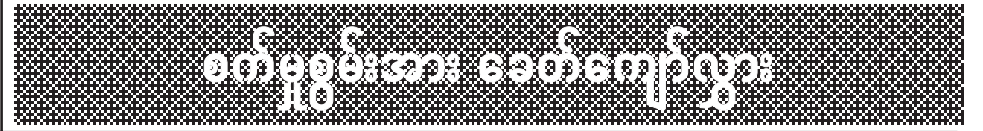
According to the World Health Organization, China is the world's largest producer and consumer of tobacco with 350 million smokers, who consume one third of the world's total cigarettes annually.

Huang, Vice-President of the Nanjing Medical University in Jiangsu, said approximately 600,000 people die from smoking-

related diseases in China each year and the death toll could jump to two million in 2025 if no effective anti-smoking measures were taken.

A lady who only give her surname as Liu, a Beijing resident, welcomed the suggestion. "A much higher surcharge should be levied. Higher enough cigarette price may force some people to quit smoking."

The annual session of the CPPCC National Committee kicked off on 3 March and will end on 15 March.—MNA/Xinhua



Toyota's new concept car Hybrid X is on display during the first media day of the 77th Geneva car show at the Palexpo in Geneva on 6 March, 2007. Car manufacturers at the Geneva Motor Show which opened Tuesday were preparing to woo buyers in stagnant but highly competitive European markets with ever wider choice and the promise of cleaner technology. —XINHUA

## Georgia trucker has big lottery haul

ATLANTA, 8 March— Sometimes it pays to run a little late. Truck driver Ed Nabors was a little behind on his way to work Tuesday morning, so he didn't stop for coffee at his usual place.

At lunchtime he bought a cup at nearby Favourite Market convenience store and chose to spend \$10 on lottery tickets. Nabors, 52, of Rocky Face, Georgia, discovered Wednesday morning that he had won half the record-setting \$390 million Mega Millions jackpot in Tuesday night's drawing.

"I'm still numb," he said at a news conference in Atlanta. (Watch lottery official's advice on what winners should do first ) Nabors was handed a giant replica check for \$116,557,083. He will net about \$80 million after taxes, Georgia

Lottery Corp spokeswoman Tandi Reddick said.

He will receive the actual payment in about 10 days. Asked how much longer he will be a truck driver, Nabors quipped, "About 10 more days."

Nabors choked up briefly while telling reporters how he plans to use some of the money. "My daughter has wanted a house and to get out of a mobile home for a long time," he said, "and I think she just got it." He added that he probably would buy some lakefront property for himself.

The winning numbers were 16-22-29-39-42, plus the Mega Ball, 20.

Nabors let the store's Mega Millions terminal choose his numbers for him; the winning combination was the sixth set out of 10, he said.—Internet



Indonesian officials drop concrete balls into a "mud volcano" in an attempt to slow its outflow of sludge in Sidoarjo recently. Indonesia expects to spend more than 350 million dollars tackling a "mud volcano" whose toxic flow has inundated entire villages and displaced 15,000 people in East Java.— INTERNET

## Bird flu vaccine trials promising

PERTH, 8 March— Researchers say they have received promising results from the trial of an Australian-developed vaccine to protect against the bird flu virus.

Almost 200 local volunteers participated in the study at Princess Margaret Hospital in Perth.

Study leader Dr Peter Richmond says the vaccine was found to be safe and well tolerated in adults aged between 18 and 64. The data has been submitted to the Therapeutic Goods Administration to assess the drug.

Trials will now be conducted to assess how effective it is on elderly people and young children.

Dr Richmond says the trial results were very promising. "The vaccine results were very safe in the adults concerned," Dr Richmond said.

"They also produced a protective immune response against the virus and they're able to neutralise the bird flu virus. So we would expect this vaccine would produce protection against the bird flu strain."

Internet

## Survivors tell of leaping from flames as airliner crash kills 23

JAKARTA, 8 March— Dozens of passengers leapt from the national carrier Garuda Airlines' plane's emergency exits into surrounding rice paddy fields to escape the inferno, which reduced the aircraft to a smouldering wreck.

Twenty-three people, including two Australians, died in the crash, but most of the 140 on board survived after the plane crashed on landing at Adi Sucipto airport near the cultural hub city of Yogyakarta

One survivor said that passengers had been warned the flight would be turbulent. "As we approached the ground and I could see roofs from our

window, the plane was still swaying and shaking," said Ruth Meigi Panggabean, who works for the aid group World Vision.

"Then the plane was slammed to the ground and skidded forward and slammed once again before it came to a stop," she said.

Din Syamsudin, a religious leader, told of his

lucky escape.

"Some passengers wanted to get their hand luggage. I cried to them, 'Get out, get out'," he said. "The plane was full of smoke. I just jumped from two metres high and landed in a rice field."

"I thanked God I survived. But then people started yelling 'Fire!

Fire!'" said Nuniek Sufithri, who is ten weeks pregnant. "I tried to get out, but was trampled by the other passengers ... someone pulled me up, carried me to the back door and threw me out."

The 30-year-old said she had sat in a daze, watching the plane go up in smoke, until she was again lifted to safety. She suffered no major injuries and did not miscarry.

The fire began at the front of the plane, where most of those who died had been sitting, several witnesses said. Nearly 20 foreigners were on the 50-minute flight from the capital, Jakarta, to Yogyakarta.—Internet



Firefighters spray a Garuda Indonesia Airways jetliner which caught fire upon landing at Adisucipto airport in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 7 March, 2007. —XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Singapore holds business forum with Russia

SINGAPORE, 7 March — The second Russia-Singapore Business Forum was held here on Tuesday, aiming to foster closer bilateral economic cooperation.

Organized by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore and Russian Troika Dialogue Group, the one-day forum was jointly opened by Lim Hng Kiang, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry, and Herman Gref, Russian Minister for Economic

Development and Trade.

Lim said Singapore hoped that cooperation between the two sides will be broadened to the new areas including science and technology, tourism, as well as using Singapore as a hub for business, investments and talents.

The forum, which also attracted about 500 officials and business executives from both countries, identified research and development (R&D), tourism and engagement of

BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) economies as new areas for future collaboration.

Both ministers witnessed the signing of a Protocol of Intention for the Russia Business Incubator to market, represent and promote a Russian-based company VNITEP, which specializes in laser-cutting technologies, in Singapore and in the Asia-Pacific markets.

MNA/Xinhua



A soldier carries snow after a large snowfall hit most of northern China, in Shenyang, in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 5 March, 2007.

INTERNET

## China denies export licences to auto exporters

BEIJING, 7 March — China's auto export industry has been reshuffled with half of the companies that exported vehicles last year denied licences.

The move aims to force the small players out of the market,

prevent cutthroat competition and ensure a healthier market.

Only 480 firms, half last year's number, have gained export licences for the period starting 1 March, 2007, the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has announced.

Their licences will be suspended in 2008 if they violate export rules this year, the ministry said.

China's auto exports hit a record high of 340,000 units in 2006, more than double the 2005 figure, according to MoC statistics.

But the industry suffered a price war with many automobiles flowing into emerging markets at razor-thin margins. MoC figures show that the export price per unit plunged near 20 per cent year on year by November 2006.

Some exporters were too small to compete — 600 of the 1,025 auto exporters in 2005 exported less than 10 units. A staggering 160 firms exported only one car per year.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia eyes 300,000 tourists from China

JAKARTA, 7 March — The Indonesian Government has targeted to boost tourist arrivals from China to 300,000 from an average of 100,000 in recent years, local Press said on Tuesday.

"Indonesia has a huge opportunity to (boost) arrivals from China. We target a 300-per-cent increase in arrivals from that country this year," Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik was quoted by leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia* as saying.

Indonesia has targeted six million international arrivals and foreign exchange revenues of 5.4 billion US dollars in the year. — MNA/Xinhua

Defending champion and top-seed Maria Sharapova of Russia waits to be interviewed at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif on 7 March, 2007.

INTERNET



## Jordan's tourism grows by 17.3% in 2006

AMMAN, 7 March — Jordan's tourism sector grew by 17.3 per cent and its revenue stood at 1.164 billion Jordan dinars (some 1.64 billion US dollars) in 2006, local media reported on Tuesday.

In an interview with local *Petra* news agency, Tourism Minister and Chairman of the Jordan Tourism Board (JTB) Osama Al Dabbas noted Monday that the tourism revenue has had a contribution of over 10 per cent to the gross domestic product (GDP).

According to the official, the number of tourists coming from Europe in January amounted to 60,000 compared to 42,000 during the same period last year.

Dabbas said his

ministry is planning to increase numbers of foreign tourists coming from promising countries.

A Jordanian delegation will travel to Berlin to take part in the International Travel Exchange Exhibition (ITB) 2007 scheduled on 7-11 March, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

## Dutch printing giant eyes on Chinese market, technology

MUNICH, 8 March — Dutch printing giant Océ has cast more eyes on the Chinese market and technology as it signed here on Tuesday partnership pacts with Chinese company Founder to boost its operations in China.

Océ announced that it enters into a strategic distribution partnership with Founder Group in China and it starts to use Founder's software.

On Tuesday, an agreement for this partnership has been signed at Océ's

OpenHouse in Poing of Munich, Europe's largest annual digital printing fair.

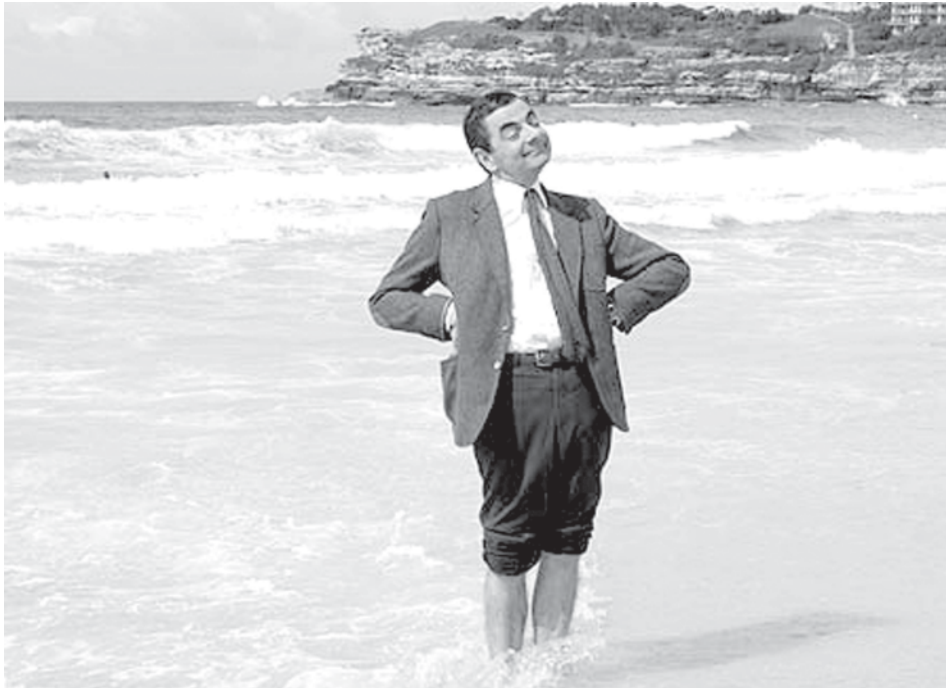
According to the pact, Founder's nationwide sales organization will sell Océ's digital printing systems in the high volume printing and graphic arts markets. "The partnership with Founder is an important element of our growth strategy in China," Océ Chief Executive Officer Rokus van Iperen told a Press conference.

MNA/Xinhua

People use computers at an Internet cafe in Suining, southwest China's Sichuan Province in this recently file photo. Fearful of soaring Internet addiction and juvenile crime, China has banned the opening of new Internet cafes this year, state media reported on 6 March, 2007. — INTERNET







*Mr Bean, played by British actor Rowan Atkinson, poses in the shallows of the surf at Bondi Beach in Sydney on 7 March, 2007 as part of a publicity event for his latest film "Mr Bean's Holiday" which opens in Australian cinemas on 19 March, 2007.—XINHUA*

## Chinese Premier underlines ecological, environmental protection

BEIJING, 7 March — Governments and officials should prioritize the protection of ecology and environment when seeking social, economic development, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Tuesday.

"We must unswervingly adhere to the principle of protecting ecology and environment to promote harmony between human beings and nature," Wen said at a panel discussion of lawmakers from north-west Gansu Province who are in Beijing for the annual session of the

National People's Congress (NPC).

Wen said that the environment needs special protection in Gansu Province given its fragile ecological system and poor natural resources.

He said ecological and environmental protection is key to the country's sustainable development, and has a huge impact on people's life.

He urged Gansu officials to do good work in the protection of the ecological environment and cultural heritage of Dunhuang, a world

heritage site, curb the expansion of land desertification and salinization, prevent the Hongyashan Reservoir in Minqin County, the biggest man-made desert reservoir in Asia, from diminishing, and make utmost effort to protect glaciers on Qilianshan Mountain.

The annual session of the NPC, China's top legislature, opened in Beijing on Monday morning with the presence of nearly 3,000 deputies.

MNA/Xinhua

## US jury finds ex-Cheney aide guilty in CIA leak case

WASHINGTON, 7 March — Lewis "Scooter" Libby, a former senior aide to US Vice-President Dick Cheney, was found guilty on Tuesday of four of five counts of obstructing justice, lying and perjury during an investigation tied to the Iraq war.

Libby was found innocent of one count of lying to the FBI in the probe surrounding who leaked the identity of a CIA analyst in 2003.

He faces a maximum of 25 years in prison. His defence attorney, Theodore Wells, said Libby would seek a new trial and if denied that would appeal the conviction.

Critics of President George W Bush had seized on the Libby trial as highlighting the way the administration built and defended its case for a four-year war that has become unpopular with most of the US public.

Libby was found guilty of the most serious of the charges, obstructing an investigation into who leaked the identity of Valerie Plame after her husband accused the Bush Administration of manipulating intelligence to build its case for war.

MNA/Reuters



## Zimbabwe bus, train collision kills 34

HARARE, 7 March — At least 34 people died in Zimbabwe's capital Harare on Tuesday when a commuter bus crashed into a cargo train at a rail crossing, police said.

Several other people were injured in the accident, which left bloodied and disfigured bodies strewn around a large swamp.

The bus, travelling from Harare's western Dzivarasekwa township to Mbare District in the south, was overloaded and its passengers included women vendors on their way to the city's main vegetable market to buy supplies, said a police spokesman.

"I saw the bus, and it appeared to be speeding and it couldn't stop as the train approached," said a witness.

The police — who have recently been running a road safety awareness campaign after a recent spate of deadly accidents — said they were investigating the crash, the worst in the country in six months.

MNA/Reuters

*Giant pandas play on a tree at the Research and Conservation Centre for Giant Panda in the Wolong Nature Reserve in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 6 March, 2007.— XINHUA*

## US man kills child, self in Indiana

CINCINNATI, 7 March — An Indiana pilot killed himself and his 8-year-old daughter on Monday when he crashed a small plane into the home of his former mother-in-law in what police are calling a likely murder-suicide.

Moments after the crash, the girl's mother reported her daughter missing and said she believed her ex-husband, Eric Johnson, had abducted her, Indiana State Police said in a statement issued late on Monday.

Both Johnson, 47, and his daughter, Emily Johnson, were killed in the mid-morning crash, which occurred near Bedford, Indiana. No one in the home was injured, police said.

"State police investigators are treating this event as a homicide since indications in this ongoing investigation are that Eric Johnson deliberately crashed the plane into the house," police said.

The single-engine Cessna plane crashed into the side of the house where

Johnson's former mother-in-law, Vivian Pace, lived.

Local media reported that Johnson shared custody of the 8-year-old with his ex-wife, Beth Johnson, and had spent the past week vacationing with his daughter.

He was supposed to drop Emily off for school Monday morning, according to the Bedford *Times-Mail*. When the girl did not show up, her mother went to police to report her missing.

MNA/Reuters



*Chinese actress Gong Li is seen in this photo attending the opening of the Fifth Session of the Tenth National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 3 March, 2007.*

XINHUA



# Beware of stooges of the West and traitors shouting democracy and national cause

*Hla Thein Htay*

I have read a short humorous story in which a patient was answering the questions of his doctor. "Do you drink?" "No." "Smoke?" "No." "Play cards?" "I am not interested in gambling at all." "Womanizing?" "Always stay away from it." Then the doctor asks, "So you have no bad habits?" "Only one. Lying."

Likewise, we will have to say that the news agencies under the influence of the West have no other habit than lying. Why? They are broadcasting and featuring lies they have received from the minions of the West from inside and outside the nation describing them as human rights and democracy, while airing all what Myanmar people who love the nation and race say as lies accusing that the government has paid them to do so.

The world today has a number of news agencies set up by the West and its allies. They are distributing news with negative views in accord with the wish of their Western masters. At the same time, they are distributing news about Daw Suu Kyi and NLD under the West's domination with sheer one-sided view. Instead of searching the truth in the objective condition, some Western powers are exercising double standard policy, while ignoring the truth. Hence, the international community is opposing and ostracizing the Western masters and their followers, and regarding their minion news agencies as a global menace.

Those news agencies are flattering Daw Suu Kyi as a democracy leader. Actually, there should not be a democracy leader. Democracy means the government by the people and for the people. Hence, the public are the democracy leader. An individual cannot become a democracy leader. And in accord with the democratic practice — Leaders do not make democracy but people do — the leader of democracy is the people. It can never be an individual. Even though they know the said democratic practice, those news agencies are publicizing Daw Suu Kyi as a democracy leader. It in reality is a trick of the Western masters and their allies to install a puppet government in Myanmar.

Recently, some patriots staged a protest demonstration in front of the embassies of the US and Britain, the two countries that after exaggerating Myanmar's internal affairs tried to submit a draft resolution to the UNSC to use the UN body in coercing our nation. But the RFA created its own story in collusion with the traitors inside the country, saying that the protesters received a payment of K 3000 per day. If the 55 million people of Myanmar support Daw Suu Kyi and her party, the NLD will not face the bubble bursts and much reduced membership. It is the path usually

followed by all stooges of foreign powers. Superficially, the result of the 1990 election can be seen as a support for Daw Suu Kyi. But in essence, it is the public protest against hardships created by the single party system. The people have nothing to support Daw Suu Kyi who has never done anything good for the country. They only see her as a daughter of Bogyoke Aung San.

Bogyoke Aung San sacrificed his life for independence and national cause. On the other hand, Daw Suu Kyi totally opposed the national interest, while unconditionally accepting Western influence. She has opposed and confronted the national forces and worked under the influence of the West. Nowadays, the people have realized that Bogyoke Aung San and Daw Suu Kyi are quite different; and that the two persons are poles apart like the East and the West. The people voted for NLD not because they opposed the Tatmadaw government. Besides, the Tatmadaw government is not a rival political party of NLD. It has been serving the national interest while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. In this regard, the Tatmadaw-led nation-building undertakings are achieving unprecedented success. The Tatmadaw's endeavours for national re-consolidation and democracy transition are also making headway. It after laying down the seven-step Road Map is in the process of building a democratic state. Delegates representing all walks of life of the national races have been attending the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map. Their work of laying down and adopting the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for the new Constitution has nearly completed. At first, over 80 elected delegates of NLD were attending the Convention in unity with all other delegates. But when Daw Suu Kyi was released from restriction order, all the NLD delegates had to leave the National Convention under her outright order. US Ambassador to UN Madeleine Albright, who was visiting Myanmar then, gave the directive to Daw Suu Kyi to order NLD delegates to leave the National Convention and to go against the national reconsolidation. Albright gave the said directive to Daw Suu Kyi at their meeting.

So, is Daw Suu Kyi a democracy leader or a party dictator? In NLD, Daw Suu Kyi is the law, and her wish is the command. Dialogue and utter devastation the NLD is demanding at present are the wish of Daw Suu Kyi. The existence of the so-called committee representing the Pyithu Hluttaw depends on Daw Suu Kyi. Despite their knowledge of Daw Suu Kyi, the West-dominated news agencies are praising her as a democracy leader. It is obvious that those agencies are distributing news in

accord with the like of their masters of the West.

At the same time, the strength of patriotic national forces, that oppose the acts of foreign minions, is growing.

The national political forces held a pre-Union Day meeting and a press meet at Kyaukkon Kyaunggyi Taik in Yakin, Yangon Division, on 9 February this year. Included in the seven groups that attended the meeting were national political forces, "88" generation students (Union of Myanmar), Wunthanu NLD, former NLD members of Mandalay Division, and independent representatives-elect who are attending the National Convention.

With the intention of misleading the people into misunderstanding the meeting and press conference, the RFA aired in its 10-2-2007 programme that about four to five hundred people attended the meeting; and that among them were workers from Hla Bayin Furniture Enterprise who had been offered 3,000 kyats each to attend the meeting. Except some workers who made arrangements for the ceremony, all the attendees were members of the seven national political forces and local and foreign correspondents. The groundless news story was absolutely intolerable to the members of the seven national political forces. I was an attendee, as well, and it was unbearable to me. So, I was filled with a sense of duty of writing this article for public knowledge.

The RFA, a lackey of western powers, accuses the writers who write articles critical of neo-colonialist countries of West Bloc as Red Flag communists. It has mistakenly branded them anti-democracy elements. No local columnists portray Red Flag and Burma Communist Party (BCP). Aung Moe San, for example, exposes the weak points of leftist members of the Red Flag and BCP. Similarly, Maung Cetana (B.A BED) has no relations with the Red Flag. He is just pointing out the weaknesses of the world Communism.

Different people have different background histories. Some East European countries used to be Communist Socialist ones. The process of assessing a person to consider him to be good or bad should be based on his present status or condition of what he is, rather than what he was in the past. Supposing a person used to be an unscrupulous one in the past, but he is now a gentleman, he is no longer an unscrupulous person. NLD Chairman U Aung Shwe was once a briggen/AFPFL, and Vice-Chairman U Tin Oo, a CEC member of the Myanma Socialist Programme Party and an ex-general. So, the biased reports of the RFA are ignoble.

In the 11-2-2007 interview by the RFA, an ex-member of the Democracy and Peace Party said that he had an exclusive access to national politics; that he was the only national politician; and that the seven national forces were merely sham groups. Indeed, national politics is not practised solely by an individual. Therefore, at that time I wondered if he was out of his mind.

**National cause or national politics means the concern of the entire national people with which they strove in the colonial days for helping the motherland regain independence. In the process, Myanmar people upheld that concept. National politics or national**

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**Now, certain powerful countries are keeping lackeys in their attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. So, members of various national forces have come to join hands with the government. Such internal elements under the external influence are far from national cause. However much he claims himself as national politician to conceal his real attitude and certain radio stations under the influence of western countries are polishing his role, it has been clear to everybody that he is disguising himself as a national politician.**



## Beware of stooges...

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**cause represents the efforts to serve the interests of the nation and the people without any attachment to particular party, personality cult, sectarianism and racism. The enemies of the national cause are alien intrusion and placing too much reliance on external elements, while betraying the motherland.**

**In 1988, the Tatmadaw had to assume the State's duties unavoidably, and since then it has been discharging the national duty, upholding Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**

Now, certain powerful countries are keeping lackeys in their attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. So, members of various national forces have come to join hands with the government. Such internal elements under the external influence are far from national cause. However much he claims himself as national politician to conceal his real attitude and certain radio stations under the influence of western countries are polishing his role, it has been clear to everybody that he is disguising himself as a national politician.

After arriving back in Myanmar as a hanger-on of the west bloc, he joined the democracy party in the multi-party democracy period in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. Then he left the party and joined the Democracy and Peace Party of former prime minister U Nu. Then, he transformed to so-called national politician from member of the Democracy and Peace Party. He feared he could face action for his joining political parties in disguise to serve as an informer for external elements, so he took shelter in the embassy of a western country as a servant. He relied on the assistance of that embassy for his living. After leaving that embassy, he was staying as a lackey informer of the west bloc, disguising himself as a national politician. These are evidenced by the fact that he is contacting with the west bloc and he feels bad and makes a prompt response whenever the western countries are criticized. So, his activities are like a Myanmar saying "A thief shouting thief".

These days, shouting national interest and claiming that he has an exclusive access to national cause, he is accusing national forces of being sham organizations. Moreover, he insulted the seven national forces by making an unreasonable comment that they should not act to the liking of the government.

**I want him to keep in mind that national forces will make a due response if national interest is harmed. To fulfil the wish of the western countries, national axe-handles relying on external elements often make accusation that there is no freedom of expression in Myanmar. In fact, axe-handles like him are resorting to various means in complicity with the west bloc-backed media to bring various forms of hardships to the nation. The broadcasting stations are constantly airing various accusations against the government and the State's policy. If they, taking advantage of the magnanimity of the government, become excessively audacious to harm the interests of the nation and the people the national forces will not remain indifferent to such evil acts. So, I write this article to warn the axe-handle hangers-on of the west bloc about their daring activities.**

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening...

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Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Chairman of Ruby Dragon Companies Group U Nay Win Tun formally opened the archway of the hotel.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the hotel.

Next, the commander, the mayor and the chairman of Ruby Dragon Companies Group cut the ribbon to open the Royal Ruby Jade Hotel.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the hotel and sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and the mayor sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

U Nay Win Tun presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party.

The mayor handed over documents related to the hotel to U Nay Win Tun.

After the ceremony, they visited the hotel.

Ruby Dragon Companies rented Royal Ruby Jade Hotel from YCDC. The hotel is a four-storey building that comprises 60 ordinary bedrooms and 10 suites, facilitated with Internet and e-mail, in addition to the outdoor swimming pool, the meeting hall and the gym. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation leaves for Laos



**Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo being seen off by officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — A&I**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — At the invitation of Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone of Lao PDR, a Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo left here for Laos by air yesterday afternoon.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and departmental heads.

The Minister was accompanied by Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agricultural Planning Department, Managing Director U Ohn Than of Myanmar Agriculture Service and Acting Director-General U Khin Zaw of Irrigation Department. — MNA

## Commander, CEC member inspect development tasks in Mon State

YANGON, 8 March — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 3 February delivered an address at the opening of the basic physical training course No 1, organized by Mon State USDA, at Mawlamyine University in Mawlamyine.

The CEC member accepted cash donations for the training courses from wellwishers. A total of 150 USDA members are attending the course.

At Mawlamyine Industrial Zone, Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with industrial entrepreneurs, and viewed production of goods at factories of private entrepreneurs.

The CEC member also gave necessary instructions to secretaries and executives of Mon State, District and Township USDAs at Mon State USDA Office.

On 4 March, they proceeded to Ye. After meeting with local people, the CEC member accepted 1,900 membership applications. In the afternoon, the commander and the minister met with local people in Asin Village. The CEC member accepted 838 membership applications.

They inspected construction of the reinforced concrete bridge measuring 180 feet by 24 feet linking Asin Village and Zibyutaung Village. They also viewed maintenance of the bridge linking Hangan Village and Khawza. — MNA

## CEC member accepts USDA membership applications at Shwebo Degree College, Institute of Agriculture

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — The conclusion ceremony of the Computer Course and the International Relations Course No 27 was held at Pyinnya Alin modern library in Shwebo on 5 March. CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address and donated K 100,000 for the further courses.

A total of 2,850 trainees had attended the courses up to No 27.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint also donated a TV, sports equipment and exercise books for rural development camp

in Chipa Village.

At Shwebo Degree College, the CEC member accepted 1,578 membership applications from faculty members, students and

employees of Shwebo Degree College and 188 applications from Nyaungpintha Institute of Agriculture.

The minister presented one facsimile ma-

chine and sports equipment worth K 265,000 for the college and K 100,000 and sports equipment for the institute through officials. — MNA



**Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attends opening of rural development camp in Chipa Village, Shwebo Township. — SPED**



## Tawlti village in Taikkyi upgraded to model one



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils signboard of Tawlti model village in Taikkyi.— MNA

YANGON, 8 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win made a tour of Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, today.

He inspected plantations of crops near Takhwa Village in Taikkyi Township. Officials reported on supply of irrigation water, progress of cultivating summer paddy and water supply.

The commander gave instructions on sufficient irrigation water supply, extensive cultivation of crops and boost production of agricultural produce.

He observe the scattering of natural and chemical fertilizers and demonstration of production and use of natural fertilizer held near Potigon Village, and called for extensive utilization of natural fertilizer.

At the opening of Tawlti model village, the commander formally unveiled the signboard of the village. He inspected handicraft enterprise of Taikkyi Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and Wizaya self-reliant library of the model village.

He handed over the publications and a radio donated by division, district and township Information and Public Relations Department to the library. The township PDC chairman presented K 100,000 donated by the Township PDC and K 30,000 by local people to the library.

The Township PDC chairman gave an account of efforts exerted to upgrade the village to a model one.

The commander gave a speech and presented K 200,000 donated by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee to the model village. Next, he visited the pre-primary school.

He addressed the presenting of cash donations for the

trust funds of Tawlti station hospital and presented K 1 million to the medical facility. The donations made by wellwishers amounted to K 2.3 million. The Township PDC chairman handed over the documents related to the charges for repairing the ambulance of the hospital and K 500,000 for maintenance charges to the head of Division Health Department.

The commander inspected the wards around the hospital and presented cash donations to the patients. Next, he visited Tawlti Monastery and offered alms to the abbot.

He looked into the digging of fish breeding pond of Dagon Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Enterprise in Bawle Island in Htantabin Township, the five-acre black gram plantation of farmer U Thaug near Panthaput Village, and the site chosen for building of Bawle station hospital. The chairman of the enterprise reported on reclamation of 4981 acres and digging of fish breeding ponds on 1,920 acres in Bawle Island in Htantabin Township and Ai Kalaung Island in Taikkyi Township and work progress.

The commander rendered assistance for the projects and inspected the river water pumping station and samples of locally-produced natural fertilizers.—MNA

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

YANGON, 8 March — The death of 10 crows, seven pigeons, two sparrows and one myna was found today in Hlinethaya, Dagon, Mayangon, Insein, Sangyoung, Dagon Myothit (South) and (North), Ahlon, Thakayta and Bahan townships. In addition, one domestic chicken, five broilers and two domestic ducks were found dead in Mingaladon, Kamayut and Mayangon townships. The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department came to the conclusion that the death of poultry and birds in townships of Yangon Division was not due to the avian influenza.

### Meeting on prevention and control of bird flu

This afternoon, the meeting on prevention and control of bird flu was held at the office of the director-general of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Present at the meeting were Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping, Regional Coordinator Dr Mac Arthur of USAID, bird flu laboratory technician Dr Sudarat Damongwatanapokin, Senior Management Officer Mr Kumar Upadhyay of FAO Regional Office, Bird Flu Coordinator Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh, First Secretary Ms Manlowe Teresa of the US Embassy, Management Officer Mr Steven Schonberger of Rural Development and Natural Resources Management Section of World Bank, Technician Mr Kwanpadh Suddhi Dhamakit of Manpower Development Programme, Director-General of LBVD and officials.

They discussed infection and control of bird flu in Yangon Division, arrangement of WB to provide assistance to Myanmar through FAO and its cooperation programme. — MNA

## 44th Myanma Gems Emporium commences

YANGON, 8 March —The 44th Myanma Gems Emporium for 2007, organized by the Central

Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium, was held at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda road and Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma road today.

The emporium will sell gems up to 20 March. A total of 310 pearl lots will be sold through competitive bidding and tender system at MGM

starting from 8 to 10 March.

The local and foreign gem merchants were allowed to observe 380 gem lots to be sold by competitive bidding and tender system at MGM on 12 March.

The local and foreign merchants were allowed to observe a total of 5858 jade lots to be sold

through competitive bidding and tender system at MCC till 12 March. The jade lots will be sold through competitive bidding and tender system at MCC from 12 to 20 March.

A total of 1,048 local and 981 foreign gem merchants arrived at the emporium.

MNA

### Local and foreign merchants observe jade lots at 44th Myanma Gems Emporium.—MNA



## Myanmar CP Inter-Club and U-10, U-12, U-14 Junior Tennis Tournament scheduled

YANGON, 8 March — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the Myanmar CP Inter-Club and U-10, U-12, U-14 Junior Tennis Tournament, to be organized by Myanmar Tennis Federation and sponsored by Myanmar CP Company, will take place at Theinbyu Tennis Court from 20 to 26 March.

The tournament will include the A and B class team events, women's singles and doubles events, the U-10, U-12 and U-14 youth events. Players of the A class team are permitted to take part in two singles events and one doubles event. Four or five players are allowed to participate

in each team. Selected players of the national team and State and Division level players are also permitted to take part in the tournament. In the B class team event, players are to compete in three double events. Each team is to be formed with six or seven players.

Each tennis team may be formed with one State/Division level athlete of over 45 years old and former selected players of over 50 years old.

Myanmar Tennis Federation will accommodate tennis clubs and youth players from districts.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament are to enlist at MTF, Tel:

01-372360, not later than 18 March. The federation invited one responsible person of each team to attend the drawing of fixtures for the tournament at the federation office at 1 pm on 19 March. — MNA



## Global warming effects more severe than expected

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 March** — A report on climate change to be released by the UN in May reveals that the consequences of global warming are much more severe than have been expected, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Achim Steiner said here on Tuesday.

Steiner said during his visit to Brazil that such a conclusion will be part of the UN report on climate change.

He added that all countries need to build a consensus in order to respond multilaterally to the consequences of the greenhouse effect.

Steiner met Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Minister of Environment Marina

Silva and members of the Ministry of Foreign Relations on Monday and discussed various issues including Brazil's leadership in programmes on deforestation fighting, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and production of green energy.

Steiner praised Brazil's deforestation reduction efforts.

Minister Silva

announced during the meeting that Brazil is interested in hosting an international summit of environmental and foreign ministers to discuss global environmental issues, which will be similar to the Earth Summit held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro, which generated the Climate Change Convention and led to the Kyoto Protocol in 1997.

MNA/Xinhua



*Scott Schliebe, a biologist and polar bear project leader with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, answers questions about polar bears during a hearing in Anchorage, Alaska, recently, where the service is taking testimony on the proposal to list polar bears as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.—INTERNET*

## Malaysians urged to smile more to tourists

**KUALA LUMPUR, 8 March** — Malaysian Tourism Minister urged his countrymen to demonstrate the culture of smile to woo more tourists, local Press reported on Wednesday.

Malaysians must be more welcoming to visitors, particularly in view of the massive international promotion for the Visit Malaysia Year 2007, Tourism Minister Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said.

"We want to promote the country as a tourism destination but that will not happen if service providers don't buck up. Please smile more," Tengku Adnan was quoted as saying by the *New Straits Times*.

Taxi drivers, in particular, should stop swindling tourists and charging ridiculous sums for fares that cost less than

5 ringgit (1.39 US dollars), the minister said Tuesday after attending a function.

The ministry hopes to attract over 20 million visitors this year, and garner at least 44.5 billion ringgit (12.36 billion US dollars) in receipts.

Last year's tourist receipts were 1.4 billion ringgit (388.89 million US dollars) short of the 37.6 billion ringgit (10.44 billion US dollars) target, though this tropical country registered record-breaking tourist arrivals of 17.54 million, posting an increase of 6.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

MNA/Xinhua

*Empress Michiko visits the Sogetsu 80th anniversary exhibition of Akane Teshigahara, 'Ikebana Through My Eyes', in Tokyo on 8 March, 2007. — INTERNET*



## Vietnam's electricity corporation wants to hasten equitization

**HANOI, 8 March** — The state-owned corporation Electricity of Vietnam (EVN) wants its equitization to finish by the end of 2008, two years earlier than planned, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Wednesday.

Under its new scheme on the issue recently submitted to the government, the country's biggest electricity producer and sole distributor EVN said accelerating the equitization can facilitate it in raising capital through the local stock market which has recently seen rapid growth.

Twenty-one subsidiaries of the EVN with total assets of 19 trillion Vietnamese dong (nearly 1.2 billion US dollars) have been equitized, Chief of the EVN's Equitization Board Dang Phan Tuong said, noting that the equitization of 14 other subsidiaries are expected to complete by the end of 2007. Vietnam has targeted equitization of 550 state-owned enterprises (SOEs), including some corporations, commercial banks, insurers and public utilities, this year. By the end of August 2006, Vietnam restructured 4,447 SOEs, of which 3,060 were equitized. — MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands cheer Ghana's 50th independence birthday

**ACCRA, 8 March** — Thousands of cheering Ghanaians waving the red, yellow and green national flag packed a central square in the capital on Tuesday to celebrate the 50th birthday of the first nation in sub-Saharan Africa to win independence.

Accra's Independence Square was transformed into a sea of fluttering flags as excited crowds of citizens joined invited dignitaries to celebrate the March 6, 1957, anniversary of the end of British colonial rule over Ghana.

The freedom 50 years ago of the former

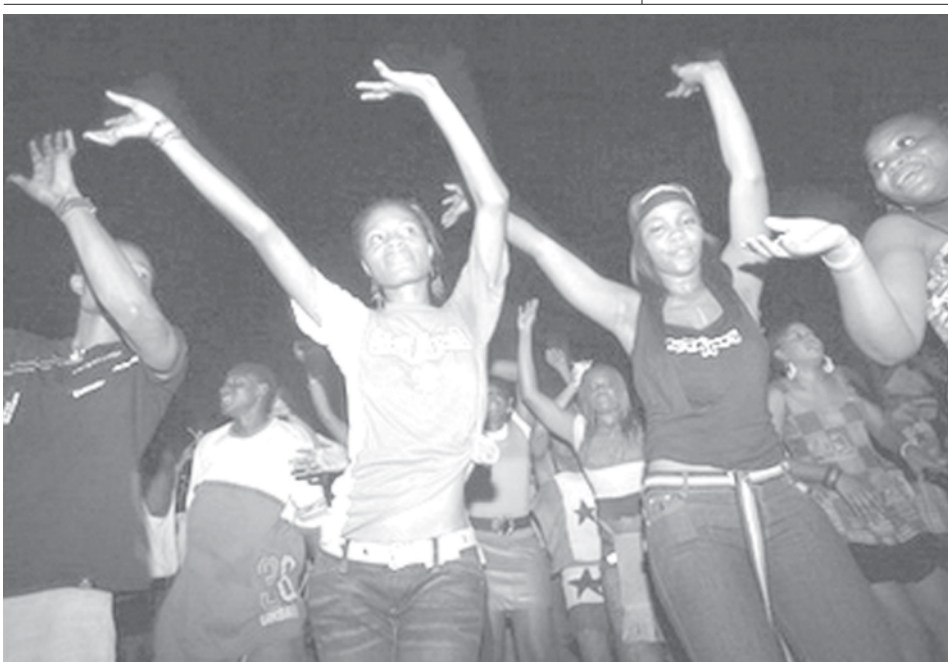
Gold Coast colony under charismatic nationalist Kwame Nkrumah triggered a wave of independence movements that transformed Africa from a largely European-ruled continent into a constellation of new states.

The crowds in Accra, many of them wearing

national colours, had partied through the night. They jostled for a glimpse of arriving dignitaries, including several African heads of state.

Traditional chiefs dressed in ceremonial robes and sheltering under ornate umbrellas were among the guests.

MNA/Reuters



*People dance in the street during Ghana's 50 years of independence celebrations in Accra, Ghana, on 6 March, 2007. —INTERNET*



## India, EU hold common views on agriculture

**NEW DELHI, 8 March** — The European Union on Tuesday said it stands on the same side as India on the key issue of agriculture at the World Trade Organization (WTO), but threatened action against New Delhi at the multilateral trade body on high tariffs it imposes on wines and spirits.

“India and EU are on the same line on agriculture though they are not agreeing on all details,” EU Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel said at a Press conference.

The statement by Boel sends out a strong message as US Trade Representative Susan Schwab had said earlier that India was the only sticking point at WTO. Boel denied that the EU, US and Brazil have formed a common front at WTO.

Boel said India and the EU both want that tariff protection should be available to sensitive agriculture products and the US should bring down its trade distorting agriculture subsidies. She said the EU also wants that developing countries should take lesser cuts in tariffs than developed ones.

EU Agriculture Commissioner said the EU was disappointed that India did not cut duties in wines and spirits from

the highs of 264 per cent and 550 per cent in the budget.

MNA/PTI



A Fujifilm representative uses IRsimple technology to wirelessly transfer a photo from one camera to another during a preview for the Photo Marketing Association International (PMAI) convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 7 March, 2007. The IR (infrared) system can also be used to send a photo to a IRsimple printer. —INTERNET

## China denies being source of bird flu virus

**BEIJING, 8 March** — China’s southern Guangdong Province is not the source of the dangerous H5N1 bird flu virus as claimed in a report published in the United States this week, a major state-run Chinese newspaper said on Wednesday.

“The findings, which say Guangdong is the source of the multiple avian flu virus strains

spreading both regionally and internationally, are the wrong conclusion to the evidence and lack credibility,” the China Daily quoted He Xia, a Guangdong agricultural official, as saying.

It did not elaborate. The team at the University of California Irvine reported that Guangdong appeared also to be the source of renewed waves of the H5N1 strain, which has killed or forced

the destruction of hundreds of millions of birds.

Since 2003, H5N1 has spread to more than 50 countries as far away from China as Nigeria and Britain. The real fear is that the virus could mutate into a form that can easily pass from person to person, sparking a pandemic.

So far it has infected 277 people and killed 167, according to the World Health Organization.

MNA/Reuters

## Bomb threat shuts Venezuela island airport

**CARACAS, 8 March** — Venezuelan authorities closed an airport on the Caribbean tourist island of Margarita on Tuesday after a bomb threat to an airliner travelling from Amsterdam with more than 250 people on board, officials said.

The airport reopened on Tuesday night after civil aviation authorities declared the threat to the Boeing 767 to be the second false alarm involving a Martinair plane at the airport in two days.

The airport was cordoned off and flights suspended, according to Manuel Millan, director of the Santiago Marino Airport, the main entry point for foreigners visiting the island.

MNA/Reuters

Venezuelan officials called the hoaxes an attempt to damage the South American nation’s tourist industry.

There was no claim of responsibility for the threat.

## Britons avid financial bargain-hunters

**LONDON, 8 March** — British consumers are among those most likely to shop around for a financial bargain, according to independent market analyst Datamonitor.

It found that customer loyalty continues to decline across

European retail banking markets, particularly in Britain and Nordic

countries.

Britain is one of the most competitive and developed retail banking markets in the world, with highly aggressive players and cutthroat pricing, Datamonitor said.

Consumers tend to shop around most for credit cards, personal loans and mortgages, while those in Italy, Spain and Austria are the most loyal to financial services providers.

Some 98 per cent of branch managers in Britain said customers search the entire market for the best products more than they used to a few years ago and almost three-quarters attributed that to a rise in consumer awareness.

MNA/Reuters



Baby hawksbill turtles at a hatchery in the Malaysian state of Malacca, on 8 Feb, 2007. There are only about 15,000 female hawksbill turtles worldwide, according to a 2005 estimate by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. They make about 1,000 nests in Malaysia each year, data from the World Wide Fund for Nature showed. —INTERNET

## Overflowing rivers in Honduras cut off thousands

**TEGUCIGALPA, 8 March** — Overflowing rivers in Honduras caused by intense rain isolated more than 20,000 people on Tuesday and forced the evacuation of thousands more, a senior rescue worker said.

Flooding from the violent weather damaged homes and blocked roads on Honduras’ Atlantic coast, Jose Ramon Salinas, head of the country’s rescue commission, told Reuters.

“A lot of areas are totally cut off. We don’t

exactly know the magnitude of the damage,” he said.

The precipitation, which so far has damaged 12 sections of highway and four bridges, was expected to continue until Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

## Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan

**OTTAWA, 8 March** — A Canadian soldier taking part in an offensive against Taleban militants in southern Afghanistan was killed on Tuesday and unconfirmed reports say he may have been accidentally shot by one of his colleagues, CTV television said.

No one was immediately available for comment at the Defence Department. If the report is confirmed it would be the 45th soldier Canada has lost in Afghanistan

since sending troops to the war-torn country in 2002.

Canadian soldiers are taking part in a NATO offensive against the Taleban that began on Tuesday. —MNA/Reuters

## British Marine killed in Afghanistan

**LONDON, 8 March** — British Defence Department spokesman said on Tuesday that a British Royal Marine was killed in southern Afghanistan.

The death came as his unit were taking part in a planned security operation in the Kajaki area of Helmand Province, the spokesman said.

A major new NATO assault against Taleban militants and drug

traffickers was launched in the northern part of the province, involving around 4,500 NATO and 1,000 Afghan troops.

There is no scheduled end date for the operation, the spokesman said. —MNA/Xinhua



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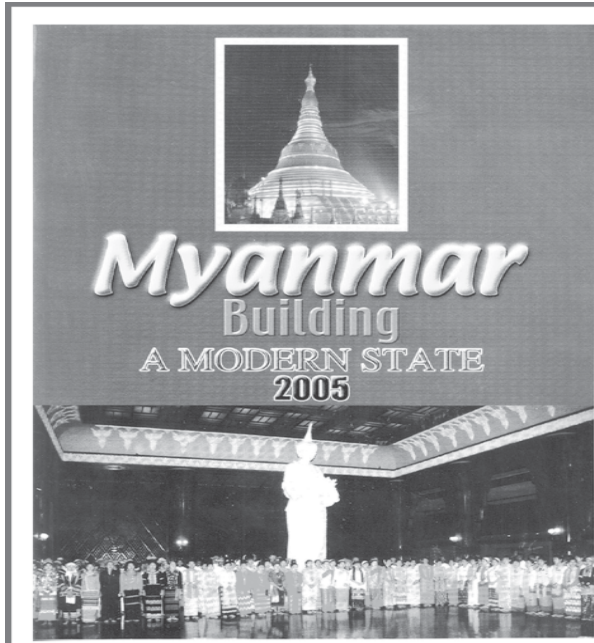
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**Iran starts building home-made atomic plant**

TEHERAN, 7 March—Iran has started construction of a domestically built nuclear power plant, the head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization was quoted as saying on Tuesday.

Iran’s first atomic power station is being built by Russians but is not yet complete. Iran, embroiled in a row with the West over its nuclear programme, has previously said it planned to build power stations on its own. “At the demand of the President (Mahmoud Ahmadinejad), the construction of the first domestic nuclear power plant with capacity of 360 MW has started,” Atomic Energy Organization chief Gholamreza Aghazadeh was quoted by ISNA news agency as saying. He did

not give further details.

“The enemies know they cannot weaken the will of our people to obtain peaceful nuclear energy and that is why they make it look like there are different opinions in the country,” he said.

Ahmadinejad has faced criticism by some of his more moderate opponents for making anti-Western speeches, which the critics say have exacerbated Iran’s standoff with the West.

MNA/Reuters

**Questions over US missile shield remain unanswered**

Moscow, 7 March—Russia has not received answers from the United States regarding its plans to build missile defence sites in eastern Europe, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Tuesday.

“We and our American colleagues have been discussing this issue and we have asked them to answer the questions and respond to concerns we naturally and reasonably have, but most of our questions remain, without any coherent answers,” Lavrov was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying. Russia has been consistently advocating full transparency and full trust in matters of strategic stability, Lavrov said, stressing the need to tackle such issues “transparently and democratically, not unilaterally.”—MNA/Xinhua



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**Chinese spacemen to reach moon in 15 years**

BEIJING, 7 March — China has possessed the technical capacity to send spacemen to the moon in 15 years, a leading rocket expert said on Tuesday. Huang Chunping, the chief launch vehicle designer of the country's manned spaceflight programme, told *Xinhua* that China is well capable to send manned spacecraft to the moon in 15 years given an adequate funding and punctual project launching.

"The goal to land spacemen on the moon can surely be achieved in 15 years, though some unexpected difficulties could appear," said Huang, who is here to attend the ongoing annual full session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country's top political advisory body. —MNA/Xinhua



*Thailand's Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn walks out from the balcony of Adalaj Vav, an intricately carved, five level octagonal step-well complex built in the 14th century, during her visit to the old and historical walled city in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 7 March, 2007. Princess Sirindhorn is in India for a five-day visit. —INTERNET*

**ISRO to develop modern technologies for Indian Air Force**

CHANDIGARH, 7 March — With air power bound to play a crucial role in future wars, the Indian Air Force Monday said India's space agency Indian Space Research Organization would develop technologies needed by the force to keep pace with modern times.

"The IAF is at its peak efficiency. We all know that air power will play a crucial role in future wars, what we may term as strategic warfare," Air Marshal Padamjit Singh Ahluwalia, chief of Western Air Command, said at the Air Force station here Monday.

Ahluwalia, who was addressing a Press conference after inspecting a full dress rehearsal as part of preparations for the presidential review of

fleet of the IAF Wednesday, said as part of "Military Space Vision-2020", ISRO had been given the requirements so that they can develop technologies.

"Speaking for the IAF, under the Vision, we are talking about a whole gamut of things like imagery, surveillance, data links and network-centric operations," he said.

He said in present day times every force has to

keep pace with technology, which he added has to be "imbibed, absorbed and in-ducted".

The force is in the process of getting air borne warning and control systems, "which will give us strategic reach", he said adding *Canberra* bomber aircrafts, which have been in operation in IAF since 1950s, will be put to rest after the presidential review.

MNA/PTI



*Boats travel along the Singapore river February 2007. Singapore's planning for a long-term population of 6.5 million, up nearly 50 percent from the current level, has raised the spectre of overcrowding and pollution in one of Asia's most liveable cities. —INTERNET*

**Princess Diana inquest delayed to October**

LONDON, 7 March — The inquest into the death of Britain's Princess Diana was postponed until October on Tuesday by the judge investigating her death.

Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, who had hoped to start the delayed inquest in May, put the date back after pleas from the lawyers of Mohamed al Fayed, whose son Dodi died in a car crash in Paris with Diana in 1997, for more time to study legal papers.

Fayed, owner of the luxury Harrods department store in London, has long argued that the couple were victims of a plot hatched by British security services. That sparked a dramatic courtroom clash in a preliminary hearing on Monday when Butler-Sloss challenged al Fayed to back up his allegations. — MNA/Reuters

**UC Berkeley's first Nobel prize stolen from museum**

LOS ANGELES, 7 March — The first-ever Nobel prize won by a professor of the University of California, Berkeley has been stolen from an incampus science museum, police said Monday. The prize, made of 23-karat gold and worth 4,000 dollars, was awarded to the late physicist Ernest O Lawrence in 1939 for his invention

of the cyclotron and was the first Nobel at the university near San Francisco.

The gold medal had been in a locked display case at the Lawrence Hall of Science, a hands-on science museum in the hills above the campus, and someone broke into the case last week, university police said. —MNA/Xinhua

*Actor Chris Rock and co-stars Kerry Washington, center, and Gina Torres arrive at the premiere of the movie "I Think I Love My Wife," on 7 March, 2007, in Los Angeles. —INTERNET*





## SPORTS

## Henry suffers new injury setback

LONDON, 8 March—Arsenal striker Thierry Henry faces another spell on the sidelines after suffering stomach and groin injuries in Wednesday's Champions League game against PSV Eindhoven.

The French international only came on as a second-half substitute after recovering from the foot and hamstring problems that have dogged him all season.

"My thinking was he was not ready to start the game because he got injured," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the club's website. "Again now he is out for a few weeks. It is a different injury, his stomach muscle and his groin. It is a very difficult season for him." Arsenal drew 1-1 with PSV at the Emirates Stadium to lose the first knockout-round tie 2-1 on aggregate. —MNA/Reuters

## Espanyol midfielder Jonatas goes absent without leave

MADRID, 8 March—Espanyol midfielder Jonatas Domingos has returned to Brazil without permission and will miss the first leg of the club's UEFA Cup last-16 tie at Maccabi Haifa on Thursday.

"He didn't train yesterday and he isn't with us today even though we are due to leave for the match," Espanyol coach Ernesto Valverde told reporters as the team left Barcelona airport on Tuesday.

"Now we have found out that he is in Brazil. There is a lot at stake for us in the UEFA Cup and he isn't here. I'm surprised, I don't like what he has done and nor does anyone else here."

The 24-year-old midfielder, who joined Espanyol from Flamengo in the close season, is reported to have had problems in adapting to life in Spain.

His father was held hostage for over a week by kidnappers in Brazil last December.

MNA/Reuters



Alex quickly makes amends at the other end with a towering header that beats Jens Lehmann in the Arsenal goal.—INTERNET

## Alex sends Arsenal tumbling out

LONDON, 8 March—PSV Eindhoven's Brazilian defender Alex turned from villain to hero on Wednesday when the Dutch club earned a 1-1 draw at Arsenal to reach the Champions League quarterfinals 2-1 on aggregate.

A disappointing game, which broke a Champions League record for foreign players, looked to be heading for extra time after Alex inadvertently prodded a corner into his own net in the 58th minute at the Emirates Stadium to level the aggregate score of the first knockout round tie.

Young Brazilian Denilson swung in a corner and the unfortunate Alex could only watch in horror as the ball cannoned off his foot into the net.

However, with Arsenal searching in vain for the second goal that would have put them in their third quarterfinal in four seasons, Alex soared above the home defence to head his side level seven minutes from time.

PSV had to weather a storm after the own goal but survived and then punished Arsenal when the home side conceded a needless free kick near the corner flag. Edison Mendez, scorer of the winner in the first leg, swung the ball in and Alex arced his header beyond a despairing Jens Lehmann.

The goal sparked wild celebrations from a large travelling army of Dutch fans and a mass exodus from disgruntled home fans who watched their side's last hopes of silverware vanish.—MNA/Reuters

## Man Utd through with Larsson's goodbye goal

MANCHESTER (England), 8 March—Manchester United reached the quarterfinals of the Champions League for the first time in four years on Wednesday as an uninspired 1-0 victory over Lille was enough to see them through 2-0 on aggregate.

Henrik Larsson, playing his last competitive match for United at Old Trafford before the end of his loan spell from Helsingborg, was left unmarked after 72 minutes and made no mistake with a well-taken header from a pinpoint Cristiano Ronaldo cross.

Despite the war of words that the clubs had exchanged since United won a contentious first leg 1-0 in France two weeks ago,

Wednesday's game was largely devoid of passion and in the end a solid United were simply too well organized for the French team.

Lille came out of their shell in the closing stages but the closest they came to a goal was when Peter Odemwingie headed against the post just after halftime.

Considering they needed a goal to keep alive their interest after Ryan Giggs's controversial goal from a quick free kick in the first leg ignited Lille's wrath two weeks ago, Lille started with an unadventurous 4-5-1 formation with Odemwingie the lone striker.

MNA/Reuters



AC Milan's Ricardo Kaka of Brazil, left, outjumps Celtic's Stephen McManus during the Champions League, first knockout round, second leg soccer match between AC Milan and Celtic at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on 7 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Makaay's lightning strike helps Bayern oust Real

MUNICH, 8 March—Roy Makaay scored the fastest goal in Champions League history to lead Bayern



Real Madrid's Spanish forward Raul(C) is challenged by Bayern Munich's Lucio(L) and Willy Sagnol during their Champions League last 16 second leg match in Munich. Bayern won 2-1 to qualify for the next round.

INTERNET

Munich to a frantic 2-1 win over Real Madrid on Wednesday, sending the Germans through to the quarterfinals on the away goals rule.

Bayern, trailing 3-2 from the first leg, were level on aggregate 10 seconds into the return match and the lightning strike from the Dutchman set the tone for a classic.

Lucio put Bayern in front with a header from a 66th-minute corner but a 66,000 crowd at the Allianz Arena had to endure a nail-biting climax as Real hit back with a penalty eight minutes from time, given for a Lucio foul on Robinho.

Mark van Bommel (Bayern) and Mahamadou Diarra (Real) were sent off after receiving second yellow cards as the pair jostled on the edge of the area before the spot kick.

With the tie level at 4-4 on aggregate, Bayern were on the rack and Sergio Ramos thought he had snatched victory for Real when he smashed the ball in from the edge of

the box, only for the referee to rule he had handled. It then needed a cool catch from goalkeeper and captain Oliver Kahn to thwart Real from a corner at the end.

The victory completed a fine comeback by four-times champions Bayern, who were 3-1 down at halftime in the first leg and needed a late goal from van Bommel to earn a lifeline. The return leg started and ended in supreme drama.

Real kicked off and Fernando Gago played the ball back to Roberto Carlos, whose control let him down. Hasan Salihamidzic gratefully took the ball and supplied a perfect cross for Makaay to slide a shot past keeper Iker Casillas.

The Spanish giants had won only one of their previous 20 European matches in Germany and must have been fearing the worst as Bayern smashed through their rickety defence time and again.

MNA/Reuters

## Drogba eyes new golden era for English clubs in Europe

LONDON, 8 March—Striker Didier Drogba believes English clubs are on the verge of another golden era in European football after his Chelsea side and Liverpool reached the Champions League quarterfinals.

Chelsea came from a goal down to beat Porto 2-1 at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday for a 3-2 aggregate, while Liverpool lost 1-0 at home to Barcelona but still knocked out the holders on the away goals rule after a 2-2 draw over the two legs.

While other countries have enjoyed success in Europe in recent years, Drogba told reporters: "England have got two clubs already qualified for the quarterfinals... now it's perhaps England's turn."

The Ivorian added: "At one stage, the Spanish championship was really on top in Europe, then three years ago the French clubs started to come through a bit when Marseille reached the UEFA Cup final and Monaco were in the Champions League final."

"Then, at other times, it's been the Italian clubs. These are cycles — and that's all the better for the English league and for us. I hope we'll see it right through to the end."—MNA/Reuters



# Fire breaks out in Phaungpyin, Tamu, Nattalin, Thuwunna

**YANGON, 8 March —** Due to negligence, a fire broke out in Zigon Village of Mongnwe Village-tract in Phaungpyin Township, Sagaing Division, on 6 March. The fire destroyed 10 houses. Over 100 persons were left homeless.

Yesterday, a fire burnt down eight apartments at the market in Tamu. In the incident, one woman died from smoke.

The same day, a fire broke out on Saya San Road in Ayechantha Myothit of Nattalin, Bago Division. The fire caused by negligence destroyed two huts, and one woman died.

Today, a fire broke out at a house on Pawhsan Street of Ward 29 in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township. A total of 95 persons were also left homeless and 14 houses were gutted by the fire, which started from heating plastic balls. —MNA

## One wounded in terrorist-planted mine blast

**NAY PYI TAW, 8 March —** The insurgents have been resorting to various means with the intention of undermining the stability of the State, community peace, the rule of law and public security.

Myo Min Hsan, aged 20, son of U Than Lin from MyaungU village, Kyaukgyi in Bago Division, stepped on a terrorist-planted mine and his left foot was blown off about 3.30 pm on 3 March.

The authorities concerned took the injured to Mone Township People's Hospital and provided him with medical treatment and necessary assistances.

The authorities concerned are making efforts to expose the insurgents. — MNA

# China rejects US criticism on human rights

**BEIJING, 8 March —** China on Wednesday voiced strong dissatisfaction and opposition to the US State Department's 2006 Human Rights Report that criticizes China's human rights conditions.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks in response to a question concerning the US State Department's Report on Human Rights Practices for 2006 issued on Tuesday, which said China's human rights record deteriorated in some areas in 2006.

Qin said the US annual report "again ignored basic facts", and willfully distorted and groundlessly criticized China's human rights situation.

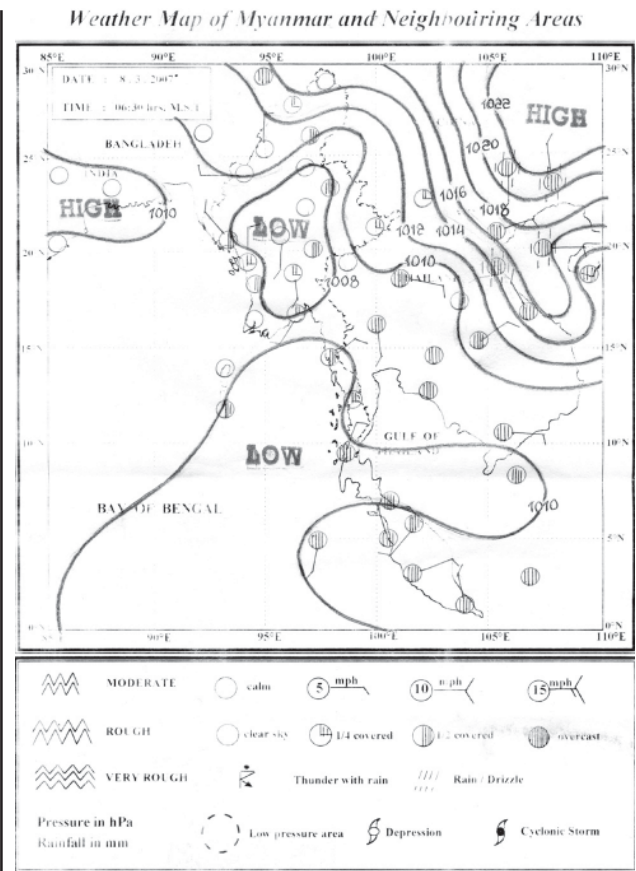
Based on the human rights provisions of the Constitution, the Chinese governments at all levels have been making constant efforts to expand democracy and advance judiciary reform so as to realize the comprehensive development of its people, Qin said.

China has made remarkable achievements in human rights protection, and the Chinese people enjoy full human rights and freedom according to law, he said.

"The US Government has no right to depict itself as a human rights watchdog, a view that is generally agreed by public opinion of the international community," Qin said.

"We suggest the US should reflect on its own human rights problems, and stop interfering in the internal affairs of other countries on the pretext of human rights," said the spokesman.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Thursday, 8 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) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) about normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (38°C).

Maximum temperature on 7-3-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 8-3-2007 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-3-2007 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 7-3-2007 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-3-2007 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 (7) mph from Southwest at (09:40) hours MST on 8-3-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 9-3-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and upper Sagaing, 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:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 9-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 9-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 9-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.



Friday, 9 March  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: - Daddy cool
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: - Wonderful land
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: - Poor poor pitiful me
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: - We will rock you
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: - I can bring love - Because of loving you
- 9:00 pm WOM - Songs of Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request - It's your love - Only you
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



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- 7:00 am
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- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း
- 8:00 am
  6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
  7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:25 am
  8. ဓရမ်းချောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
  9. International news
- 8:45 am
  10. English for everyday use
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song for uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation
- 4:45 pm
  4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
  5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
  6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
  7. Song of yesteryear
- 5:45 pm
  8. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်စိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ လှအောင်လီတင် ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ ရွမ်းပုံ)
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- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်လေး၏ ရင်ခုန်သံ"(အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:05 pm
  15. International news
- 8:10 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး"(အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 8:20 pm
  18. The next day's programme

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## Commander inspects development, agricultural tasks in Budalin, Dabayin, Ayadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, accompanied by departmental officials, comforted patients and presented cash assistance to them at Budalin Township Hospital on 1 March morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Htar Htar conducted the commander round the hospital.

The commander inspected the site chosen for construction of a fire

services station in Budalin and Bandoola Park, land preparations for cultivation of summer paddy along the canal of Kindat Dam in Dabayin Township.

Next, the commander paid homage to Abbot of Myayeik Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita in Tawtan Village of Dabayin Township. He viewed the artesian well in the compound of Basic Education Middle School Branch in Ywakyatlay Village of Ayadaw Township. In Shwetwington Vil-

lage, the commander donated provisions to Koehsu Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçakkana.

While in Ayadaw Township, the commander inspected artesian wells in the villages and left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the site of Magyisauk River Water Pumping Project of Water Resources Utilization Department in Magyisauk Village, he heard reports by Deputy Director U Ni Ni, and officials reported on progress of the project tasks, culti-

vation of summer paddy and cold season crops and regional development.

After attending to the needs, the commander inspected the physic nut nursery and progress of the river water pumping project. The commander looked into the artesian well, construction of the water tank, artesian well No 1 and the physic nut nursery of departments and the temporary nursery of the Arid Zone Greening Department in Ayadaw, and gave necessary instructions to officials. — 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

### WEATHER FORECAST FOR (9-3-2007)

**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas**

Generally fair weather.

**Yangon and neighbouring areas**

Partly cloudy.

**Mandalay and neighbouring areas**

Generally fair weather.

### INSIDE

**So, is Daw Suu Kyi a democracy leader or a party dictator? In NLD, Daw Suu Kyi is the law, and her wish is the command. Dialogue and utter devastation the NLD is demanding at present are the wish of Daw Suu Kyi. The existence of the so-called committee representing the Pyithu Hluttaw depends on Daw Suu Kyi. Despite their knowledge of Daw Suu Kyi, the West-dominated news agencies are praising Daw Suu Kyi as a democracy leader. It is obvious that those agencies are distributing news in accord with the like of their masters of the West.**

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## Diplomats visit Empo

YANGON, 8 March — Ambassadors, charge d'affaires and military attaché's of foreign missions here and officials of UN agencies visited the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium at the Gems Mart here today.

Officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Gems Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines welcomed and conducted them around the emporium.

The Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee is the sponsor of the emporium. — MNA

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