

## Construction of No 3 district-to-district road to contribute to better transport of Sagaing Division, Kachin State



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Zawkanar Creek Dam — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, viewed transplanting of Manawthukha summer paddy strain in the plot of

farmer U Pyar with the use of water from Kintar Dam in Htilin Village-tract of Myittha Township on 8 March.

Myittha Township sets a target to put 26,759 acres of land under summer paddy in 2006-07 financial year.

On 9 March, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected

thriving physic nut plantation of Sagaing Station. Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung of the station reported on matters related to 100,000 physic nut plants at No 1 farm, five acres of physic nut at No 3 farm and the nursery at No 4 farm.

*(See page 8)*

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo looks into progress of Myeik Myothit construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC

Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, met with members of Leading Committee and work committees for construction of Myeik Myothit at the hall of the construc-

tion project in Myeik yesterday.

Director U Tin Aung of Division Development Affairs Committee and officials reported on progress of the project and tasks to be done.

The commander briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo on the lay-out plan of the new town, allotment of plots, arrangements for construction of the highway bus terminal, brokerage and jetty.

Director U Saw Jack of Annawa Soe Co and other entrepreneurs also presented reports on progress of the project and settlement of the jetty.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Maung Bo

stressed the need to speed up construction tasks of the project in the dry season. Departmental officials are to cooperate with entrepreneurs to build jetties systematically.

Fire preventive measures are to be taken in the dry season. Departmental personnel and local people are to join hands with the committees for construction of the new town in implementing the project.

Next, they viewed construction of jetties and reclamation of land.

They also inspected the site for construction of Computer College and Santuchaung Dam, progress of bridges and the gravel road.

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*Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects Kabin Dam Project. — MNA*



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



## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 12 March, 2007

### Preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage with national awareness

Myanmar people have constantly been practising four cardinal virtues. They value politeness, gentleness, sincerity and righteousness.

Preservation and safeguarding of national character is vital in striving for national development of a country. This is why the government has been giving priority to preservation of cultural heritage including invaluable ancient structures in the country.

The primate fossils found in Pondaung-Ponnya region have revealed that Myanmar are the origin of mankind which has been in existence for 40 million years. Moreover, discovery of utensils used by Myanmar in successive eras and the primate fossils reflect high level of Myanmar culture.

People in Myanmar are the same descendants. Though they are slightly different in mode of dress and dialects according to geographical conditions, they are brethren with similar customs and character.

At a time when the world is experiencing rapid development in information and communication technology in the process of globalization, it is the duty of all of us to preserve and safeguard our own national cultural heritage with national awareness.

### Completion certificates of Basic Traditional Medicine presented

YANGON, 11 March—In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Health is giving lecture on Basic Traditional Medicine to the students who are studying Third MB Course to enable them to realize the value of traditional medicine.

The Ministry of Health presented completion certificates to the medical students at University of Medicine (Mandalay) for the first time on 10 March.

The Ministry of Health has presented completion certificates of traditional medicine to a total of 307 medical students this year.

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## People's Desire

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

### Self-reliant library opens in Thanlyin

YANGON, 11 March— Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai formally opened the Khayay Yeik self-reliant library of Thanlyin Township WAO in Ahmuhtan Ward of the township on 7 March morning. The patron accepted TV set, furniture and various kinds of books donated by wellwishers.

Next, they visited the library. Afterwards, Daw Mar Mar Wai attended a ceremony to disburse micro credit to women of the township from Yangon Division WAO. — MNA



Daw Mar Mar Wai, Patron of Yangon Division WAO, opens Khayay Yeik self-reliant library in Thanlyin. — MNA

### Dhamma Beikman Self-reliant Library opens



U Mya Sein gives certificate of honour to members of Information Department of MWAF. — IPRD

YANGON, 11 March — A ceremony to open Dhamma Beikman Self-reliant Library was held in Kweththit Ward of Insein Township on 7 March.

Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa of Ywama Pariyatti Monastery gave an Ovadakatha.

Secretary of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw

Swei Khin Mar Win and Chairman of Insein Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Swe delivered addresses.

Next, the chairman of the library committee accepted 200 copies of journals and books worth K 50,000 and K 30,000 donated by Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win of MWAF; K 50,000 by Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Commissioner U Hla Soe-Daw Khin Myo Thu; books worth K 1.6 million by Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi (Shine Hope Company); books and furniture worth K 117,500 by U Zaw Myo of Zaw Construction; K 50,000 by U Ba Than-Daw Swei Khin Mar Win; K 50,000 by U Sai Phone Htoo-Daw Phyu Phyu Win; and cash and donation from other wellwishers. — MNA

### Dumex Medical Seminar held

YANGON, 10 March—The Dumex Medical Seminar co-sponsored by the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) and Mo Asia Company Ltd was held at Traders Hotel here this morning.

Managing Director of Mo Asia Company Ltd (Dumex) U Peter Mo Kyaw made an opening speech.

Next, U Peter Mo Kyaw presented K 200,000 each towards the fund of MMA and that of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society.

Vice-Chairman of MMA Professor Dr S Kyaw Hla and Patron of OGS Professor Dr Daw Mya Mya accepted the donations and expressed thanks.

After that, OG Specialist Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Nyunt of North Okkalapa General Hospital presented the Assisting Subfertile Couple discussed assisting subfertile couple and Executive Deputy Chairman & Director of Thomson Medical Centre of Singapore Dr Cheng Li Chang matters on In Vitro Fertilization Simplification and New Protocols for Ovarian Stimulation in In Vitro Fertilization.

Later, specialists and physicians replied to queries raised by those present and the seminar came to an end.

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Managing Director U Peter Mo Kyaw speaks at medical seminar. — MNA



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Russia warns Caucasus states on US missile shield

Moscow, 11 March — Russia on Friday warned former Soviet states in the Caucasus against hosting any parts of a controversial US anti-missile shield.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said in a statement on the Foreign Ministry's website www.mid.ru that relations with Russia would be

damaged if any country even considered deploying the US shield.

"Basing of parts of a US anti-missile shield in the Caucasus, without doubt, would not become

a positive factor in the development of friendly relations," Kamynin said.

Russia and the United States are competing for allies in the former Soviet Union states of the Caucasus and Central Asia, which the Kremlin sees as its diplomatic back yard after the control Moscow enjoyed in Soviet and Tsarist times.

Kamynin also warned relations could be hurt with "those countries in the region which could look at the possibility of such a deployment".

The US Missile Defence Agency said this month that Washington could be interested in locating a radar in an unspecified Caucasus state as part of the Missile Defence System it plans to deploy in Europe.

MNA/Reuters



**Firemen douse a helicopter that crashed in the streets in the residential zone of Arenal near International airport in Mexico City on 9 March, 2007. Seven people were injured in the accident.**

XINHUA

## US lawyer charged with trying to sell stolen art

BOSTON, 10 March — A US grand jury on Thursday indicted a retired Massachusetts lawyer who held a 30-million-US-dollar trove of stolen paintings, including one by French postimpressionist painter Paul Cezanne, for almost 30 years.

Robert Mardirosian, 72, was charged with possessing, transporting and trying to sell stolen property.

He accepted the seven paintings from a thief, who stole them from a Stockbridge, Massachusetts, home in 1978, prosecutors said. Loan sharks killed the thief a year later, prosecutors said.

Mardirosian, who splits his time between the summer resort area of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and St. Paul de Vence, France, moved the paintings to Monaco in 1988 and later to a Swiss bank, prosecutors said.

He tried to sell the Cezanne in London in 1999, but was told it was stolen property, US Attorney Michael Sullivan said. He then negotiated a deal with the work's rightful owner whereby Mardirosian would hand over the Cezanne but maintain possession of the other six paintings,

Sullivan said.

The rightful owner subsequently sold the Cezanne, called "Pitcher and Fruits", for 29.3 million US dollars. The other six works were then valued at a combined 1

million US dollars, prosecutors said.

In 2005, a British court ruled that the transfer agreement was invalid because it was signed under duress, Sullivan said.

MNA/Reuters

and improve trade and tourism among Asian countries.

"The contracting parties will develop the railway tracks of international importance. A working group will be established to consider the implementation of the agreement," said the minister.

The Trans-Asian agreement reached at the 62nd session of the United Nations in April last year, is open for signing till December 2008. Some 18 countries, including Russia, China, Iran, Turkey, Vietnam, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Laos, have signed the agreement.

MNA/Xinhua

## US soldiers accused of killing family

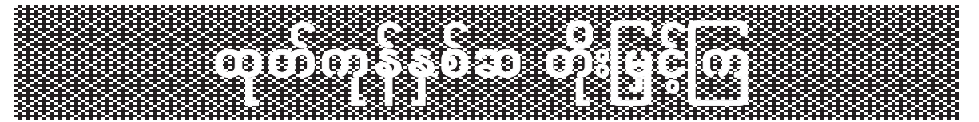
BAGHDAD, 10 March — US soldiers in Baghdad opened fire on a family in a car in Baghdad, killing three children and their father, the man's wife and Iraqi police said. "They killed the father of my children! The Americans killed my daughters!" Ikhlas Thulsiqar cried Friday at the Iman Ali Hospital in Sadr City, *The New York Times* reported Saturday. She said her family had turned from an alley onto a Sadr City street guarded by US troops when bullets ripped through the car, killing her daughters, 9 and 11, and her 7-year-old son.

The US military said in a statement it was investigating a Sadr City "escalation of force," *The Times* said.

"That is a serious allegation, and we'll take a look and figure out what happened," Lt Col Christopher Garver, a military spokesman in Baghdad, said late Friday.

Coalition forces have been conducting a house-to-house search in the Sadr City section of Baghdad, looking for weapons and militants, *The Times* said.

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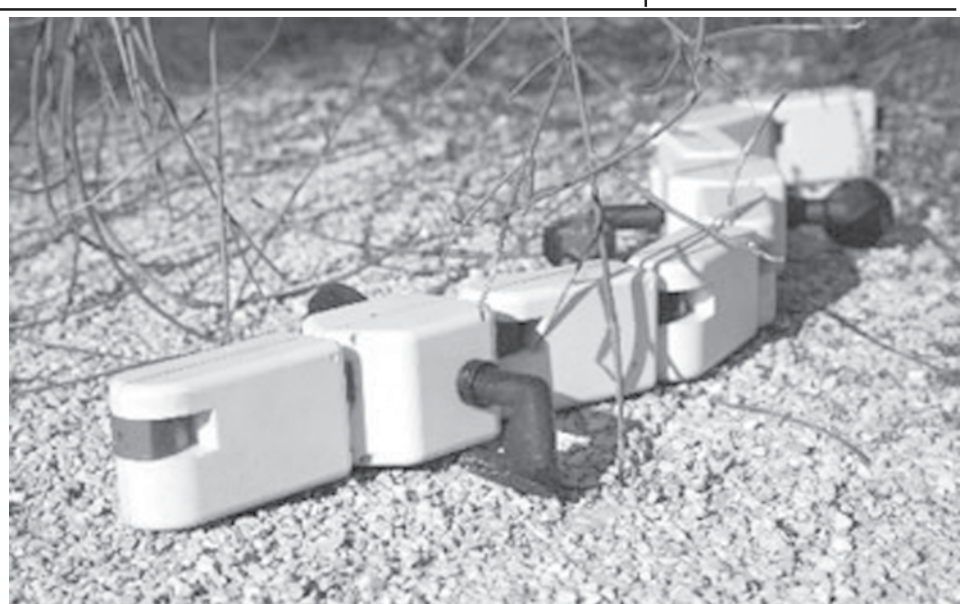


**Two pupils look at a tutoring book free of charge in Caohe elementary school in Guyuan City, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 9 March, 2007. — XINHUA**

## India approves joining Trans-Asian Railway

NEW DELHI, 11 March — The Indian Government is to sign the agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway connecting vast parts of Europe and Asia. Indian Information and Broadcasting Minister PR Dasmunsi told

Xinhua Friday that the government has approved the signing and the intergovernmental agreement will formalize the coordinated development of the Trans-Asian Railway, which will facilitate the rail traffic



**A robot that looks and moves like a salamander and is controlled by a system that imitates the amphibian's spinal cord, enabling the machine to alternate between swimming and walking, is seen in this undated handout photo taken in Switzerland. — XINHUA**



# Russia hits back at US over Human Rights Report

Moscow, 10 March — Russia rebuked the United States on Friday for observing “double standards” on human rights and said it should look to its own failings at home and in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere before criticizing Moscow.

The Foreign Ministry’s sharp reaction to a Human Rights Report presented by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and which ranked Russia as a serious rights offenders in the world was the latest sign of a slide in US-Russian

relations.

“The section of this document devoted to the rights situation in Russia is of a biased, politicized and in large part confrontational nature,” ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said in a statement.

The United States had long practised double standards, moulding its assessment of other countries’ human rights to its political interests, he said.

Kamynin said the report had made deliberate errors, referred to

biased sources and used out-of-date information.

“The text is composed with the aim of making the reader draw specific negative conclusions which the authors instilled into it in advance,” he said.

“These standards are particularly clear ... in Iraq, Afghanistan, at the military base in Guantanamo,” said Kamynin.

Last month, in a speech in Munich that Kremlin critics said smacked of Cold War rhetoric, Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Washington of seeking to dominate the world, sparking fears of a new Cold War.

MNA/Reuters

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The space shuttle Atlantis awaits rollout to the pad at Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, in this February file photo. The external fuel tank, rust colored, suffered some damage from a hail storm. A preliminary inspection of the fuel tank shows it can be repaired in Florida, keeping it on track for a launch as soon as late April, a NASA spokeswoman said on 9 March, 2007. — INTERNET



London's skyline is illuminated at night on 9 March, 2007. EU leaders called for energy-saving lighting to be required in homes, offices and streets by the end of the decade as part of the package of initiatives to cut greenhouse gases and prevent global warming. — INTERNET

## Helicopter crashes in Hawaii, killing four

LOS ANGELES, 10 March — A tour helicopter crashed in Hawaii on Thursday, killing four and critically injuring three others.

The helicopter crashed at Princeville Airport on the island of Kauai shortly after a Heli-USA Airways helicopter pilot radioed that he was having hydraulic

problems, officials said.

The pilot was among the people killed, according to a statement from Kauai Fire Chief Robert Westerman.

The aircraft was at the end of its tour and minutes from its scheduled landing when it crashed, said Nigel Turner, CEO of Las Vegas-based Heli-USA.

“We are in the process of notifying the families of those individuals involved and our sincere condolences goes out at this time,” he said. “We are working with authorities to find out exactly what happened.”

But he did not give the names and nationalities of the dead.

MNA/Xinhua



Policewomen in Zhengzhou city, Henan Province, practise yoga recently under the guidance of their Indian teacher. — INTERNET

## US time switch set to save energy

LONDON, 11 March — The US is switching to daylight saving time, or summer time, three weeks earlier than usual to cut fuel consumption and help the environment. At 0200 EST (0700 GMT) clocks will move forward by an hour, shifting an hour of daylight from morning to evening.

Summer time will last until 4 November, a week

later than in previous years.

The extra four weeks are expected to help cut energy consumption, as demand falls for electricity in the evening if it is still light.

The measure was signed into law in two years ago as part of the Energy Policy Act which aims to encourage new energy technologies. Representatives Edward Markey and Fred

Upton, who sponsored the amendment to the original bill, said it was expected to save \$4.4bn in energy bills by 2020 and avoid the need to build more than three large electric power plants.

They said it also would save 279 billion cubic feet of natural gas, and avoid nearly 10.8 million metric tons of carbon emissions.

Internet

## German man chainsaws house in two in divorce split

SONNEBERG (Germany), 10 March — A 43-year-old German decided to settle his imminent divorce by chainsawing a family home in two and making off with his half in a forklift truck.

Police in the eastern town of Sonneberg say the trained mason measured the single-storey summer house, which was some eight metres long and six metres wide, before

chainsawing through the wooden roof and walls.

“The man said he was just taking his due,” said a police spokesman.

“But I don't think his wife was too pleased.”

After finishing the job, the man picked up his half with the forklift truck and drove to his brother's house where he has since been staying. — Internet

## Snake bite warning

QUEENSLAND (Australia), 10 March — The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is warning residents to be aware of basic first aid with the number of snake bite cases on the rise as warm weather continues. QAS paramedic Brian Masters says a teacher was bitten by a snake at a Longreach High school this week as he was attempting to remove it from a classroom full of students.

The teacher was admitted to hospital for observation.

Mr Masters says people should try to avoid contact with snakes if possible.

“We encourage people not to touch snakes, stay away from them and remember that snakes are part of our environment, we need to treat them friendly because most times they're more scared of us than we are of them,” Mr Masters said. — Internet



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Chinese carmakers quick to slash prices

BEIJING, 10 March — Chinese carmakers looking to boost market share and clear inventories of old models slashed car prices at the beginning of March as a bevy of new models wait in the wings.

The price cutting came a month earlier than usual with Fujian-based Soueast Motor taking the lead in lopping 8,000 yuan (1,025 US dollars) from the price tag of its Lancer sedan which was previously priced at 102,800 yuan to 122,800 yuan.

“Chinese carmakers and dealers traditionally cut car prices one after another in April when domestic sales slacken off”, said Wang Peng, a researcher with Orient Securities.

But this year Shanghai GM jumped onboard as soon as Soueast Motor cut prices. The Sino-US joint venture reduced the price of the Excelle sedan and

estate wagon, whose price tags vary from 110,000 yuan to 150,000 yuan, by 10,000 yuan.

Sino-German FAW Volkswagen is also trying to undercut competitors, reducing prices of four of its popular models — the Jetta, the new Bora, the Sagitar and the Golf — by 6.2 per cent to 10.1 per cent.

“Volkswagen cars are

a little more expensive than other models in the class — it’s not clear whether other carmakers will join the price cutting strategy”, said Wang.

The prices of high-end cars that sell for more than 200,000 yuan will drop more steeply than the prices of subcompact cars over the next one or two months, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo shows the Hong Kong 40 Years of Trade exhibition held in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 March, 2007. In the past 40 years, trade and industry have been the cornerstones of Hong Kong’s economy, employing a workforce of more than 1.3 million. — XINHUA



*Telecom Italia SpA, Italy’s largest phone company, has cut its revenue growth and profit forecasts for the second time in two years because of competition and pressure from regulators to reduce prices. Sales are forecast to rise one percent to two percent a year through until 2009, Telecom Italia said on 9 March, 2007.*

INTERNET

## Malaysia to set up mobile phone manufacturing plant in Zambia

LUSAKA, 11 March— Malaysia will set up a mobile phone manufacturing plant in Zambia with a capacity of producing about 500,000 to one million mobile phones a year, *The Post* reported Saturday.

M-Mobile of Malaysia has signed an agreement with Zambian company Melcom to set up the plant, said the report. M-Mobile Chief Operating Officer Mohd Noordin Abdul Karim was quoted as saying here on Thursday that the company invested an initial two million US dollars into the project.

“We target June this year to start operations and from there we hope to export to other countries because Zambia will be the hub for Africa,” he said.

He said M-Mobile has also signed a memorandum of understanding with Zamtel (Zambia Telecommunication) to facilitate voice over Internet protocol to help reduce the cost of telecommunication and to improve the billing system. Another Malaysian company Megatech College of Technology has also signed a joint venture to set up an engineering college in Lusaka.

Megatech’s Chief Executive Director P Sailanathan said they hoped to set up the college in September this year and three million dollars have been invested for the setting up of the college. — MNA/Xinhua

*A ‘green home’ by Pardee utilizes a solar electric power system with photovoltaic cells integrated in the roof that is part of their environmentally sensitive construction in San Diego, on 1 March, 2007. — INTERNET*



## US Senators urge Govt to let new low-cost airline fly

LOS ANGELES, 10 March — Two US senators have urged federal regulators to approve Virgin America’s application to fly, saying the new low-cost airline will benefit consumers and the economy, a report said Thursday.

In a letter made public Thursday, Senators Dianne Feinstein of California and John Ensign of Nevada said the US Department of Transportation should approve the new airline’s application to “encourage more competition in the airline industry”, according to the *San Francisco Business Times*.

The senators’ letter dated February 28 to Transportation Secretary Mary Peters said that airline fares rose 9 per cent last year in the United States, the largest price increase in 25 years.

Virgin America, based

in San Francisco, wants to provide low-cost domestic flights like Southwest Airlines and JetBlue Airways.

The US Government tentatively rejected Virgin America’s application last December, citing concerns

that its corporate structure did not adhere to laws limiting foreign involvement in US airlines. British billionaire Richard Branson conceived of the airline and his Virgin Group is a major investor.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japanese Govt adopts new basic energy policy

TOKYO, 10 March— A new basic long-term energy policy which calls for promoting self-dependent petroleum development and expanding nuclear power generation was approved by the Japanese Government on Friday, *Kyodo News* reported.

According to the new policy, which will guide the country on energy-related issues in the some next 10 years, Japan will attach great importance to developing nuclear power and make it a key source of electricity.

The policy says it is important for Japan to build more nuclear power facilities and accelerate the development of nuclear fuel recycling systems.

The policy points out the necessity of strengthening the development of the oil industry, saying that the Japanese Government intends to carry out active high-level diplomacy to facilitate efforts to develop oil.

MNA/Xinhua



## Report says FBI issues subpoenas improperly

WASHINGTON, 10 March — The US Justice Department’s inspector general has prepared a scathing report criticizing how the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) uses a form of administrative subpoena to obtain thousands of telephone, business and financial records without prior judicial approval, US newspapers reported on Friday.

The report, expected to be issued on Friday, says that the bureau lacks sufficient controls to make sure the subpoenas, which do not require a judge’s prior approval, are properly issued and that it does not follow even some of the basic rules.

Under the USA Patriot Act, the bureau each year has issued more than 20,000 of the national security letters, as demands for information. The report is said to conclude that the programme lacks effective management, monitoring and reporting procedures, *The New York Times* quoted officials who have been briefed on its contents as saying.

Details of the report

emerged on Thursday as Attorney General Alberto R Gonzales and other officials struggled to play down a Congressional uproar over another issue, the ousters of eight United States attorneys.

The inspector gene-

ral’s audit found 22 possible breaches of internal FBI and Justice Department regulations — some of which were potential violations of law — in a sampling of 293 “national security letters”. The letters were used by

the FBI to obtain the personal records of US residents or visitors between 2003 and 2005. The FBI identified 26 potential violations in other cases, according to *The Washington Post*.

MNA/Xinhua



Dancers perform during the first act as the Mobile Ballet presents ‘Cinderella’ during a Discover Dance performance at the Mobile Civic Centre for school kids on 9 March, 2007, in Mobile, Ala.—INTERNET

## Zambian President woos Malaysian investors

LUSAKA, 11 March — Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa has implored private Malaysian investors to explore business opportunities in Zambia, saying it is the only way to revamp the economy of his country.

*Times of Zambia* Friday quoted him as saying here Thursday that at independence Zambian economy was not much different from Malaysia’s but the gap has now widened because private investment was not promoted.

He told a visiting Malaysian business delegation that Africa in general and Zambia in particular has lagged behind because it did not promote private investment.

For the economy to prosper, the private investment is cardinal and therefore, his country has since 1991 been promoting private investment, he said.

As a result of the

promoted private investment since then, the economy has in the last six years recorded positive growth, averaging about 5 per cent a year, he said.

The President said investors in Zambia will find the country peaceful and an enabling investment climate, contrary to international media reports that portray Africa to be a place of turmoil.

The delegation leader, Tan Sri Soong, said that as a result of the political stability Malaysia has found Zambia to be investment-friendly.

“You have the favourable conditions for investment and it remains for us to deliver,” said Soong. — MNA/Xinhua

## Barroso vows to raise oil supply issue with Russia

VILNIUS/BRUSSELS, 10 March — European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso promised Lithuania and Poland in a letter on Thursday that Brussels will raise the issue

of crude supplies at a May EU-Russia summit.

Russian crude oil pipeline monopoly Transneft shut the Druzhba link to Mazeikiu Nafta — the only refiner in the Baltic states — last July.

It said the shutdown was due to a leak, but Lithuania has said it was politically motivated.

“I will address the matter in the meeting with President Putin at the forthcoming EU-Russia summit in May, if it is not settled by then,” Barroso said in the letter.

The contents of the letter, a response to a joint letter sent to Brussels by the prime ministers of Lithuania and Poland last week, were read out to *Reuters* by a Lithuanian diplomat attending the EU summit in Brussels.

Barroso also said he would also keep pressing the issue of “cessation of oil supplies through the Druzhba pipeline to Lithuania and Latvia” with Russian authorities.

“Barroso stated in his reply he is going to bring up this issue during his conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the EU-Russia summit in May,” Lithuania’s Government said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



South Korean singer Rain performs in Ho Chi Minh City on 10 March, 2007, as part of his ‘Rain’s Coming World Tour 06/07’ concerts. — INTERNET



New York State licensed wildlife rehabilitate Gretchen Freeman uses a pipette to feed one of three baby squirrels in Oneonta, NY, on 9 March, 2007. The squirrels, estimated to be five days old on Friday, were rescued in a nest by a tree removal company worker on Monday when the tree they were living in was cut down. — INTERNET

## British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 10 March — A British soldier was killed in Afghanistan on Thursday, the Ministry of Defence said.

The unnamed member of 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery was killed when a grenade was fired at a British base in Sangin, Helmand Province.

The soldier died in hospital at Camp Bastion from his injuries. Next of kin have been informed. The serviceman is the 52nd British service member to die in Afghanistan since 2001, most of whom have been killed in the past year in Helmand Province.

The commander of the British task force, Brigadier Jerry Thomas, said:

“I would like to assure everyone that, despite our recent sad losses, the men and women of the British task force remain committed to the mission and continue to carry out their tasks with the dedication and courage expected of members of our Armed Forces.” — MNA/Reuters



# Bamboo ware industry of Ngathainggyaung Township

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

In Myanmar, local people of various regions of states and divisions earn their living according to local natural resources and geographical conditions. Ngathainggyaung in Ayeyawady Division, an economic hub of Myanmar, is engaged in fishery and agriculture as major businesses.

Ngathainggyaung Township relies on the West Yoma mountain range to get raw materials for its business. It is

is exposed to the sun for about an hour. The dried first layer and the second layer are combined and woven into a hat. In the process, a plastic sheet is placed between the two layers to make the hat waterproof.

Then, the two-layer hat has to be exposed to the sun again. In the rainy season, it is not sunny all day. So, the semi-finished hats are baked. Then, the edges of the baked hats are hemmed. To

make a coloured hat, the thin bamboo strips are coloured before the process. Then, words or designs are created in the finished hats. There is no need to place a plastic sheet between the two layers of the hats to be worn in the dry season. Mostly, rainy-season hats are used by farmers. Dry-season hats are also worn



*We make bamboo purses according to the patterns we have innovated. (U Aung Lwin)*

in it for more than ten years. It needed ten phases to make a hat, and a worker could make roughly ten semi-finished hats a day, she said. Decorated bamboo hats produced in Ngathainggyaung are on sale at the shops of hotels.

Myanmar's cottage industries are based on regional resources, and are run as family businesses. Bamboo ware items produced in Ngathainggyaung Township are popular in Ayeyawady Division and are drawing the attention of tourists.

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*Finished rainy-season bamboo hats.*

## ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

constituted with six wards and 32 villages where people of various national races live together.

Many of local people get bamboo from the Yoma mountain range in making various designs and items of bamboo ware in order to earn their living.

In an interview, owner U Thein Win of a bamboo ware enterprise explained the process of making bamboo ware. Bamboo hats are categorized into women's ware and men's ware and they are designed to be worn in dry seasons and the rainy season.

Hnee (*Tin*) species of bamboo is common to make bamboo hats. To make a hat to be worn in the rainy season, firstly bamboo is divided into sticks and they are made smooth. The smooth bamboo sticks are made into thin strips, which are then made into smooth filigree strips.

A hat is made according to the foundation of the pattern. The first layer



*A woman making a bamboo hat.*



*We make a bamboo hat according to the design we want. (U Thein Win)*

for show and they are in high demand in Yangon.

In addition to hats, they make various

*A bamboo ware work site in Ngathainggyaung Township.*



*Various kinds and designs of bamboo ware items.*

designs of bamboo purses, and handbags (women's ware and men's ware). Workers make various designs of purses according to the patterns based on their ideas. The majority of bamboo ware items are sold in Yangon.

Worker Daw Than Than Win said that making bamboo ware was her family business and her family had been engaged



## Construction of No 3 district-to-district...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed them to grow physic nut to meet the targeted acres and to participate in the regional development tasks.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected progress in construction of 53-mile Sagaing-Kyaukmyaung section of No 3 district-to-district road.

They also viewed the site for construction of Thitbinchaung Dam that will benefit 200 acres of farmland. They inspected progress of Hlelangyichaung Dam and the road section of No 3 district-to-district road.

At Tatywa River

Water Pumping Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on functions of the station and arrangements for irrigating over 7,000 acres of monsoon paddy presented by the commander and officials.

Tatywa River Water Pumping Station is supplying water from Ayeyawady River to Sagaing and Wetlet townships through canals stretching a total length of 2,549,394 feet.

Next, they inspected the sites for construction of wooden bridges on Ngataik Creek, Hsedaw Creek and Lintathaik Creek in Wetlet Township.

At Yebyu Camp of Arid Zone Greening Department in Wetlet Township, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint heard reports on progress of the district-to-district road by officials, and gave instructions that construction of No 3 district-to-district road contributes to better transport of the region and uplift of living standard of the rural people. Hence, all are to maintain the road for use of all seasons.

On arrival at Zawkanar Creek Dam being built by Irrigation Department, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on facts of the project and inspected progress of construction tasks.

Zawkanar Creek Dam will be an earth embankment measuring 860 feet by 40 feet. The dam will irrigate 300 acres of farmlands.

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## Lt-Gen Maung Bo looks into progress...

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At the site for building the new office of Taninthayi Division Police Force, Police Col Soe Myint reported on progress of tasks and arrangements for construction of an earth dam.

On arrival at the site of Kabin Dam Project being implemented by Pyae Phyo Tun-Aung Myat Phy Co, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on land preparations and other tasks by officials. Next, he inspected progress of the dam project.

Kabin Dam will be an earth embankment measuring 450 feet by 45 feet. It can store 50 million gallons of water.

They proceeded to the briefing hall of Technological University

(Myeik) construction project and viewed progress of the three-storey main building.

The university is located near Kabin Village on Myeik-Yangon Highway. A total of 3,000 students can learn education at the university.

At the office of Taninthayi Division PDC, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with local authorities and departmental officials. After hearing the reports on regional development and agricultural task of the division, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that good infrastructures of the nation in administration, education and transport sectors contribute towards cementing national unity and turning out intellectuals and

intelligentsia of the regions. The government had laid down the State's seven-step Road Map and is striving for emergence of a new nation. PDCs at state/division, district, township, ward/village-tract levels have been reorganized. While the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are joining hands in carrying out development tasks, administrative and management authorities are to serve the interest of the people. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need to value the goodwill and endeavours of the government. He also urged officials to try to win the respect of the people.

Later, they greeted those present.

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## Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing inspects progress of sugarcane plantation



**Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of Ministry of Defence and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin visit sugarcane plantation in Tatkon Station. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, arrived at Hsinshweli sugarcane model plantation of the local station in Tatkon Township on 9 March.

They heard reports

on progress of the model plantation. The commander instructed officials to make efforts for cultivation of sugarcane to meet the target of 40,000 acres in the area of Nay Pyi Taw Command. Next, the commander presented bags of fertilizer to the commanding officer of the local regiment and

assistance to Tatmadawmen.

Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence stressed the need to take care of growing sugarcane, and urged officials to supervise agricultural task of the farm.

Later, they viewed the sugarcane plantation.

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party observe booths opened at 16th annual general meeting of UMFCCL. — UMFCCL (NEWS REPORTED)**

## Educative talks on prevention of bird flu held at markets

YANGON, 11 March— Under the arrangements of enhancing knowledge of the people on prevention and control of bird flu in Yangon Division, an educative talks was held at the hall of Hanthawady Tax-free Market in Sangyoung Township this morning.

Head of Yangon Division Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Soe Win gave talks on prevention against avian influenza and replied to the questions raised by those present.

Head of Branch U Kyaw Myint of Markets Department of YCDC presented pamphlets and wall sheets, gloves and soaps to egg and chicken shopkeepers.

It was attended by veterinarians, students of University of Veterinary Science and shopkeepers.

The head of Yangon Division LBVD and party held a similar talks at the hall of Kannar Market in Kyimyindine Township, and conducted surveillance of the bird flu at the markets. — MNA

## 30 persons donate blood at No 1 DSGH

YANGON, 11 March — A total of 30 persons led by Shwehtihsaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ardiçcalankara of Thein Monastery in Htihsaung Village of Myinmu donated blood at No 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Col Myo Nyunt of the hospital spoke words of thanks, and the Sayadaw explained the purpose of blood donation.

Col Myo Nyunt presented certificates of honour to the blood donors. — MNA



## University for Development of National Races holds 16th Convocation

YANGON, 11 March—The 16th Convocation of the University for Development of National Races was held in conjunction with the fifth teachership diploma conferring ceremony at the convocation hall of the university on 9 March morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the University Council of the University for Development of National Races Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife, Vice-Chairman of UC Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, members of CSSTB U Aung Myint and U Soe Oo, Director-General of Civil Service Selection and Training Department U Hla Kyi, Director-General of Civil Affairs Department U Kyaw Zan Hla, Rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) U Aung San Win, Rector of UDNR U Zaw Min Thein, representatives from the State and Division Peace and Development Councils, heads of department, lecturers, teachers, guests, trainees and their families and others.

The commander and the Chairman of CSSTB presented certificates while Rector of UDNR U Zaw Min Thein presented teachership diplomas.

In his address, the Commander stressed the need for the graduates to strictly follow the guidance of the Head of State in striving for the emergence of qualified human resources. He added that the graduates, realizing the goodwill of the State, are to try their utmost for the emergence of a constant learning society while endeavouring to become qualified teachers.



**Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye confers teachership diploma on a trainee at the 16th convocation of University for Development of National Races. — MNA**

At a time when efforts are being made in all spheres for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation they are to actively participate in the drive for development of education, health and social sectors of local people by doing their bit, putting in the fore the interests of local people, he noted.

At present, neo-colonialists are making attempts to sow discord and dissension among the national brethren and to disintegrate the Union. At such a time, all are to exercise a constant vigilance against the danger while striving for the development of human resources in border areas, regional development and improvement of the socio-economic life of local people, he disclosed. After the ceremony, The commander and wife, the chairman of CSSTB met with outstanding students and spoke words of encouragement.

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**Graduates are to try their utmost for emergence of a constant learning society while endeavouring to become qualified teachers.**



**Dr Than Nyun confers teachership diploma on a trainee at the 16th convocation of University for Development of National Races. — MNA**

## Teachership training course No 16 for JAT concludes

YANGON, 11 March — A conclusion ceremony of the teachership training course No 16 for junior assistant teachers of University for Development of National Races took place at the convocation hall of the university on 9 March in conjunction with a ceremony to offer job appointments to the trainees of four-year BEd course No 38.

Present on the occasion were UDNR Rector U Zaw Min Thein, and representatives of State and Division Peace and Development Councils. The rector presented completion certificates to 51 trainees and the representatives presented job appointments to the trainees of BEd course No 38. Outstanding trainees were also awarded. — MNA



**Rector U Zaw Min Thein presents certificate to a trainee. — MNA**

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe ...

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Chairmen of industrial zone management committees also reported on progress of the zones. Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presented reports on generating of power in the entire nation, supply of power to Yangon City and industrial zones.

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win explained that 30 per cent net production of Yangon Division comes through the industrial sector. Due to more supply of power this year, industrial zones could boost the amount of their production. Industrialists are to participate in posting the website of matters related to products of the factories with a view to attracting local and foreign consumers.

Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development submitted reports on arrangements for setting up Thilawa Industrial Zone and maintenance of roads in the zone.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that as Yangon is the commercial city, the economic development of Yangon Division reflects the growth of State economy. Hence, industrialists are to take part in the task to boom the State economy. Reciprocally, the government will fulfill their requirements. Furthermore, he stressed the need to strive for manufacturing import-substitute products and penetrating the foreign markets.

Also present on the occasion were Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and departmental heads.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited factories of private entrepreneurs in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, and left necessary instructions. — MNA

## e-Library and Khitlunge ...

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enjoy online booking for hotel reservation and air tickets. Efforts will be made for emergence of a Home Sweet Home Portal to serve the interest of all the citizens.

U Ye Myat Thu of Alpha Computer briefed all on matters related to Tri-Pitakat stone inscriptions donated to e-Library and Dr Thant Thaw Kaung of Myanmar Book Centre on the e-books.

They also explained the purpose of launching the Youth Website.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented certificates of honour to U Ye Myat Thu and Dr Thant Thaw Kaung.

Meanwhile, a similar ceremony was held at Universities' Central Library. Lecturer Daw Soe Mya Mya Aye of Computer Science Department of YU congratulated them on their efforts in launching the e-Library and the Youth Website through video conferencing system.

After the ceremony, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads viewed the charts showing usage and applications of the e-Library and the Youth Website. Anyone may dial 534979 of Universities' Central Library in Yangon for e-Library and 507156 of Myanmar Info-Tech of Hline Township for Youth Website. — MNA

## Dry Day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 11 March — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe together with departmental heads supervised dry day inspection teams checking vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments at the main points of Yangon this morning and evening.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill and wearing of uniforms at the main points of Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm. They took action against those who violated the traffic rules.—MNA



## Secretariat member meets secretaries, executives of USDA in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with secretaries and executives

of Mandalay Division, district and township USDAs at the office of Mandalay Division USDA on 9 March.

Next, the Secretariat Member paid homage to the presiding

Sayadaw of Tipitaka Thantarwatha Pariyatti Monastery in Dawnabwa Ward in Aungmyaythazan Township yesterday.

U Aung Thaung attended a ceremony to present USDA membership applications at Basic Education Middle School in Nyaunglunt Village in Tatkon Township.

Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung accepted 2,050 membership applications from seven village-tracts in the township.

He donated K 500,000 to BEMS in Nyaunglunt and K 500,000 to Okshitkon Village for rural development tasks.

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Secretariat member U Aung Thaung accepts USDA membership applications at Nyaunglunt Village in Takkon Township.— INDUSTRY-1

## Commander inspects preventive measures against DHF



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects sanitation task in Pazundaung Township.— MNA

YANGON, 11 March— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win arrived at the office of YMCA in Botataung Township yesterday. Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division Health Department and officials reported to him on outbreak of dengue haemorrhagic fever and diarrhoea, preventive measures being taken

against DHF and sanitation task.

The commander called for the public participation in health care services. Next, he inspected sanitation tasks being carried out and spraying of insecticide in the township.

At YMBA in Pazundaung Township, the township health officer and chairman of township peace and development council briefed the commander on measures

being taken for prevention of dengue fever, diarrhoea and sanitation work.

The commander also looked into sanitation tasks and attended a health educative talk in the township.

At Lanmadaw Township Peace and Development Council office, the commander called for public participation in prevention of DHF, diarrhoea, and sanitation tasks.

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## Mines Minister visits Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 11 March — Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Vice Chairman Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung visited the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar

Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

The minister and the deputy minister inspected jade lots displayed at the emporium and cordially greeted the gems merchants. A total of 3158 gems merchants — 1253 at home and 1905

from abroad have visited the emporium. Gem merchants are permitted to check 5858 lots of jade from 8 to 12 March and they can purchase jade lots from 13 to 20 March through tender and competitive bidding system.

More foreign merchants will arrive tomorrow.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint observes jade lots at Myanmar Gems Emporium.— MNA

## Cash and kind donated to Insein Central Jail

YANGON, 11 March— A ceremony to donate cash and kind to be used in tasks of Insein Central Jail was held at Aungmingala Monastery in Insein Township on 6 March.

Belin Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ardicca of Kyaukse donated K 200,000, and U Sein Myint of Eurasia Company Ltd

detergent powder, shampoo and soaps worth over K 2.1 million to Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department.

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## UMFCCI continues annual general meeting

YANGON, 11 March— The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in conjunction with the seminar on development of private business was held at its office tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township

yesterday. They discussed development of information and technology. This morning, topics on development of transport, trade, banking services, finance and agriculture were discussed at the meeting.

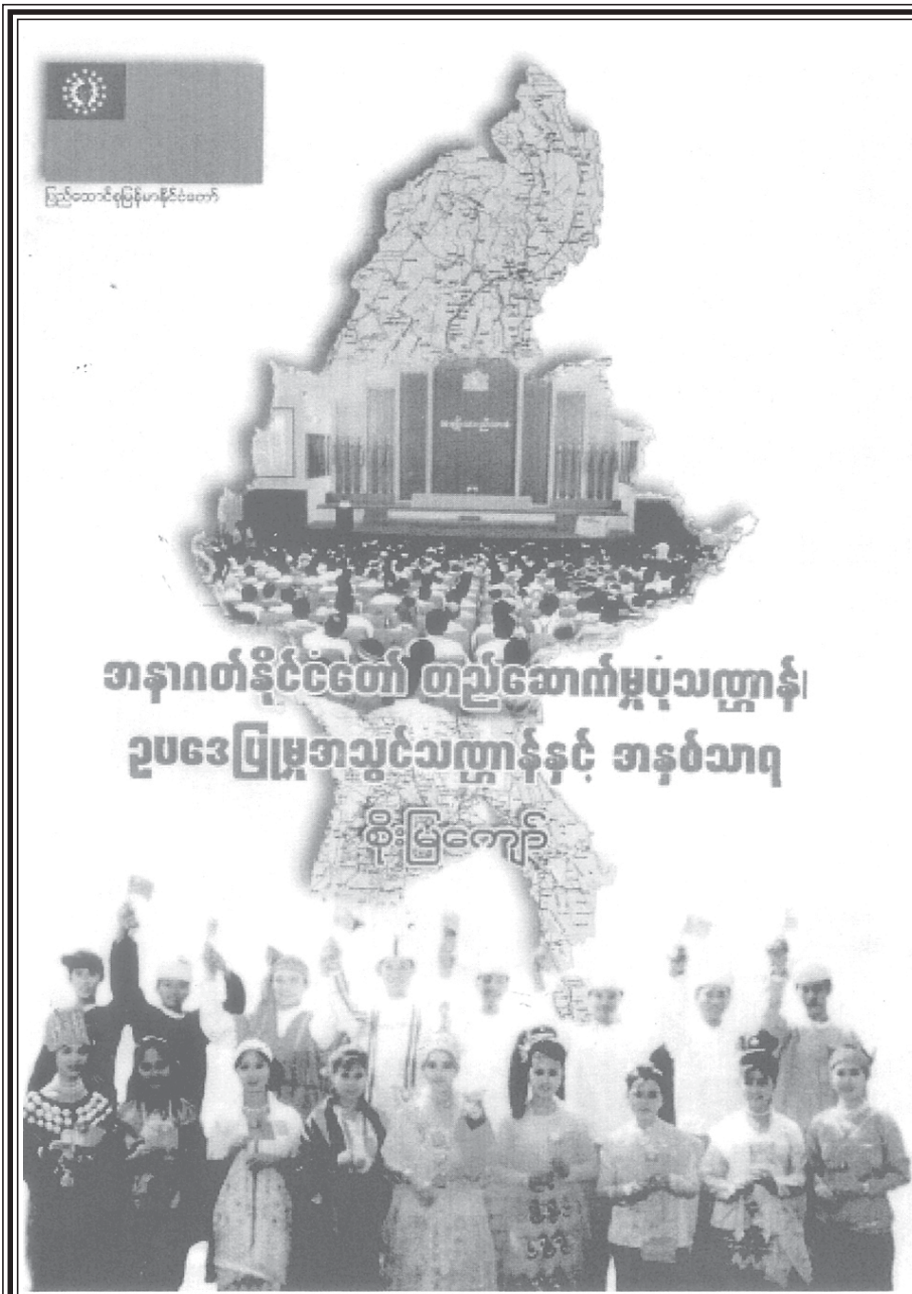
Tomorrow morning, they will hold discussions on industrial and energy

sector, hotels and tourism industry and livestock and fishery sector.

Sales of products of brother organizations, goods of industrial entrepreneurs of States and Divisions and other companies will continue at its tower from 9 am to 5 pm tomorrow.

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**Chinese fruit juice giant taps into US market**

BEIJING, 11 March — Chinese fruit juice giant Huiyuan Juice Group has secured a 100-million-yuan (about 12.5-million-US-dollar) US deal, the largest for fruit juice processors in China. Market analysts said the deal is a real success for Chinese fruit juice

producers given the US market is generally regarded as difficult to reach and is known for its strict standards for fruit juice products. According to the contract, Huiyuan is to provide fruit juice to more than 3,000 Wal-Mart outlets across the US over

a year's period. The company delivered the first batch of fruit juice under the deal on Thursday. Huiyuan, covering 42 per cent of China's domestic market, entered the US market in 2004 and saw its annual sales up 30 per cent year on year to reach 20 million yuan last year.

The company raised 2.4 billion HK dollars from its Hong Kong initial public offering last month. MNA/Xinhua



**Members of Mexico's Federal Investigative Agency (AFI) take part in an anti-narcotics operation in the Morelos district in Mexico City on 8 March, 2007. — INTERNET**

**Earthquake jolts Nicaragua, El Salvador**

MEXICO CITY, 11 March — An earthquake hit Nicaragua and El Salvador on Friday, but no casualties or damage were reported in either nation, according to media reports reaching here.

The National Territorial Studies Service of El Salvador measured the quake at 6.1 on the Richter Scale and said that the tremor was felt across the entire country, but had caused no material damage.

The Nicaraguan Territorial Studies Institute recorded the quake at 3.01 pm local time (2101 GMT), 196 kilometres northeast of Nicaraguan capital Managua, and 219 kilometres deep in the earth's crust.

Both nations' geological services said the epicentre was in the Pacific Ocean Gulf of Fonseca.

Radio Nicaragua reported that citizens in the capital had felt the quake, but suffered no other consequences. — MNA/Xinhua

**“World's oldest person” dies in El Salvador**

SAN SALVADOR, 11 March — A Salvadorean woman believed to be 128 years old and possibly the world's oldest person, has died, a family friend said on Friday.

Cruz Hernandez, who national birth records show was born on 3 May, 1878, in central El Salvador, passed away in her sleep on Thursday, neighbour and close family friend Margarita Ascencio said by telephone. Hernandez died without being recognized by the Guinness Book of Records.

“She had been poorly for a few days, and yesterday, after eating a tamale and drinking some milk, she went to sleep and never woke up,” Ascencio said.

Hernandez gave birth to 13 children and ended up

with at least 60 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren.

Many who knew her attributed her longevity to her favourite drink of a beer with two raw eggs in it.

A midwife until she was 100 years old, Hernandez died at her home in the town of San Agustin, having spent her last months unable to speak and mainly dozing.

Some 200 guests celebrated her 128th birthday in May, and national birth registry officials sent Hernandez' documents to the Guinness World Records organization last year, but never got a reply.

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**Colombia red-faced  
after presidential  
palace theft**

BOGOTA, 10 March —  
A navy sergeant was caught stealing a painting from Colombia's presidential palace in an embarrassing security lapse just days before US President George W Bush visits, authorities said on Friday.

The sergeant, a member of the palace security detail, cut "El Condor" by Alejandro Obregon from its frame in a Cabinet meeting room and carried out the painting under a raincoat before confessing to the robbery, officials said.

"We reviewed the cameras and we saw a naval sergeant who has worked there for four years," palace secretary Bernardo Moreno told local radio.

"It is worrying that someone can go in, cut out a painting and casually leave. It shows some vulnerability."

Speaking to local television after his arrest, the sergeant said he had suffered from mental problems but acknowledged he was an Obregon admirer.

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**Indonesian minister asks  
airliners to obey rules**

JAKARTA, 10 March — Indonesian Transport Minister Hatta Rajasa stressed on Friday that operators of aviation must comply with rules in a bid to prevent further possibility of accident. Minister Rajasa said that the airliners must also supervise the implementation of the rules which he said already are good in the country.

"I think the most important now is that operators must obey the regulations. They must be consistent by watching the implementation of them in the field," Rajasa told Xinhua here.

"The regulation now is good enough," he added. The minister said that many operators had been indiscipline in implementing the rules.

"It must be admitted that there have been still many (airliners) not obey the regulations," he said.

"That is part of our efforts now for the completion of the rules," said Rajasa. Despite the regulation is sufficient, the minister said that in the future the government would take measures to tighten the rules and make their implementation.

Indonesian police chief General Sutanto said that the temporary conclusion of the Wednesday's plane fire in Indonesia's Yogyakarta that killed 23 people was human error. — MNA/Xinhua

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**"Forbes" says billionaires richer, Russia, India rise**

NEW YORK, 10 March — The world's richest are getting younger and richer with more Russians and Indians cropping up among the 946 people on Forbes magazine's 2007 billionaires list unveiled on Thursday.

The number of billionaires is 19 per cent higher than last year when there were 793, and their total net worth grew 35 per cent to 3.5 trillion US dollars, the magazine said.

The average billionaire's age fell by two years to 62, and 60 per cent started with very little. Two-thirds of those on the list were richer, with net worth up for nearly everyone in the top 50.

"This is the richest year ever in human history," said Forbes Chief Executive Steve Forbes. "Never in history has there been such a notable advance."

Among those joining the list are Howard Schultz,

the founder of Starbucks, which pioneered the 3 US dollars cup of coffee, and former Walt Disney boss Michael Eisner.

Microsoft Corp Chairman Bill Gates was the richest man for the 13th straight year, with 56 billion US dollars, followed by Warren Buffett, chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., with 52 billion US dollars. Mexican telecoms tycoon Carlos Slim remained No. 3, with 49 billion US dollars.

Schultz is 840th on the list and worth 1.1 billion US dollars. Eisner is 891st and worth 1 billion US dollars.

In China, Yan Cheung, chairwoman of Nine Dragons Paper, made history as China's richest person and was one of three

self-made women born in the Communist country to debut this year. She is worth 2.4 billion US dollars and is 390th on the list.

Russia climbed to No. 3 in country rankings with 53 billionaires, two less than Germany, which has long held the runner-up spot in the billionaire stakes behind the United States.

But the total worth of the Russians surpassed the Germans, at 282 billion US dollars versus 245 billion US dollars, Forbes said. The average age of Russia's billionaires was 46.

In Asia, India had the highest number of billionaires, overtaking Japan, which for two decades had held the region's top spot. India had 36 billionaires worth a total 191 billion US dollars

while Japan's 24 billionaires were worth 64 billion US dollars, the magazine said.

The wealth of Mexico's Slim increased by 19 billion US dollars, the biggest one-year advance in a decade. His wealth is equal to 6.3 per cent of Mexican annual economic output, a comparison that would make Gates worth 784 billion US dollars, the magazine said.

Two newcomers climbed into the top 10. Spaniard Amancio Ortega of retailer Zara rose to No 8 with 24 billion US dollars, and Canadian David Thomson and his family were at No. 10, replacing his father, the late media baron Kenneth Thomson.

MNA/Reuters



James Bond's 1965 Aston Martin DB5 coupe is auctioned for 2.1 million dollars at the RM Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona auction at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, Arizona, in this 20 Jan, 2006 file photo. It promises the busy professional 'power, beauty and soul' in a sculpted aluminium body: the Aston Martin car of James Bond fame is a popular choice for London's financial elite. The brand, put up for sale by struggling Ford Motor Co, may soon be bought by a consortium led by Dave Richards, head of the performance car specialists Prodrive; other bidders such as British buyout firm Doughty Hanson also remain in the running. — INTERNET



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### Apple may turn to flash memory for notebooks

BEIJING, 9 March — Apple Inc is looking to eliminate lengthy start-up times by introducing notebook computers later this year that use the same type of fast memory as music players and digital cameras, an analyst said Thursday.

Shaw Wu, at American Technology Research, said the flash memory in small computers known as subnotebooks will also drive down the prices of hard-disk drives, according to reports.

Apple already uses flash memory in its iPod Nano and iPod Shuffle music players. Flash memory is lighter, uses less power and takes up less space than hard-disk drives. Wu, who was among the first analysts to forecast the unveiling of Apple's iPhone music player/phone earlier this year, cited unnamed industry sources as the basis for his report.

"The time is right for the flash makers to make a move" as flash memory prices decline, Wu said by telephone. "Apple, from what we understand, is pretty much ready. The ball is in the flash vendors' court."

Apple spokeswoman Lynn Fox said the company does not comment "on rumor and speculation."

Apple, known as a technology innovator, would be among the first personal computer makers to use flash memory for storing data in computers, a step that some chip memory makers, including Micron Technology Inc, have said is inevitable as prices for flash decline and storage capacity increases.

Flash memory chips have solid state circuitry that uses no moving parts, making them less vulnerable to damage than hard-disk drives. Prices of flash memory have been declining rapidly but are still higher than those for hard-disk drives, Wu said, meaning early flash-based computers would be more expensive.

Internet

### Dumplings protected

BEIJING, 10 March — Cultural officials in Jiading District in Shanghai want their steamed dumplings listed as part of the city's Intangible Cultural Heritage.

"Nanxiang xiaolongbao is a famed brand from Jiading, however, fake Nanxiang xiaolongbao can be found everywhere in the city," said Zhou Yahong of the

Shanghai's cultural heritage, and will be further recommended to the Ministry of Culture to receive nationwide protection in June.

"At present we are



Xiaolongbao are made with a thin skin of dough and stuffed with a seasoned minced pork. Sesame seeds, shrimp and crab meat are usually added to the stuffing. — INTERNET

Jiading District Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Office. "The essential purpose for our application is to protect the unique snack."

If local cultural authorities accept the application, Jiading District would essentially own a copyright for the steamed pork dumplings, and could decide who is allowed to use the term Nanxiang xiaolongbao on packaging and in advertisements.

If the application is successful, Nanxiang xiaolongbao will be among the first snacks named an intangible part of

busy preparing the written materials for the application and filming a documentary about Nanxiang xiaolongbao," Zhou said.

Last year the State Council listed 518 items in 10 categories including folk literature, traditional medicine and folk customs as part of China's intangible cultural heritage. Nanxiang xiaolongbao is a popular, traditional snack that originated in the town of Nanxiang in Jiading District more than 100 years ago.

Internet

### Britain hopes to keep Tower of London off danger list

LONDON, 10 March — Britain unveiled proposals on Thursday to protect ancient buildings in a move

it hopes will be enough to prevent the historic Tower of London from being put on a blacklist of

endangered world heritage sites.

Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell published plans to

throw buffer zones around antiquities such as Durham Cathedral and Stonehenge to prevent ugly developments being built nearby.

Britain is responsible for 27 of UNESCO's world heritage sites, including the Tower of London, but at present these are not formally covered by the country's planning laws.

Jowell is proposing changes so that the sites receive similar development protections to those currently given to areas of outstanding natural beauty and national parks.

"Our built heritage and historic environment matter to us all," she said. "The heritage protection system is about how we protect and sustain it, both for today and for generations to come."

MNA/Reuters



The remains of a taxi are transported by two men on a horse drawn cart on a main street of Bogota, on 9 March, 2007. — XINHUA

### Scientists find difference in human clock gene

LONDON, 9 March — British researchers have discovered that a genetic difference in the body clock gene PERIOD3 makes some people particularly sensitive to the effects of sleep deprivation.

There are two variants of this gene in humans, which produce either a long or short protein variant, researchers at the University of Surrey's Sleep Research Center found, the sciences news website Alpha Galileo reported on Friday.

The researchers (biological scientists and psychologists) compared how individuals with just the longer variant and those with just the shorter one coped with being kept awake for two days and the intervening night.

The differences between the individuals were striking. Some participants were experiencing no problems staying awake and others were really struggling, with the results most pronounced during the early hours of the morning (between 4 and 8 am).

Individuals with the longer variant of the gene performed very poorly on tests for attention and working memory.

The early morning performance problems of those with the long variant have important

implications for safety and efficiency at work. "This is exactly the time of night when shift workers struggle to stay awake and many sleepiness-related accidents occur," research team leader Derk-Jan Dijk was quoted as saying.

This experiment was conducted in the laboratory and whether the PERIOD3 gene also predicts individual differences in the tolerance to night shift work remains to be demonstrated, the researchers said.

Internet



Cocks fight in the ethnically mixed village of Babin Most near Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, on 9 March, 2007. — XINHUA



# SPORTS



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney scores against Middlesbrough during the English FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough, England, on 10 March, 2007. The match ended 2-2. — INTERNET

## Dida extends Milan deal



Nelson de Jesus Dida

MILAN, 10 March—Dida has ended speculation about his future by extending his contract with Milan through 2010.

The Rossoneri have been waiting on the Brazilian's decision for the past few months, and the possibility of his departure appeared

to be growing.

The two parties had been struggling to reach an accord on a new deal, but Dida finally put pen-to-paper on Saturday.

Dida's new deal is likely to put to bed rumours of a summer bid for Gianluigi Buffon.

Meanwhile, Milan captain Paolo Maldini also hopes to agree a new contract at the San Siro.

"My deal expires on 30th June, we will see. If it was up to me, I'll still play," Maldini told La Stampa.

"Now my knees are feeling good I'd like to go forward for another season."

Maldini has been tied to the Serie A giants since the age of 10, and he sees no reason why he cannot continue for at least one more year.

"I signed my first agreement in 1978. I was playing as a winger, left or right. I did that for a couple of years, then I became a defender," he said.

Internet

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## United earn FA Cup replay thanks to Ronaldo

LONDON, 11 March — Manchester United's hopes of repeating their 1999 treble remained alive on Saturday after a 68th-minute penalty by Cristiano Ronaldo secured a 2-2 draw at Middlesbrough in their FA Cup quarterfinal.

United, top of the Premier League and into the last eight of the Champions League, took the lead with a Wayne Rooney shot after 23 minutes.

Boro turned the game around either side of halftime with goals by Lee Cattermole and George Boateng before Portugal winger Ronaldo levelled from the spot.

United are chasing a record-equalling 25th appearance in the semis and a 12th FA Cup success.

Boro, who needed a replay in all three previous rounds, must again contest a second match at Old Trafford on 19 March. Stand-in keeper Tomasz Kuszczak denied Boro striker Aiyegbeni Yakubu while United winger Ryan Giggs shaved a post with a volley.

The equalizer came in the last minute of the first half when Kuszczak clattered into Rio Ferdinand and Julio Arca nodded the ball to Cattermole, who swivelled to volley into an unguarded net.

Within two minutes of the restart Boateng was left unmarked at a corner to plant a header beyond Kuszczak.

MNA/Reuters

## Lille back up to third with away draw

PARIS, 11 March — Lille went back to third in Ligue 1 with a goalless draw at Lorient on Saturday.

The visitors, who showed little initiative in a dull first half and wasted several opportunities after the break, have 43 points from 28 games, 18 behind leaders Olympique Lyon. Lorient are 11th on 36 points.

Earlier, Toulouse briefly rose to third with a 1-1 draw at home to Monaco.

The hosts took the lead in the first half from a free kick by defender Jeremy Mathieu but Monaco earned a share of the points when Czech striker Jan Koller equalized in the 76th minute after coming on as a substitute.—MNA/Reuters

## Jose reveals Roman rift

LONDON, 10 March—Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho admits he did clash with Blues owner Roman Abramovich over the club's refusal to enter the transfer market in January, but insists the conflict has only served to motivate him on to further success.

The former Porto chief made no secret of his desire to bring in reinforcements during the transfer window with his side crippled by a defensive injury crisis.

A proposed move for Bolton's Tal Ben Haim failed to materialise and Mourinho ultimately had to rely on the players with which he started the season.

Abramovich's refusal to open his chequebook pat-



Jose Mourinho

ently rankled with the Portuguese tactician, but he claims it was a decision he respected.

"I admit that there were differences with Abramovich over not signing players in January," he told Portuguese newspaper Correio da Manha. "The team was stretched to the limit and needed new players, but that was a challenge and an extra motivation for me.—Internet



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (R) scores past Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Radek Cerny during their FA Cup quarter final soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 11 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Kalou snatches replay for Chelsea

LONDON, 11 March — Chelsea stormed back from two goals down to snatch a 3-3 draw against Tottenham Hotspur in an electrifying FA Cup quarterfinal at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Goals from Dimitar Berbatov and Hossam Ghaly and an own goal from Michael Essien gave Tottenham a 3-1 halftime lead as they looked set to end a 17-year wait for a win at Stamford Bridge.

However Frank Lampard's second goal of the match after 71 minutes gave Chelsea a lifeline and Salomon Kalou volleyed the equaliser four minutes from time.

Jermain Defoe rattled the crossbar for Tottenham in the dying minutes and Andriy Shevchenko almost won it for the home side with a fierce shot but the sides will have to replay on 19 March.—Internet

## Schalke falter again at top of Bundesliga

BERLIN, 11 March — Bundesliga leaders Schalke 04 faltered once again on Saturday, extending their winless streak to four games with a 1-1 draw at Hanover 96.

Halil Altintop gave Schalke the lead in the second minute, deflecting a Mesu Oezil free kick past Hanover goalkeeper Robert Enke.

Michael Tarnat got the equalizer two minutes later, tapping in a rebound after a hard shot by Hanno Balitsch hit the post.

Schalke have just two points from their last four matches. They led by six points four weeks ago after a six-match winning streak catapulted them in front of the pack.

Second-placed Werder Bremen visit Bayern Munich on Sunday.

Third-placed VfB Stuttgart also stumbled again, held to a scoreless draw at home against VfL Wolfsburg. Stuttgart have just two points from their last three league matches.—MNA/Reuters

FC Moscow's Pablo Barrientos (L) fights for the ball with Luch-Energia Vladivostok's Alexander Sheshukov during their Russian Premier League match in Vladivostok on 10 March, 2007. INTERNET

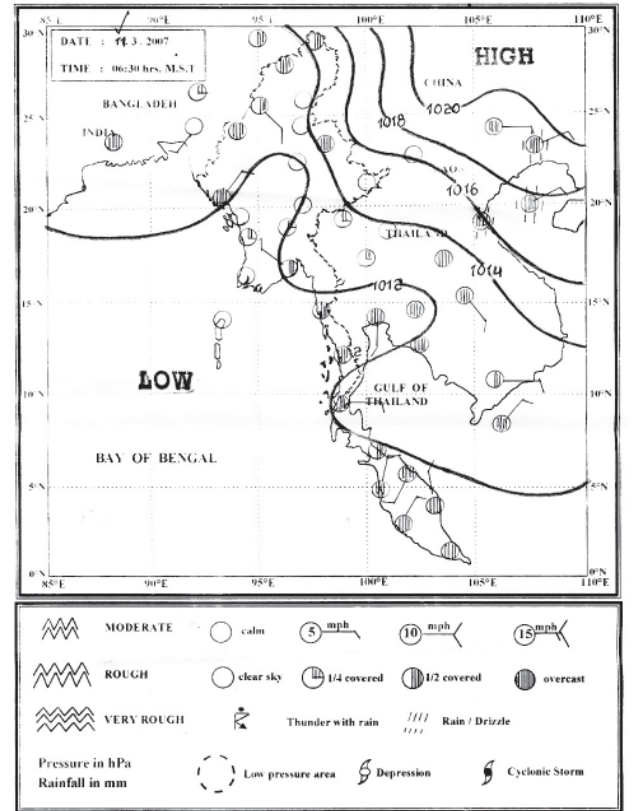






**Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Paññacara lays a corner stone for construction of encircling zedis at the platform of the ancient Zabuaye Sakkya Shin Pagoda on Pantapwint Hill in Pantapwinttaung religious region in Taikkyi Township, on Sunday. Those wishing to contribute cash donations can contact the Sayadaw (Ph: 055-20259, 20533). — MNA**

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



# Ecuador supports closing US military base

QUITO, 11 March — Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa has restated his promise to shut down a US military base in

Manta, western Ecuador, by 2009, Helga Serrano, a spokeswoman for the No Bases Coalition said Friday.

Correa was speaking at a four-day forum on military bases attended by anti-war activists. The event started in Manta Tuesday.

backed the Ecuadorean Government's decision not to renew an agreement to extend the US military presence in the nation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Suspected H5N1 case confirmed in HK

HONG KONG, 11 March — A dead bird earlier in Hong Kong was confirmed to be H5N1 positive after a series of laboratory tests, said Hong Kong's Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department Friday.

It said the long-tailed Shrike collected on 3 March by department staff was confirmed affected by H5N1 virus. The department will follow the development of the situation.

MNA/Xinhua

### WEATHER

Sunday, 11 March, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The note worthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.08) inch. The significant day temperatures were Hpa-an (39°C), Pyinmana (38°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2007 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2007 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-3-2007 was 59%. Total sunshine hours on 10-3-2007 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-3-2007 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 (5) mph from Northeast at (10:30) hours MST on 10-3-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-3-2007:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon 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:** Decrease day temperatures are likely in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-3-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-3-2007:** Fair weather.



Monday, 12 March  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Best friend
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Juanita
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Moabo No.5
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Sometimes
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -Never meant to be -Heaven in your eyes
- 9:00 pm Spotlight of the star: Wings -Reception, to you, Baby's request
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems -Running with the night
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 12 March  
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. Song of national races
- 8:10 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:30 am 8. International news

- 8:45 am 9. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရှက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ရှက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Dance variety
- 4:55 pm 5. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာတေးဂီတလေး ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ
- 5:10 pm 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm 7. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:35 pm 8. “လှေကားသုံးထစ် ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ” (အရိုင်းမင်းသူ၊အေးသီတာ) [ဒါရိုက်တာ - သိန်းဟန် (ဖိုးနစ်)]

- 5:45 pm 9. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm 13. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ “နာမည်ကျော်ကြား စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့မှ ကြိမ်ထည်လက်ရာများ”
- 7:10 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၃၀)
- 19. The next day's programme

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**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 meets entrepreneurs of industrial zones in Yangon North District



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe meets chairmen of the industrial zone management committees and industrialists.— MNA*

YANGON, 11 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence met with chairmen of industrial zone management committees and industrialists from industrialists zones of Yangon North District,

at Kanaung Hall in Hlinethaya Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon North District Industrial Zone Management Committee Chairman of Yangon

North District PDC U Thein Naing reported on investment in industrial zones and facts about the industrial zones.

*(See page 9)*

## e-Library and Khitlunge Youth Website launched to serve online users

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — A ceremony to launch the e-Library and Khitlunge Youth Website, jointly organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Ministry of Communica-

tions, Posts and Telegraphs and the Ministry of Education, was held at the Ministry of CPT, here, this morning, with an address by Secretariat member of USDA Chairman of e-National Task Force and Min-

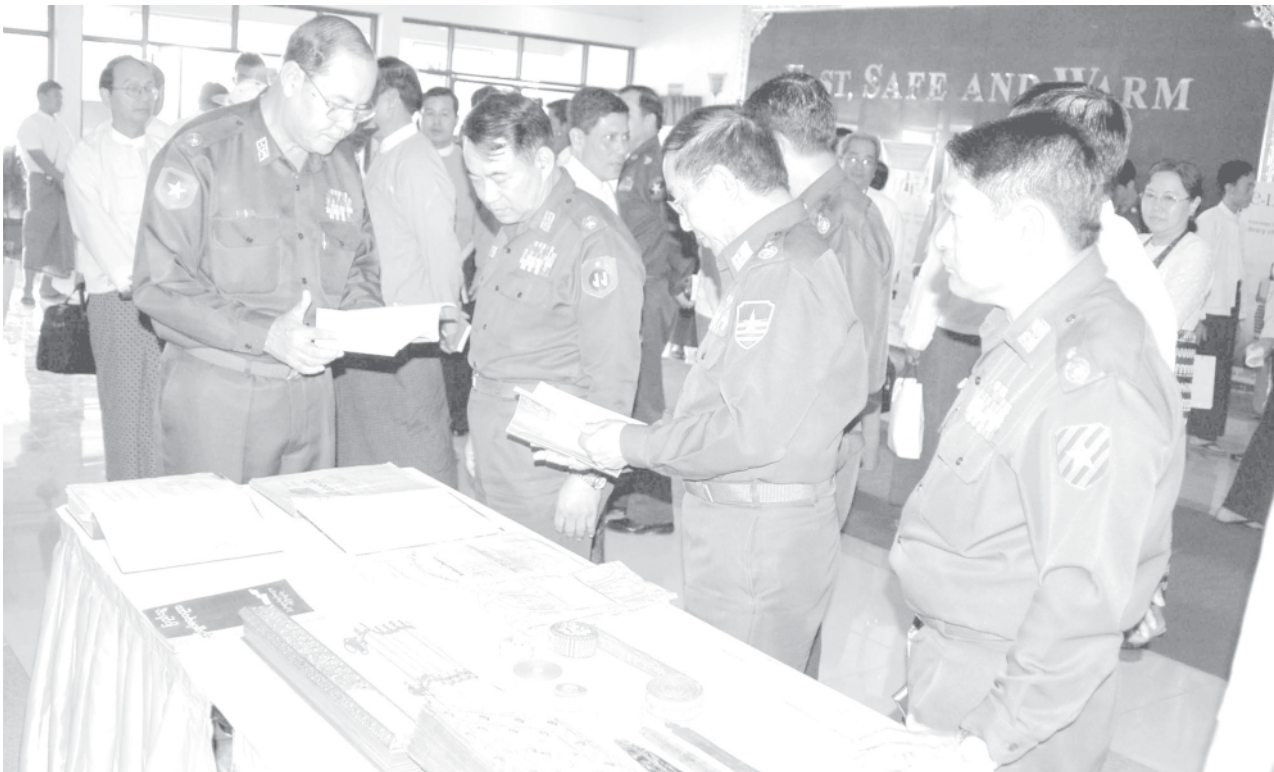
ister for CPT Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Similar ceremonies were simultaneously held at universities in States and Divisions.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, USDA members, technicians of IT companies and guests.

In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw said that e-Library system is based on website and Khitlunge Youth Website is a web portal based on information. Update contents of the websites will be refreshed daily to give service on general knowledge, information, entertainment and others to online users. The users can read newspapers and journals as well as listen to songs. Likewise, anybody can visit the website to click entrance applications for distance learning,

*(See page 9)*



*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and ministers view booths of e-Library and Khitlunge Youth Website displayed at the Ministry of CPT.— MNA*

**The users can read newspapers and journals as well as listen to songs. Likewise, anybody can visit the website to click entrance applications for distance learning, enjoy online booking for hotel reservation and air tickets.**