

### 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

## 260-foot bridge commissioned on district-to-district road in Sagaing Division



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils the signboard marking the commissioning of the bridge built on Meza Creek at Doepin village, Htigyant Township, Katha District in Sagaing Division. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — A 260-foot bridge was opened on a district-to-district road in Sagaing Division on 10 March.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the sign-

board marking the commissioning of the bridge built on Meza Creek at Doepin Village, Htigyant Township, Katha District in Saging Division.

The 14-foot wide bridge was built at a cost of K 18.7 million allotted by the govern-

ment, said Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye at the ceremony.

*(See page 8)*

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations to build two-storey monastic school

YANGON, 12 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to donate cash to build a two-storey monastic school in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District this afternoon and accepted the donations.

Present at the cash donation ceremony were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dhamikayama Kyaikpyi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe, the chairmen of Yangon North District PDC and Hlinethaya Township PDC, responsible personnel and donors.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Col Tint Hsan and secretary U Hla Soe accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Today's donations towards the monastic school were K 19,475,000. The congregation then shared merits gained.

Upon arrival at United Wood Industries Co Ltd, managing director U Zaw Myo Kyaw and

*(See page 8)*

### INSIDE

Course instructor Sayadaw U Dhammika said "the objectives of opening gratis monastic education classes, are to provide proper education for needy students who cannot afford tuition or private boarding schools and to teach them religious culture and moral education. Students of any religion can pursue their education at the monastery. Since 1996-1997 academic year, gratis education has been provided by volunteer teachers. But students are permitted to pursue their education at the monastery only after they have passed the entrance tests and the number of students is limited due to space."

PAGE 7

HTAY LWIN (SALINGYI)

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 13 March, 2007

### Produce and sell more gems and jade

Myanma jade is popular among the world nations and in high demand.

In Asia, Myanmar is a nation which produces and sells quality jade most. Myanmar Gems Emporium is held annually with the sale of gems and jades including ruby, sapphire and pearl. The 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium is being held in Yangon. Up to 11 March, altogether 3158 gem merchants at home and abroad arrived in Yangon and are attending the gem emporium.

With the improvement of the gem industry there has been a great demand for gems and jade. As gems and jade are the natural resources of the State, those who are engaged in the mining and sale of gems and jade need to strike a balance between the interests of the State and their own.

The gem miners and gem merchants are to pay serious attention to environmental conservation and worksite safety. Moreover, they are to put on sale gems and jade mined from the blocks at Myanmar Gems Emporia held by the State.

As the quality Myanmar gems and jade already have markets, it is more beneficial to put on sale the value-added finished products than that of uncut gems and jade.

At a time when the government is taking systematic steps for development of the gem industry, companies, cooperative syndicates and individuals are to mine and produce gems and jade in line with the Myanmar Gems Law, rules and regulations and put on sale gems and jade at Myanmar Gems Emporia. Only then, will the Myanmar gems industry develop.

### Hospitals and rural health care centres inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Accompanied by departmental officials, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met with township health committee members, staff of township health department and members of social organisations at Madaya Township Hospital in PyinOoLwin District on 6 March, and urged them to participate in public health care services and disease control tasks. Next, he comforted the patients and fulfilled the needs.

The deputy minister inspected health care services of Latpanhla rural health care centre in Singu Township and visited Singu Township Hospital. At the hospital, he met local people, hospital staff and members of social organisations, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## Peoples' Desire

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

### Gas filling station No 021 opened

YANGON, 11 March—Gas filling station No 021 of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy at the corner of Ayeyawun road and Bago River Road in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township was opened this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and officials.

General Manager of MOGE U Thein Htay reported on matters related to the station.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi cut the ribbon to open the filling station and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled its signboard.

The commander, the minister and officials observed the facility.

So far, 21 gas filling stations have been opened in Yangon City. To meet the fuel requirement of CNG-run vehicles, an order has been placed to import necessary machines. More CNG stations will be opened according to the arrival of the items. Those filling stations open round the clock.—MNA

### Installation of power lines inspected in Ayeyawady Div



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects progress of work of 230 KV power grid building in Kazintaw village, Pantanaw District. — MNA

YANGON, 11 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials inspected building of 230 KV Hlinethaya-Yaykyi (Athot) power grid in Pantanaw District, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday.

The minister and party inspected installation of power lines across the Ayeyawaday river and of

power lines at a power grid near Ahtet Kazintaw village with the use of Puller Machine. The minister called for the safety of the worksites. The 230 KV power grid is a kind of Twin Bundle Single Circuit Transmission Line that supplies more power to Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. The minister urged the officials to expedite the work for completion.—MNA

### Nyaungyan Road put into service in Shwepaukkan Myothit

YANGON, 11 March — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, opening ceremony of a water supply facility in Shwepaukkan Myothit Township was held in conjunction with opening of Nyaungyan Road at the junction of Bagan Road and Nyaungyan Road in the township this morning.

CEC member of USDA (Yangon Division in-charge) Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Head of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) Dr Tun Than Tun, Secretary of North Okkalapa Township USDA U Kyaw Kyaw Soe and officials formally opened taps of the pipes and the road.

They sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription and inspected water supply and the road.

Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa accepted 2,397 USDA membership applications.

MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa open the taps of Gyobyu water pipe line in Shwepaukkan. — YCDC

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## China's advisory calls for launching of nat'l Russian-language paper

BEIJING, 11 March—A member of China's top advisory body on Saturday called for the publication of a national Russian-language newspaper to help Russian-speaking people have a better understanding of China.

"With the increasing exchange between China and Russian-speaking countries, it's high time we launch an influential Russian-language newspaper like *China Daily*, the only national English-language newspaper in the country," said Li Jingjie at a panel discussion during the annual session of the top advisory body. Li cited *China: Economy and Partner*, a Russian-language newspaper in the northeastern Heilongjiang Province, which borders Russia. "It is a good publication, but has a limited circulation," said Li, a research fellow with the Institute of Russian, East European and Central

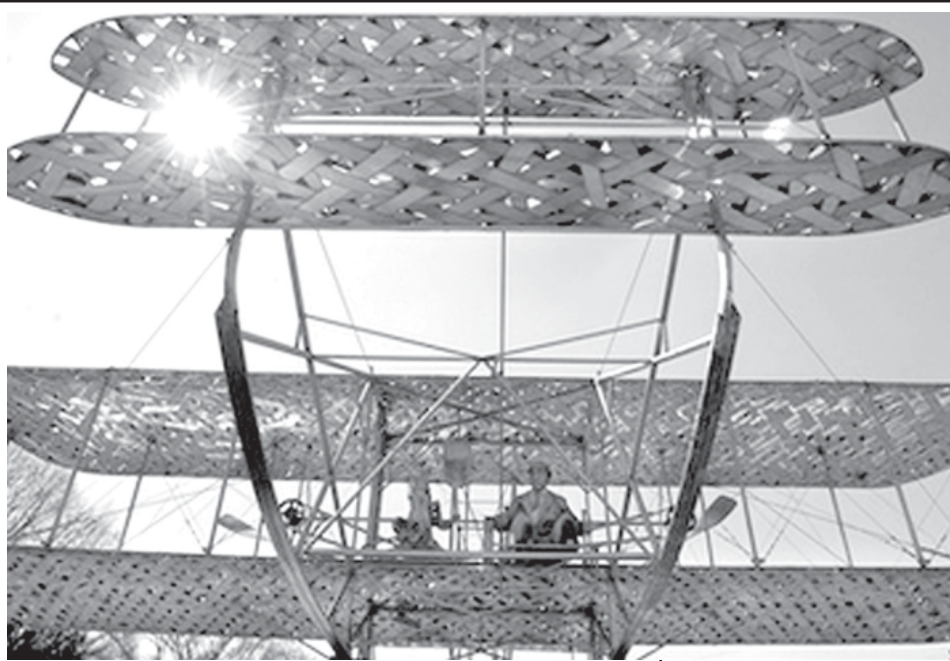
Asian Studies under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Nearly 300 million people in the world speak Russian and most of them living in the countries near China. "The people of these countries are eager to learn about China, but there are not enough China-related publications for them," said Li. Meanwhile, China has

seen an increasing number of Russian-speaking visitors in recent years. In 2005, Li said, the number of the visitors from Russia alone reached 2.2 million.

"Now, we can see people speaking Russian not only in China's northern and western border areas, but also in big cities and scenic spots in inland provinces.

MNA/Xinhua



People visit the model of the Temple of Heaven at Chateau de Chambord in Loire Valley, France on 9 March, 2007. The model of the Temple of Heaven which is made from red sandalwood by 100 skilful craftsmen in 2 years was presented to Chateau de Chambord by China Red Sandalwood Museum. — XINHUA

## Southern California braces for record heat

LOS ANGELES, 12 March—A heat wave over the next three days will push temperatures into the 90s Fahrenheit in Southern California, probably breaking records, according to the National Weather Service on Saturday. The forecast is the latest twist in a period of unseasonable weather, with the Southland on pace to experience its driest year on record. David Sweet, a meteorologist for the weather service, told the *Los Angeles Times* that its forecast calls for Monday's previous record high of 87 in downtown Los Angeles to be broken. Sunday's record of 93, set in 1916, will be harder to reach, though it is possible, he said.

Southern California has witnessed abnormal weather in the past year. Last spring, the coastal gloom gave way to hot weather that turned blistering in early summer. —MNA/Xinhua

## German pensioner bins jackpot lottery ticket

BERLIN, 11 March—A 79-year-old grandmother in Germany rescued a fortune from oblivion after she realized a lottery ticket

she had thrown in the bin was worth more than 13.7 million euros (18.02 million US dollars).

"She searched and

searched, turned the house upside down, but couldn't find the ticket," said Elmar Bamfaste, a spokesman for the WestLotto lottery in northwestern Germany. "Finally, she looked in the rubbish bin, and there it was. She was lucky."

Bamfaste said the woman copied the winning numbers from her horoscope in a magazine, and then forgot about the ticket. She later threw away both the magazine and the ticket. After WestLotto launched a media campaign to find the winner on Monday, the resident of the Bergisches Land region in western Germany realized she had hit the jackpot.

Three days later, she found the 11.75 euro ticket that netted her the 8th highest lottery win in German history.

MNA/Reuters

The Wright Flyer on display at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala, is seen on 7 March, 2006. — INTERNET

## Stolen diamond shows up in prison shower

ORANGE, 12 March—A \$25,000 diamond was found stuck in a shower drain at the prison housing the man accused of stealing it two years ago.

Bret Allen Langford, 39, allegedly asked the owner of a Jewelry Express store to show him a 2-carat colourless diamond in April 2005. Langford then grabbed the diamond and sped away, said sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

Langford was arrested shortly after but the police did not retrieve the diamond. Langford was

charged with commercial burglary and, after several transfers, ended up at Theo Lacy Branch Jail in Orange, where he awaited trial. This week, an investigator representing Langford told jail officials to search the jailhouse drains if they wanted to find the diamond. Officials discovered the rock wedged in a screen beneath one of the facility's shower stalls.

Authorities said Langford told them he stole the diamond and swallowed and regurgitated the rock each time he was transferred. But 14 months

ago, just as Langford was about to be searched he threw the diamond into a shower stall and it fell down the drain.

Amormino suspects Langford came forward as part of a bargain he made with prosecutors. Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the Orange County district attorney's office, would not confirm such a deal. Langford's trial is set to begin 7 May and the diamond is expected to be a featured piece of evidence. Then it will be cleaned and returned to the store. —Internet



People enjoy the sunshine as they sit on a bank of the canal Landwehrkanal in Berlin on 11 March, 2007. — INTERNET

# Iran renews offer of nuclear tours for foreigners

TEHERAN, 11 March— Iran has renewed its offer of opening the gates of its nuclear facilities for foreign tourists to show the peaceful nature of its nuclear programme, the official IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

Akbar Ghamkhar, chairman of Teheran's Tourism Union, told IRNA

Friday on the sidelines of this year's ITB tourism fair in Berlin that the Iranian Government has paved the way for foreign tourists to visit its nuclear installations.

It would be a chance for foreigners to witness firsthand Iran's peaceful nuclear activities, he added.

Iran's state media re-

ported last year that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had given permission for foreign tourists to visit the country's nuclear facilities, a move aimed at proving peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

But so far no foreign tourists have reportedly visited those nuclear

facilities.

Early last month, Iran showed its uranium conversion factory (UCF) in central city of Isfahan to envoys from the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) troika and Group 77 states.

The NAM envoys include Cuban, Malaysian and Egyptian ambassadors to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), while the Group of 77 envoys are from Sudan and Bolivia.

It was widely believed that the trip was intended to show that Iran's disputed nuclear programme is peaceful and not a cover for nuclear bomb making.

MNA/Xinhua

စက်မှုပစ္စည်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



An Indian Air Force (IAF) skydiving team displays their skills during IAF platinum jubilee celebrations in Allahabad, on 11 March, 2007.

INTERNET



An Indonesian worker cuts the wreckage of a plane from Indonesia's state carrier Garuda Indonesia at Adisucipto airport in Yogyakarta on 11 March, 2007. —INTERNET

## \$92m divorce woman robbed at gunpoint

LONDON, 11 March— A British woman awarded £48 million (\$92.7 million) in a landmark divorce settlement last year was tied up and robbed of jewelry at her home in Kent, southeast England, according to police and media reports on Sunday.

Beverley Chapman, 53, was alone on Saturday evening when a masked robber carrying a gun forced his way into her Sevenoaks home.

Police said several hundred thousand pounds of jewelry was stolen in the raid which occurred at around 9.40 pm.

"The police were alerted after the woman's son came home at 10 pm and found her," a Kent Police spokeswoman said. "No violence was used and she was not injured in the incident."

Police said the robber's weapon may have been an imitation or ball-bearing gun.

Charman was awarded the multi-million pound payout last August in what is believed to be Britain's

largest ever contested divorce settlement.

Last week her ex-husband, insurance underwriter John Charman, 54, went to the Court of Appeal seeking to cut the settlement to 20 million pounds.

The final ruling is likely to be studied closely by lawyers negotiating the divorce pay-off between Paul McCartney and his estranged wife Heather Mills.—Internet

Spanish matador Enrique Ponce performs a pass during a bullfighting festival at Coso de los Califas bullring in Cordoba on 10 March, 2007.

XINHUA



## 250 kilos of drugs seized in Bolivia

LIMA, 12 March — Bolivian specialized anti-drug forces have seized 250 kilos of drugs in southwestern Bolivia, according to the reports arriving here from La Paz on Saturday.

About 175 kilos of cocaine and 75 kilos of marijuana, valued at 1 million US dollars, have

been seized in an anti-drug operation carried out on Friday in the Potosi Province bordering Chile, the Bolivian News Agency reported.

Over 4,200 suspected drug traffickers have been arrested during the last year, and 120 tons of drugs have been seized by the Bolivian specialized anti-

drug forces, according to the Bolivian Army.

Sitting in the notorious "Silver Triangle" area of South America, Bolivia is one of the three largest drug-planting and producing bases in Latin America, with 30,000 hectares coca-planted land.

MNA/Xinhua

## Moderate earthquake hits Japan

HONG KONG, 12 March— A moderate earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.6 shook northern Japan Sunday, according to Hong Kong radio's report.

The 4:09 pm (0709 GMT) quake was centred off the eastern coast of Japan's main northern island of Hokkaido at a depth of about 30 kilometres (19 miles)

under the ocean floor.

There were no danger of a tsunami, it said.

Hokkaido is about 829 kilometres (518 miles) northwest of Tokyo.

MNA/Xinhua

## US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 March— A US Marine was killed while conducting combat operations in the western Anbar Province, the US military said on Saturday.

A Marine, assigned to MultiNational Force-West, was killed on Friday, the military said

in a brief statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, about 3,190 US soldiers have been killed in the country, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

The latest military announcement came as

representatives from Iraq's neighbours and the permanent members of the UN Security Council are expected to hold meeting at the Foreign Ministry building to discuss the crisis in Iraq later in the day.

MNA/Xinhua

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### India to promote tea-tasting tourism

BERLIN, 12 March — If Europe has wine-tasting tourism, India's answer to that is a tea-tasting tourist circuit.

That, along with holding international conferences, is the new area India plans to focus on as it seeks to boost in-bound tourism in the coming years, Tourism and Culture Minister Ambika Soni has said here.

There are plans to develop tea-tasting circuits similar to the wine-tasting tours offered in Europe, she said at a Press conference here.

Convention tourism is another area which the government is keen to develop as it holds great potential in India, Soni, who was here to launch "India Incredible" campaign at the International Tourism Exchange, said.

At present, India's share is only about 8 per cent of the annual global business of 280 million US dollars generated by convention tourism.

Outlining the measures taken by the government and the industry to promote tourism sector,

Soni said hotel capacity will be significantly improved with the addition of 100,000 new beds planned for the current year. Liberalization of aviation sector and 100 per cent foreign investments allowed in tourism sector are expected to attract more foreign investments into the country, she said.

Current efforts to diversify tourist attractions by offering new products such as adventure tourism, wellness

tourism, medical tourism and golf tourism will have a positive effect on foreign tourist arrivals as well as on domestic tourism, she added.

India's tourism promotion campaign as the "Partner Nation" at the International Tourism Exchange in Berlin has helped to generate a strong interest in the country's tourism offers among the trade visitors from around the world as well as among the German public.

MNA/PTI



A photo released by the Institut Polaire Francais Paul Emile Victor (IPEV) in January 2007 shows an iceberg in Antarctica. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said recently that global warming posed the same threat to humanity as war and warned of an "unconscionable legacy" being left for future generations. — INTERNET



A model displays her hair-style during the International Festival of hair and beauty, in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 11 March, 2007. — INTERNET

### China's Shengli oilfield increases offshore oil production

BEIJING, 11 March — Shengli oilfield, China's second largest, targets 2.25 million tons of offshore oil production this year, an increase of 92,000 tons over last year.

Controlled by the China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec), the oilfield is located in the Bohai area off the coast of eastern Shandong Province.

The company will rely more on offshore fields for production as its onshore field dwindles after decades of drilling, sources with the company said Wednesday.

The company did not specify what percentage of total production comes from offshore fields.

Shengli has an estimated 1.2 billion tons of shallow-water oil reserves, with 550 million tons of proven and controlled reserves. — MNA/Xinhua

### Tanzanian national debt rises to \$7,188m

DAR-ES-SALAM, 11 March — Tanzania's debt burden, external and domestic combined, rose to 7,188.5 million US dollars in December last year, up from 7,033.2 million dollars in September the same year, according to the latest report by the Bank of Tanzania available on Friday.

The debt burden rose by 2.2 per cent, said the report. Debt servicing amounted to 9.8 million dollars in the quarter ending in December while the preceding quarter witnessed a debt service

payment of 12.7 million dollars, according to the bank report.

Most of the country's debt was external accounting for upwards of 85 per cent of the debt total while domestic debts wrapped up the remainder.

Tanzania's debt owing to multilateral lenders accounted for more than 65 per cent of the total external debt while bilateral creditors and commercial and supplier creditors accounted for the remaining external debts.

MNA/Xinhua

### Abu Dhabi's tourism sector harvests \$2.37b in 2006

ABU DHABI, 11 March — The tourism sector of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), harvested a revenue of 8.68 billion dirhams (2.37 billion US dollars) in 2006, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Saturday.

According to the report, international tourist arrivals in Abu Dhabi grew 12 per cent to 1.35 million in 2006 from 1.21 million in 2005.

In 2006, the tourism sector's contribution to the Abu Dhabi's gross domestic product (GDP) hit 2.9 per cent.

"But if you only calculate the non-oil GDP, tourism sector's contribution stands at 7.1 per cent," Mubarak Al Muhairi, director-general of

the Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority, was quoted as saying. Abu Dhabi has an ambitious plan for its tourism industry, aiming to be a high-end destination by attracting high spenders.

"We do not want Abu Dhabi to be a mass destination. It will be a

destination of culture, heritage and museums. Culture and ecotourism will be the two key attractions in our overall tourism master plan," Al Muhairi said.

Abu Dhabi signed an agreement with France on Tuesday to build Louvre

Abu Dhabi Museum on its Saadiyat Island.

Besides the 24,000-square-metre Louvre Abu Dhabi, four additional museums will be built on the island, which is envisioned to be a world-class cultural destination.

MNA/Xinhua



A man walks in snow in Neelum Valley some 77 km (48 miles) northeast of Muzaffarabad the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir on 11 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez (R) receives military honours upon his arrival in the flood-ravaged city of Trinidad, some 400 km (248 miles) northeast of the Bolivian capital La Paz, on 10 March, 2007. — XINHUA

## Merkel says EU can be green model for US, India, China

BERLIN, 12 March — The European Union's adoption of measures to fight climate change this week could set an example for the United States, China and India, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Saturday.

Under Germany's presidency, EU leaders set a binding target on Friday for renewable sources to make up 20 per cent of EU energy consumption by 2020 and agreed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by the same amount in the same period.

"We think that Europe could set an example for

others to implement more attractive and better climate protection goals," Merkel said in her in weekly video "podcast" available for download on her Internet site.

"By this I mean, for example, the United States and developing countries India and China. We want to discuss this at the G-8 summit in Heiligendamm in June."

In addition to its six-month EU presidency which runs until July, Germany is president of the Group of Eight (G-8) club of industrialized nations for the entire year.

Merkel has focused on climate change in both presidencies.

The new EU targets will form the basis of the 27-nation bloc's negotiating position for an international agreement to extend the Kyoto Protocol on climate change and emissions reduction targets past 2012.

The EU produces about 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, while the United States, the world's largest polluter, produces some 25 per cent.

US President George W. Bush pulled the United States out of the Kyoto Protocol in 2001.

MNA/Reuters

## Iran says no one-to-one talks with US

BAGHDAD, 12 March — The top Iranian official attending a regional conference on Iraq said on Saturday he had no one-to-one talks with US officials but he did call for a withdrawal of US forces and rejected charges of interference.

"There were no one-to-one meetings, everything was in the framework of the meeting," Abbas Araghchi, Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, told a news conference after the one-day conference in Baghdad.

"There were no direct talks between us and the Americans," Araghchi said.

Asked if he had direct talks with the Iranians, US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told an earlier news conference: "I did talk to them directly and in the presence of others. We engaged across the table as well."

Iraq called Saturday's meeting to enlist the support of neighbours to achieve peace in Iraq but it was also closely watched as a rare opportunity for US and Iranian officials to sit down together as tension grows over Iran's nuclear aims.

Araghchi said foreign forces were fuelling a cycle of bloodshed in Iraq.

Their presence was used to justify violence, and in turn the violence was used to justify the presence of foreign forces.— MNA/Reuters

## Nine killed in traffic accident in east India

NEW DELHI, 12 March — At least nine people were killed and 30 others injured after a mini truck overturned in east Indian state of Orissa Sunday afternoon, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

The truck with 39 people on board overturned near a village named Talmenda in Orissa's Bargarh District, about 400 kilometres from the state capital Bhubaneswar, at about 1:00 pm, local police said.

Six were killed at the spot while three others died at hospital, said Ananda Barjan Guru, a police officer. Among the injured, 18 were in serious conditions, he said. The passengers were returning from a wedding party.

MNA/Xinhua



Protesters chant slogans at a demonstration against free trade agreement (FTA) talks between South Korea and the United States in Seoul, on 10 March, 2007. — XINHUA

## Bush says US plans to reduce 20% gas consumption by 2017

SAO PAULO, 11 March — US President George W. Bush said here on Friday that his country plans to reduce by 20 per cent the consumption of gasoline in 10 years.

Bush made the

remarks in Brazil, the first stop on his eighth trip to Latin America, which also includes visits to Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico.

Bush said the United States also plans to

increase the production of alternative fuels to 35 billion gallons by 2017, which is seven times the amount currently produced in his country.

In January, Bush called on US Congress to require the annual use of 35 billion gallons (132 billion litres) of ethanol and other alternative fuels such as biodiesel by 2017, a five-fold increase over current requirements.

To help meet the goal, the President also is pushing research into making ethanol from material such as wood chips and switchgrass.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two killed in small plane crash in US

WASHINGTON, 12 March — Two people aboard a small plane were killed when the aircraft crashed in the Midwest US state of Indiana Friday evening, US media reported Saturday.

The two-engine plane

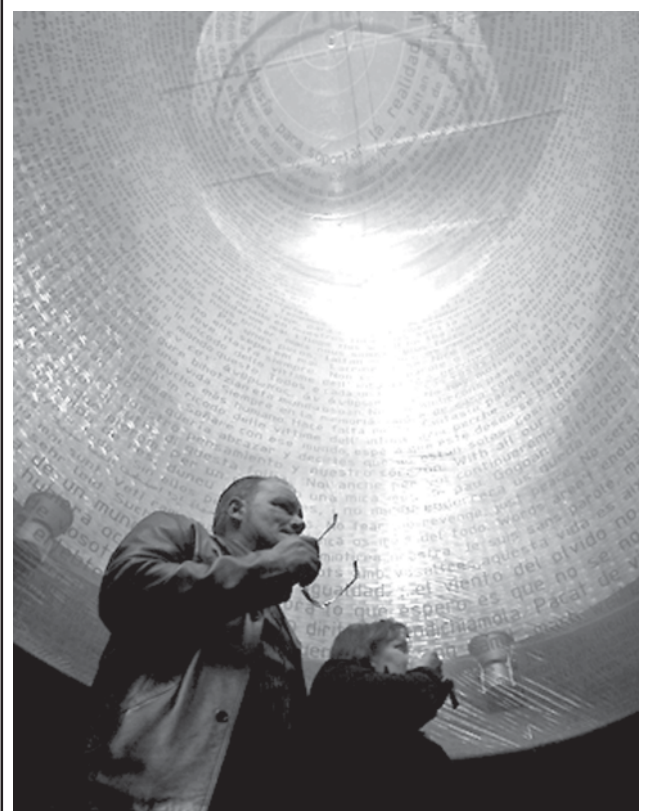
crashed in rain and fog east of Lansing Municipal Airport in Munster, a town in northwestern Indiana.

The Beechcraft Baron, registered to SL Air International based in the Chicago suburb of Hinsdale, had taken off

moments earlier, reports said.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating the cause of the crash.

MNA/Reuters



Relatives tour the interior of the Madrid train bombing memorial in central Madrid on 11 March, 2007. — XINHUA

# Kalay developing in all aspects

*Htay Lwin (Salingyi)*

I paid a visit to Kalay recently. Geographically, Kalay lies at the foot of Chin mountain range in the northwest of Myanmar. It is an ancient city.

According to Myanmar history, Kalay was first built on 5th Wanning of Tabodwe 328 ME (Sunday). So it is now 1,040 years old. Kalay was built in the time of King Kunsaw Kyaungbyu in Bagan Period. The site of old city wall and moat can still be seen there. It was said that Kalay was rebuilt for four times — in 328 ME, 999 ME, 1123 ME and 1251 ME.

Kalay rebuilt in 1251 (Colonial period) was reduced to ashes due to the British bombings in WWII. It had to be rebuilt after WWII.

I last visited Kalay more than 20 years ago. But it is very different now and it is developing with religious edifices such as pagodas, stairways and monasteries. The number of Buddhist monks has increased in the town as Pariyatti (the study of the three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures) can be studied at such Pariyatti Monasteries as Maha Withokdayon, Thantayon, Taungphila and TatU. It is heartening to see Buddhism flourishing in the town which is progressing with a network of roads, markets and modern brick houses.

It was also a great pleasure for me to visit Naytha Monastery on Bogyoke Street in Nyaungbintha

Ward where Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Office is situated. As soon as I entered the monastery compound, I saw bikes and motorbikes being parked in order. I thought there was a meeting but I heard students learning their lessons in the classrooms. Free education under the name of Naytha Gratis Education was being provided for 8th, 9th and 10th standard students.

Course instructor Sayadaw U Dhammika said “the objectives of opening gratis monastic education classes are to provide proper education for needy students who cannot afford tuition or private boarding schools and to teach them religious culture and moral education. Students of any religion can pursue their education at the monastery. Since 1996-1997 academic year, gratis education has been provided by volunteer teachers. But students are permitted to pursue their education at the monastery only after they have passed the entrance tests and the number of students is limited due to space.”

I learnt that there has been a total of 1,265 students who passed the matriculation within 10 years thanks to the Naytha Gratis Education Classes. It could train 10 students to enter the Institute of Medicine and other students to attend various universities such as University of Pharmacy, Institute of Nursing, University of Traditional Medicine, Institute of Marine Technology

and Maritime University, DSA, University of Education and arts and science universities. There are 137 matriculation students, 140 ninth standard students and 150 eighth standard students in 2006-2007 academic year.

The students have to take tests to improve their grades. Gratis education is provided under the motto of “Learn, undergo training and follow discipline”. Therefore, it is heartening to see the following table showing pass rate of students in the matriculation exam.

Sr No	Academic Year	No of students who sit the exam	No of students who passed the exam	Pass rate (%)
1	1996-1997	170	110	65
2	1997-1998	170	121	70
3	1998-1999	70	150	85
4	1999-2000	238	195	81
5	2000-2001	161	158	98
6	2001-2002	146	104	71
7	2002-2003	117	82	70
8	2003-2004	128	112	87
9	2004-2005	122	106	86
10	2005-2006	140	127	91

Sayadaw U Dhammika himself tried to obtain a degree in BA and started free education classes. If there are more free monastic education schools in our country, it will help more students pursue their education.

Naytha Monastery not only provides education gratis but also donates blood to needy patients by forming a blood donor association named 'Thitsa Jivatadana'. It has also formed an association for free funeral services named 'Kayakan Myitta'. I write this article to hail and honour Kalay for its development in all aspects.

Translation: ST  
Kyemon: 12-3-2007  
\*\*\*\*\*

**I last visited Kalay more than 20 years ago. But it is very different now and it is developing with religious edifices such as pagodas, stairways and monasteries. The number of Buddhist monks has increased in the town as Pariyatti (the study of the three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures) can be studied at such Pariyatti Monasteries as Maha Withokdayon, Thantayon, Taungphila and TatU. It is heartening to see Buddhism flourishing in the town which is progressing with a network of roads, markets and modern brick houses.**

## Fires break out in Bago, Kamayut

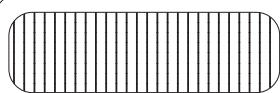
YANGON, 12 March — A fire broke out at Khema Zeya Street in Mamann Ward, Bago at 11 am yesterday destroying four houses. Regarding this, the authorities concerned were providing basic needs including rice and edible oil to the fire victims.

Likewise, a house

on Thirimingala Lane in Ward 8, Kamayut, Yangon Division caught fire which started from a lighted candle this morning.

The upper part of the house and some belongings were gutted by the fire. The firemen rushed to the scene and were able to put out the fire.

MNA



**Booth of Myanmar Paddy Producers Association at the 16th Annual General Meeting of UMFCCL.**

UMFCCL





**Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation to build a two-storey monastic school in Hlinethaya Township.** — MNA

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts...

(from page 1)  
 chairman of management committee of Shwepyitha industrial zone-5 U Mya Maung conducted Lt-Gen

Myint Swe around the production process of finished wood and furniture. The industry exports finished wood and furniture to Bel-

gium, Holland, England, France, Italy and Thailand.

After Lt-Gen Myint Swe had given necessary instructions, he left in the evening.

MNA

## UDNR holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — A work coordination meeting of the University for Development of National Races was held at the meeting hall of the university on 8 March.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the University Council of the UDNR Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Central Board for Trainees Scrutiny Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, CSSTB members, the director-general of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, the director-general of Civil Affairs Department, the rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar), the rector of UDNR and delegates to the state and division PDCs.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye made a speech on the occasion, saying that the states and divisions should correctly select trainees and send them to the university so that they would become qualified education service personnel and then could serve the interest of the State and their regions. The states and divisions are to provide the trainees with necessary assistance during the academic year.

Next, CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Rector U Zaw Min Thein briefed Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye on selection of the trainees, lectures and training, further studies for outstanding students and necessary assistance for the trainees. The decisions were made following the discussions of the delegates to the state and division PDCs. The meeting ended with concluding remarks. — MNA



**Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye addresses opening ceremony of Meza Creek (Doepin Village) Bridge in Htiyiant.** — MNA

## Dinner of 16th Convocation of UDNR held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Dr Than Nyun, Vice-Chairman of University Council of the University for Development of National Races and Chairman of Central Management Committee, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, hosted dinner to the trainees who had completed the courses of one-year BEd No 16, two-year BEd No 2, four-year BEd No 38, teachership training No 5 and JAT No 16 on the university campus on 8 March.

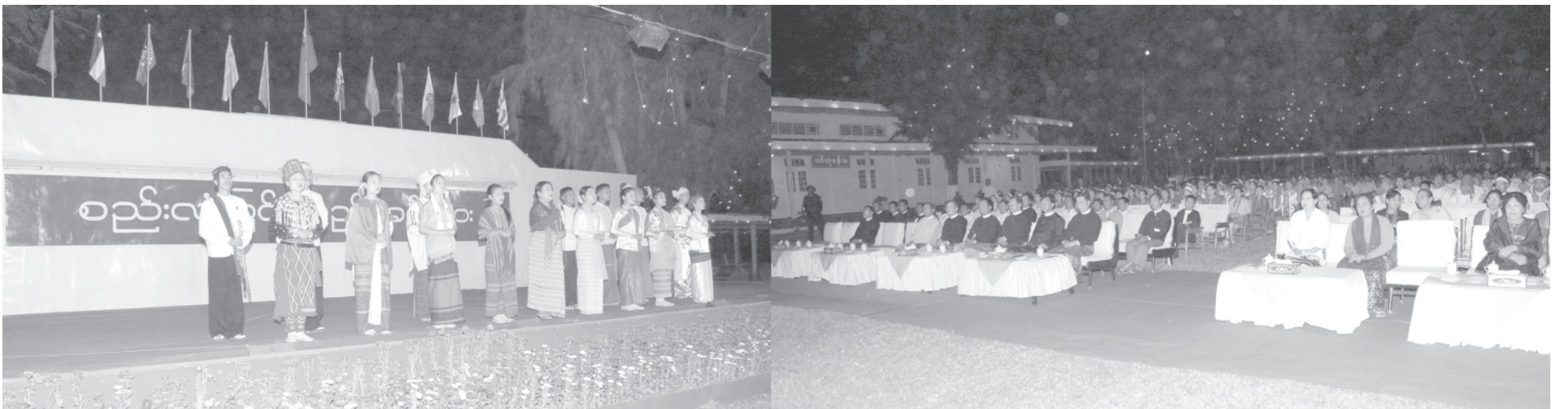
Present on the occasion were Chairman of the University Council of the UDNR Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife, members of CSSTB U Aung Myint and U Soe Oo, the director-

general of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, the director-general of Civil Affairs Department, the rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar), the rector of UDNR, UC members, guests and the trainees.

First, the chairman and vice-chairman cordially greeted the trainees. During the dinner, songs to uplift Union spirit and national integrity were presented to those present. After the dinner, the trainees performed traditional dances and songs.

Next, the chairman and vice-chairman handed a basket of flowers and cash award to the trainees.

MNA



**The trainees of respective BEd courses performing traditional dances and songs at the dinner to mark 16th Convocation of UDNR.** — MNA

## 260-foot bridge commissioned...

(from page 1)

As an important facility on the No 3 district-to-district road, the bridge will help facilitate transport of people from a number of villages in the area. Its load-bearing capacity is 13 tons.

Thanks to the harmonious efforts of the Township Development Affairs Committee and local people, the bridge was completed earlier than the schedule, he said.

The nation now has over 64,000 miles of roads, up from over 21,000 miles in 1988, he said, adding, the number of major bridges including 20 river-crossing bridges has reached 221. In 1988, there were only five bridges on

Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung Rivers.

The government has been implementing special programmes for proportionate development of all the states and divisions. The nation has witnessed significant development in economic, transport, farming, health and education sectors thanks to the efforts of the government to ensure equitable development in all states and divisions, he said.

As transport facilitation plays a vital role in regional development, the government has been building and upgrading village-to-village, town-to-town and district-to-district roads, highways, bridges

large and small, railroads, ports and airports. Of the 4500 people attending the ceremony, a person, on behalf of his region, thanked the government.

An official of Township Development Affairs Committee presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Tha Aye. The commander presented gifts to members of the pompom dance troupes. The commander and officials formally opened the bridge.

Also present at the ceremony were senior military officers, officials of SPDC and departments, local authorities and social organizations.

MNA



## Advanced Management Course ...

(from page 16)

He spoke of the need for USDA members to ensure the participation of USDA in the nation-building task reviewing the lofty aims, fundamental principles and attitudes of the association and history of the past, the present and the future and international situations.

It is heartening to note that the association lays down future programmes every year to participate in the nation-building tasks as a national force.

Tasks based on the future programmes were implemented in various parts of the country. Altogether 24 million USDA members hand in hand with other social organizations of the same belief and aims are taking part in the national endeavours, he added.

The increasing number of the USDA members need qualifications to serve the interest of the people. This is why the members are being trained to be qualified ones, he said.

Nowadays, the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are making endeavours for the emergence of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

As is known to all, any buildings will not last longer without firm foundations. Therefore, efforts are being made for stability of the State, strong economy of the State and human resource development. Achievements have been made due to the correct policy and practical efforts with goodwill and there is now peace and stability and progress in the nation, he said.

USDA members are to participate in the 24 special regions project, border areas development project and rural development project with greater momentum, he added. He said national people have been living in unity in the country for years countable by the thousand. Only when efforts based on patriotism are to be made for the nation and the people will the success be achieved.

As the seven-step Road Map of the State is being implemented, all the members of the association are to

take part in it in cooperation with the people for its success. Today's changes and developments of the State are due to the efforts of the people and the government.

However, some internal and external organizations, are ignoring the prevailing conditions, exaggerating Myanmar affairs and inventing fabricated news. And they are instigating to cause unrest in the country under the pretext of social and economic matters of Myanmar. So, all the people are to be aware of that, the Secretary-General said. Moreover, some big powers are trying to put various kinds of pressure on Myanmar and incite the people to have anti-government sentiment in order to cause instability of the State. Myanmar had to face tragic and bitter experiences in 1988 due to the instigation under democracy and human rights pretext. But some are attempting to incite public unrest again instead of taking lessons in 1988. Now is the time when Myanmar is developing significantly as the market-oriented system has been adopted. State-owned factories, workshops and shops have become private-owned ones. He noted if there caused instability of the State, such facilities would be destroyed and thus thriving national economy would be stagnant. Therefore, it is important to convince the people of the goodwill efforts of the government.

In conclusion, all the trainees are to serve the interest of the people though application of experiences gained from the course, to try to ensure the ever-flourishing of patriotism, to actively participate in nation-building tasks in accord with the future work programmes of the association and to take part in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map in collaboration with the people.

After the ceremony, Secretary-General U Htay Oo greeted the trainees. A total of 201 trainees attended the four-week course. — MNA

## Construction of Yekyi 230 KV Power...

(from page 16)

Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe, the managing director of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, departmental officials at division and district levels and local people.

First, Director U Than Hlaing of Electric Power Supply Project (South) reported to the commanders and minister on the condition of 73 mile long of 230 power grid. The length of power line crossing Ayeyawady river is 1.36 mile. A total of 319 towers are included along the power grid. Its kind is 230 KV Twin Bundle Single Circuit Transmission Line.

Next, the commanders and the minister made speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presented cash award to service personnel who participated in the construction of the power grid through Director U Than Hlaing of Electric Power Supply Project (South). — MNA

## Media Star Co donates cash to USDA



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo accepts cash presented by U Tun Shwe of Media Star Company. — MNA

YANGON, 12 March — Media Star Company donated cash to Union Solidarity and Development Association. The cash donation ceremony was held at USDA's headquarters, and Managing Director U Tun Shwe of Media Star Co explained the purpose of donation and handed over K 1 million to Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo.

U Htay Oo presented a certificate of honour to him. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation leaves for Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—A delegation led by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein yesterday left here to attend the 42nd Conference of ASEAN Education Ministers Council and the second ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting in Indonesia.

They were seen off at the airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt and departmental officials.

The delegation was accompanied by Rector Dr Myo Myint of Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

MNA

## Members of panel of alternate chairmen of National Convention Plenary Session meet

YANGON, 12 March — Members of the panel of alternate chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session met at the meeting hall of the National Convention Convening Work Committee in Kyaikkasan ground here this morning.

Present at the meeting were NCCWC Secretary U Thaug Nyunt, Joint Secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint, Joint Secretary-2 Dr Thaug Myint, committee member U Ba Han, members of panel of alternate chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session Dr Maung Maung Wint, U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Hsam, U Maung Gyi, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint, U Kan Nyunt, U Kyaw Win Tun, U Tin Kha and Dr Ma Nam Tuja, members of the work committee office.

Speaking on the occasion, U Thaug Nyunt said NCCWC Chairman U Aung Toe explained de-

tailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election; Political Parties; Provision on State of Emergency; Amendment of the Constitution; State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital; Transitory Provisions; and General Provisions" at the National Convention Plenary Session held from 10 October to 29 December 2006. Regarding that, the eight delegate groups of the National Convention submitted their proposal papers to the Plenary Session. Today's meeting was held for the members of the panel of alternate chairmen in order to present their findings of the proposal papers and compile papers at the NC Plenary Session when it resumes. To do so, the NCCWC has formed a supporting group. At the second session, the members of the panel of alternate chairmen analyzed the proposal papers submitted by the eight delegate groups and compiled them. — MNA



Secretary of National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thaug Nyunt addresses work coordination meeting of Members of panel of alternate chairmen of NCCWC. — MNA

## Energy Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, and Mr R S Butola, Managing Director of OVL Company of the Republic

of India, called on Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Energy, at the minister's office here on 9 March.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than

Htay, Director-General U Soe Myint of Energy Planning Department, Managing-Director U Myint Kyi of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and officials concerned.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Mr R S Butola of OVL Company.

ENERGY

## Finance & Revenue Ministry opens proficiency course

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — A total of 58 trainees of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has received proficiency skills for office work at Proficiency Course No 2/2007 of the ministry.

The four-week

course was opened at the ministry here today with an address by Finance and Revenue Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of

Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, course instructors and trainees.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaks at opening of proficiency course No 2/2007.—F&R

## MWEA's exhibition on 6-8 April

YANGON, 12 March — Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association will stage an exhibition to mark its 12th founding anniversary.

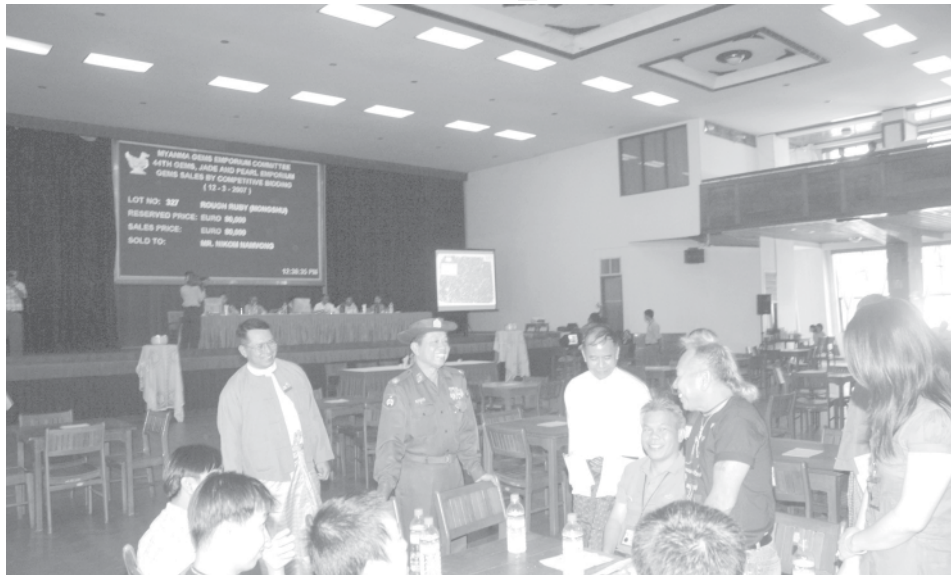
The exhibition is scheduled to be held from 6 to 8 April at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here. Textile and cotton, handicrafts, traditional foodstuff and medicines, cosmetics, pearls and products of local factories will be exhibited.

The holding of the exhibition is aimed at enhancing the cooperation and friendship and improving the efficiency of members of the association.

The association met the press at its office in Dagon Township today, and Vice-President of the association Daw Nu Nu Yi explained matters related to the exhibition.

MNA

## 47 gem lots sold at Myanmar Gems Emporium



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint greets local and foreign gem merchants at Myanmar Gems Mart.—MNA

YANGON, 12 March — Forty-seven lots of gem were sold today through the tender at the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

A total of 3308 gem merchants at home and abroad gathered at the

emporium today.

Jade lots will be sold through the tender and competitive bidding system at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township from 13 to 20 March.

Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for

Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visited the Myanmar Gems Mart today and greeted the gem merchants.

Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin also visited the Myanmar Convention Centre today.

MNA

## Textbooks donated to village primary school

YANGON, 11 March — Under the aegis of Bago Division (West) Union Solidarity and Development Association, a ceremony to present textbooks for 2007 was held at Belet

Village in Shwedaung Township on 10 March.

CEC member of USDA Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay spoke on the occasion.

Organizer Daw Ni Ni Khaing presented textbooks to Headmaster U Naing Win Aung of Belet Village Basic Education Primary School and Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Aye of Potheindan Village BEPS respectively.

Similar ceremonies were held in Pyinpinkaing Village and Myepadetha Village in Pyay.

USDA CEC member Brig-Gen Than Htay explained future tasks, organizational matters and conducting summer courses. He presented cash for the courses.

Similar ceremonies were held in villages in Paungde, Letpadan and Thayawady. The CEC member met with USDA members.—MNA



Brig-Gen Than Htay accepts cash donation for summer courses at Thayawady District USDA office.—MNA

## Tanzania exports less traditional crops

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 12 March** — Tanzania exported less traditional crops in the third quarter of last year as compared with the corresponding period in 2005.

The procurement of the traditional export crops dropped to 265,785 tons between July and September last year, down from 329,064 tons in the same months of 2005, according to a report from the Bank of Tanzania available on Saturday.

Tanzania's central bank attributed the decline to dry weather in the 2005/

2006 sowing-growing-harvesting season.

"The downturn is explained ostensibly by substantial declines in production of cotton and tobacco mainly on account of dry weather conditions experienced during sowing period in the western growing area," read part of the bank report.

The production of other export crops like cashew nuts, coffee, sisal and tea, however, increased thanks to favourable market prices as well as to increased areas of cultivation in the country.

Tanzania is a traditional agricultural country where agricultural production contributes to half of the country's annual gross domestic product. — MNA/Xinhua



A Pakistani warship leads multi-national naval ships during exercise Aman07 in the Arabian Sea near Karachi on 8 March, 2007. — XINHUA



A Kashmiri wildlife official holds a new born bear cub found in a park in Srinagar, on 11 March, 2007. The wildlife officials said that they found two newly born bear cubs while working on the extension of a public park in Srinagar. — INTERNET

## France to cancel debt owed by Malawi

**LUSAKA, 12 March** — France will this year cancel a 9-million-US-dollar debt Malawi has owed to it, according to Nation Online of Malawi.

It quoted French Ambassador to Malawi and Zambia Francis Saudubray as saying in Malawi that Malawi's macro-economic conditions have improved considerably, hence the decision to cancel the debt.

The Lusaka-based envoy said earlier this week his country is discussing with the Malawian authorities on how to efficiently and effectively utilize the

freed resources for the benefit of the poor and the economy in general. "On our part, we would like to see most of these resources going into the mining sector and the conservation of the environment," he said.

Saudubray said Malawi and France will sign an agreement between June and September this year to formalize the debt relief.

France's announcement comes on the back of decisions by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank at the end of last August to cancel Malawi's debts after the country became the 20th to reach the completion point under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) debt relief programme.

MNA/Reuters

## Int'l conference on adoption kicks off in Kathmandu

**KATHMANDU, 12 March** — The first International Conference on Inter-country adoption kicked off Sunday in the Nepali capital Kathmandu.

The three-day conference was attended by 150 representatives from 15 nations, most of them from Europe.

The conference will discuss the existing adoption practices in other countries.

Organized by the Ministry for Women, Children, and Social Welfare in association with Central Child Welfare Board and Child NGO Federation Nepal and Nepal Children's Organization, the meeting will discuss the need for clear policies concerning adoptions.

The meeting is also expected to issue Kathmandu declaration paper on the existing national and international legal provisions regarding Inter-country Adoption. — MNA/Xinhua

## Seven killed in attacks south of Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 12 March** — Seven people, including five policemen, were killed and five others wounded in two incidents in a town south of Baghdad on Sunday, police source said.

A roadside bomb detonated when experts from the Iraqi police were trying to defuse it on the main road in the town of Mussaiyab, some 80 kilometres south of Baghdad, on Sunday morning, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast killed five police experts and wounded five others, the source added. — MNA/Xinhua

## California wildfire forces evacuations

**LOS ANGELES, 12 March** — Residents of about 200 Southern California homes were ordered to evacuate on Sunday as a brush fire whipped by hot gusting winds scorched 500 acres (200 hectares near a large hillside community, firefighters said.

Fire officials said two homes had burned in the fast-moving blaze in brush about half a mile (0.8 kilometres) from the Anaheim Hills neighbourhood in Orange County, about, 35 miles (56 kilometres) southeast of Los Angeles.

"This is a very dangerous firefight. The terrain is quite rugged and the homes are at the top of the ridges. The fire picks up speed as it runs up the hill and as it runs through the canyons." Orange County battalion chief Ed Fleming said. — MNA/Reuters

## World should help Iraq gain stability, peace, development

**BAGHDAD, 12 March** — The Chinese ambassador on Saturday told a security conference here that the world should help war-torn Iraq to achieve stability, peace and development.

"Under the guideline of mutual trust and benefit, and equality, all sides concerned should strengthen collective dialogue and cooperation in the fields of politics, security and economy to help Iraq achieve stability, peace and development as soon as possible," Ambassador Chen Xiaodong said.

The one-day security conference, attended by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Iran, Syria and the Arab League, was aimed at seeking solutions to the country's deteriorating situation.

Neighbouring countries of Iraq play a unique and important role in dealing with the Iraq issue, Chen added.

As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China supports the UN in playing an important role in Iraq, and consistently maintains

that Iraq's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity should be respected and safeguarded, the ambassador said.

MNA/Xinhua



A general view of the peace conference in Baghdad. A one-day security conference aimed at seeking solutions to Iraq's deteriorating situation ended with limited results in Baghdad on Saturday, 10 March, 2007. — XINHUA

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TERAJU VOYNO (209)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TERAJU VOY NO (209) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.3.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER  
LINES PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOYNO (EALO2)**

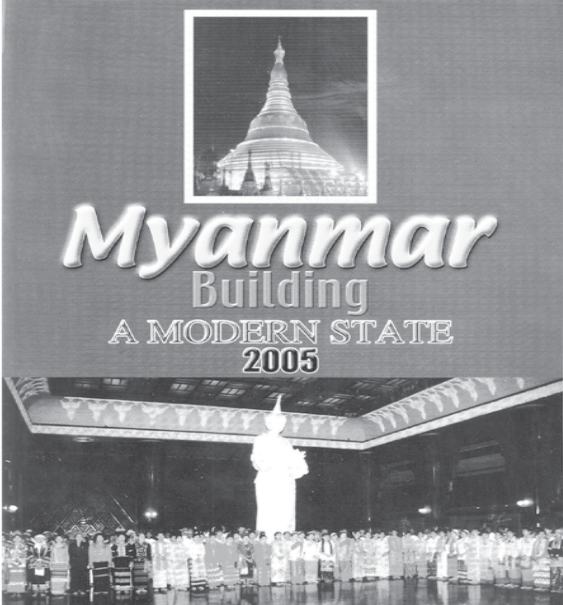
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOY NO (EALO2) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 12.3.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE  
LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914



**MYANMAR**  
**Building A Modern State**  
**2005**

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

**On sale US\$ 5.00 per copy**

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

**TRADE MARK CAUTION**

**CITIZEN TOKEI KABUSHIKI KAISHA** (also trading as **CITIZEN WATCH CO., LTD.**), a company incorporated in Japan, of 1-12, 6-chome, Tanashi-cho, Nishi-tokyo-shi, Tokyo, Japan, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

**Eco-Drive**

Reg. No. 3917/1998  
in respect of "Watches".  
Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.  
Win Mu Tin  
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L  
for **CITIZEN TOKEI KABUSHIKI KAISHA**  
P. O. Box 60, Yangon  
Dated: 13 March 2007

**TRADEMARK CAUTION**

**HWA FONG RUBBER IND. CO., LTD.** of No.300, Chung Shan Road, Sec.2, Ta Tsun Hsiang, Changhua Hsien, The Chinese-Taipei is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademark:-



(Reg. No. IV/6554/2006)  
used in respect of - Class 12: "Bicycles, automobiles, motorcycles, parts and fittings for the aforesaid goods; tires; inner tubes; casings (tire); tire repair patches".  
Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use or any other infringement whatsoever of this trademark will be dealt with according to law.  
Thein Aung B.Sc., R.L.D.B.L Advocate  
**MYANMAR TRADEMARK AND PATENT LAW FIRM**  
E-mail: mtpip@mptmail.net.mm  
Tel: 254037 G.P.O Box: 666  
Yangon. 13 March 2007

**Bush, Lula sign cooperation agreement for biofuels**

SAO PAULO, 11 March—The presidents of the United States and Brazil on Friday signed a memorandum stating cooperation in the development of biofuel technology in three different levels.

In the agreement, US President George W Bush and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva committed to reducing their countries dependence on the use of petroleum and other non-renewable fossil fuels.

The document stated clearly that opportunities should be created in order to provide other countries in the world with access to biofuel technologies.

According to President Lula, the agreement inaugurated a path that leads to true democratization of energy in the world.

In his speech, President Bush said that he was satisfied with the negotiations that led to the memorandum. He added that some time ago it was impossible to think of an American President coming to Brazil to discuss energy.

Bush stressed that dependence on petroleum was a question of national security to a country like the US, which has to import it from other regions.

MNA/Xinhua

**Egypt hits back at US over human rights**

CAIRO, 12 March—Egypt said on Saturday that the United States had no right to set itself up as a global guardian of human rights and rejected Washington's criticism of Cairo's record, saying it was based on inaccurate information.

The US State Department, in an annual report, cited Egypt as one of several countries where observance of human rights had deteriorated in 2006 and said violations there included "severe" cases of torture.

"The United Nations did not grant any state the right to consider itself a guardian of human rights in the world," Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit was quoted as saying in a statement.

"It seems that those who prepared it (the report) are unfamiliar with the objective realities of some of the countries they dealt with, including Egypt," the statement said.

Aboul Gheit said the report was based on inaccurate and incomplete information. While Egypt and the United States were in agreement about the importance of human rights issues, they nonetheless disagreed "sometimes" over

some of the practical aspects, he said.

The report, released on Tuesday, said torture and abuse of prisoners and detainees by police, security personnel and prison guards remained "common and persistent" in Egypt.

Egypt says it does not condone torture and that it only occurs in isolated instances. The Interior Ministry has said before that allegations of systematic torture were exaggerated to tarnish the image of the police.

But both international and local rights groups say torture is systematic in Egyptian jails and police stations.

Human rights activists say emergency laws in place since 1981 and which allow prisoners to be held incommunicado create a fertile environment for torture.

The journalists' rights group, Reporters Without Borders, last year added Egypt to a list of worst suppressors of freedom of expression on the Internet.

Rights groups have said the recent conviction of a blogger for insulting President Hosni Mubarak and Islam could set a legal precedent limiting Internet freedom in Egypt.

MNA/Reuters

**Italian firms sue S Africa over Black mining law**

JOHANNESBURG, 11 March—The Italian owners of two granite firms are suing South Africa for 266 million euros (350.4 million US dollars), arguing that laws which force firms to sell stakes to Black investors violated international investment treaties, the investors' lawyer said on Friday.

The action marks the first legal action alleging that South Africa's mining charter, which seeks to boost involvement of Blacks in a sector that excluded them during apartheid, amounts to expropriation. "We are saying that these Italian investors are unfairly discriminated against in relation to BEE (Black economic empowerment) investors in South Africa," lawyer Peter Leon said. After unsuccessfully seeking compensation from the government, the two Italian-owned firms — Finstone S.a.r.l. group and RED Graniti Spa — have been granted compulsory international arbitration by an arm of the World Bank, he said.—MNA/Reuters

**Morocco, DRC to strengthen agricultural cooperation**

RABAT, 11 March—Moroccan Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Mohand Laenser on Friday held discussions with his Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) counterpart Francois Joseph Nzanga Mobutu on ways of strengthening bilateral cooperation in agriculture.

During the meeting, they explored ways of implementing the agriculture agreement which was signed by the two countries during Moroccan King Mohammed VI's visit to Kinshasa, capital of DRC in 2006.

The agreement covers the domains of vegetable production, development and management of irrigation and irrigation schemes as well as education, research and professional training.

In a Press statement, Mobutu said that his visit is also aimed to encourage businessmen from the two countries to work together particularly in the field of information sharing.—MNA/Xinhua

ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲ ပြုတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့



Democratic presidential candidate US Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) speaks to the New Hampshire Democratic Party's '100 Club' dinner in Nashua, New Hampshire on 10 March, 2007.—XINHUA

French art heritage for sale

PARIS, 12 March—The most visited museum in the world “The Louvre” is set to open its first international outpost on a currently uninhabited island off the coast of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates — *Washington Post* reports.

In the largest foreign museum deal in French history, the oil-rich but museum-poor Persian Gulf Emirate agreed last week to pay France \$1.3 billion to borrow the Louvre’s name and hundreds of its artworks, as well as treasures from the Picasso Museum, Pompidou Centre, Chateau de Versailles and other French museums.

The “Desert Louvre,” as the French Press has dubbed the deal, is part of a revolutionary initiative by France to expand its global influence through its vast cultural heritage and holdings—the one realm where it remains a dominant world power—in the face of its shrinking diplomatic and economic

clout.

The global outreach effort includes other cultural icons too. The Sorbonne university in Paris opened a satellite campus in Abu Dhabi in October, the first expansion in its 750-year history. And the elite military academy established by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Ecole Speciale Militaire de Saint-Cyr, is considering a training academy for military officers in the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

The Louvre’s director, Henri Loyrette, assured reporters in Paris that the Louvre’s most famous works, such as the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo, which helped attract

8.35 million visitors to the museum last year, would “never be loaned out.”

Under the agreement, eight French art institutions would lend pieces to Abu Dhabi over a 30-year period until the emirate is able to build its own collections. In return for the Louvre name, the artworks and assistance from the French in setting up the Abu Dhabi museum, the \$1.3 billion package includes \$33 million for the renovation of a wing of the Paris Louvre and donations for major renovations at the seven other French museums involved in the project. It also includes money for an art restoration centre in Paris.

Internet

Kuwait’s Jazeera Airways to operate flights to Teheran

KUWAIT CITY, 12 March — The Kuwait-based Jazeera Airways announced on Saturday that it would operate three direct flights between Kuwait and Teheran every week as of 26 March, the official KUNA news agency reported.

“Teheran is the 20th destination after we launched our first flight 15 months ago,” Jazeera Chairman and CEO Marwan Boodai was quoted as saying.

As a low-fare airline, Jazeera is expected to charge 11 Kuwaiti dinars (about 37.4 US dollars) per ticket for flights respectively on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, said KUNA.

Jazeera Airways’ current destinations include India, Iran, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain and Dubai.

With an initial capital of 34 million dollars, the airline has four Airbus A320s and it has ordered six more due to be

delivered by 2010.

Jazeera Airways was founded in May 2004 by Boodai Group, a leading Kuwaiti business group which has investment in media, transport and aviation sectors.

MNA/Xinhua



A three-day-old baby seal named Viking is seen at the Zoo in Warsaw on 5 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Increased attention to cancer called for in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 11 March — A senior medical care expert in Tanzania has called for increased attention to cancer, as there are more than 20,000 new cancer cases registered every year in the country.

HIV/AIDS-related cancer of the skin are most common in Tanzania.

The alarming figure was revealed by the executive director of the Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Dar-es-

Salaam.

Twalib Ngoma told on Thursday a local seminar held in Arusha of northern Tanzania that the country needed a special drive for research on prevention and early detection of the disease which is causing more deaths globally than HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis put together.

As the only specialized cancer hospital in Tanzania, the Ocean Road Cancer Institute can treat about 2,500 patients a year through radiotherapy. Research on cancer demands at least 250 million Tanzanian shillings (200,000 US dollars) annually whereas the country currently trickles 0.01 per cent of its health budget to this field, according to Ngoma.

MNA/Xinhua

Courtney Love sued by rehab centre over fees

LOS ANGELES, 12 March — Rock star Courtney Love is being sued by a luxury Southern California rehab centre that says she has not paid a 180,000-US-dollar bill for drug and alcohol treatment in 2005, court document show.

The Beau Monde Centre, which offers massages, gourmet food and whale watching to its

predominantly wealthy celebrity clients, said in a lawsuit that the singer paid 10,000 US dollars up front but failed to pay the remaining fees.

Love, 42, spent four months at the residential facility in 2005 on the orders of a Los Angeles judge after the singer spent months in and out of courts on drug charges and one charge of

assaulting a woman friend of her ex-boyfriend.

The widow of Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain has publicly spoken about her time at Beau Monde in Newport Beach, south of Los Angeles. Citing client confidentiality, Beau Monde declined comment on the breach of contract lawsuit, filed this month in Orange County Superior Court.—MNA/Reuters

Two 45-day-old white lion cubs play inside a zoo in Harbin, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province on 8 March, 2007. The cubs will be released back into the wild.

INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Calcavecchia triumphs by one shot at Tampa Bay

MIAMI, 12 March—Mark Calcavecchia, boosted by three birdies in four holes after the turn, held his nerve to clinch his 13th PGA Tour title by one shot at the Tampa Bay Championship in Palm Harbour on Sunday. Tied for the overnight lead with fellow American Heath Slocum, Calcavecchia survived two bogeys on the last three holes to card a one-under-par 70 on the Copperhead Course.

The 46-year-old, whose only major victory came at the 1989 British Open, birdied the 11th, 13th and 14th to tighten his grip before his untidy finish left him on 10-under 274.—MNA/Reuters



Sultan Ibragimov (R) of Russia fights with Javier Mora of Mexico during their heavyweight boxing bout at Madison Square Garden in New York on 10 March, 2007. Ibragimov knocked Mora out in 46 seconds in the first round of their heavyweight bout.—INTERNET

## Sevilla suffer surprise defeat at Gimnastic

MADRID, 12 March—Sevilla missed the chance to regain top spot in the Primera Liga when they slipped to a shock 1-0 defeat at relegation-threatened Gimnastic Tarragona on Sunday.

Former Real Madrid striker Javier Portillo earned Nastic a deserved win 14 minutes from time when he got between two defenders to send a header spinning into the net after Jose Maria Calvo had swept a fine cross into the area.

Sevilla's first defeat in eight league games meant Barcelona stayed top, level on 50 points with the Andalucians, after their thrilling 3-3 draw at home to rivals Real Madrid on Saturday.

Valencia, who travel to Osasuna in Sunday's late match, are in third place on 46, one ahead of Real who are fourth.

Real Zaragoza remained in fifth spot after a 1-1 draw at Real Betis but Atletico Madrid drew level with them on 43 points after a 2-0 win at home to Deportivo Coruna.

Argentine winger Luciano Galletti got Atletico off to a flying start when he chested down a long pass, shrugged off a challenge from a defender and then rifled a shot under Depor keeper Dudu Aouate just 38 seconds after kickoff.—MNA/Reuters



China's skiers Li Nina (L) and Han Xiaopeng display their gold medals after winning their aerials finals race at the Freestyle World Championship in the northern Italian resort of Madonna Di Campiglio on 10 March, 2007.—XINHUA

## FIFA inspects stadia in Tanzania for World Cup

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 12 March — Technical officials from the International Football Federation (FIFA) on Saturday inspected two stadia in Dar-es-Salaam, one existing and one still under construction.

The FIFA on-the-spot inspection aimed at okaying these two soccer facilities for warm-up and tune-up matches prior to the 2010 World Cup soccer tournament to be held in South Africa.

Thirteen African countries, including Tanzania, have been sorted out by an agreement struck between FIFA and the African Football Confederation last month to provide soccer

pitches where qualified teams will warm up and tune up for the World Cup proper.

FIFA has agreed to finance the changeover of the existing natural turf of grass into artificial turf of fibres so as to enable the existing Tanzania National Stadium to last longer.

The 60,000-seater new Tanzania National Stadium, now in the final phase of construction with a joint financing by the Chinese and Tanzanian governments, will be up to the requirements by both FIFA and the International Olympic Committee upon completion.

MNA/Xinhua



Reggina's Francesco Modesto, left, and Lazio's Gaby Mudingayi in action, during the Italian Serie A soccer match between Reggina and Lazio in Reggio Calabria's 'Oreste Granillo' stadium, southern Italy, on 11 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Inter squeeze past Milan in San Siro derby

ROME, 12 March — Inter Milan shrugged off their midweek Champions League elimination by defeating city rivals AC Milan 2-1 on Sunday with goals from strikers Julio Cruz and Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Trailing to a first-half strike by Ronaldo, Inter equalized in the 54th minute through substitute Cruz. The Argentine international then set up Ibrahimovic for the winner in the 75th.

Inter have 73 points from 27 matches, 19 ahead of second-placed AS Roma, who host Udinese later. Milan lie sixth on 40 points. Elsewhere, Lazio beat Reggina 3-2 to climb to third on 46 points, level with Palermo who were held to a 1-1 draw by Fiorentina.

Inter's fans showed they had not forgiven Ronaldo for leaving the club for Real Madrid in 2002, whistling every time the Brazilian

touched the ball in the early stages at the San Siro.

The triple World Player of the Year silenced them with a goal five minutes

before the interval when his angled shot from outside the area flew past keeper Julio Cesar.

MNA/Reuters

## Murray cruises as Ljubicic scrapes through in California

INDIAN WELLS (California), 12 March — Briton Andy Murray eased past South African Wesley Moodie 6-3, 6-3 to reach the third round of the Pacific Life Open on Sunday.

Number eight seed Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia also progressed but was made to work hard by Colombia's Alejandro Falla before scraping through 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Number 11 seed Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic was not so lucky as he lost 7-6, 6-4 to US journeyman Michael Russell.

The 19-year-old Murray blunted Moodie's serve and volley attack by firing his returns low to the South African's feet and cleverly reading his opponent's passing shots.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Yasuko Hashimoto crosses the finish line to win the Nagoya International Women's Marathon in Nagoya, central Japan, on 11 March, 2007. Hashimoto clocked 2 hours, 28 minutes and 49 seconds.—INTERNET

## Werder Bremen hold Bayern to 1-1 draw in Munich

BERLIN, 12 March — Bayern Munich missed a great chance to close the gap on Bundesliga leaders Schalke 04 after being held to a 1-1 draw at home to Werder Bremen on Sunday.

Bayern took the lead through Lukas Podolski in the seventh minute and played their best attacking football of the season only to miss chance after chance.

Inevitably Werder hit back, grabbing an equalizer in the 66th minute when Hugo Almeida chipped keeper Oliver Kahn and Markus Rosenberg beat the defence to head over the line.

Bayern would have closed to within four points of Schalke with victory but stay in fourth place on 44 points, six behind the leaders and outside the Champions League places.

Schalke are top with 50 points from 25 games after a 1-1 draw with Hanover 96 on Saturday. Werder are second on 47 followed by VfB Stuttgart with 46 after their goalless draw with VfL Wolfsburg.

Bayern beat Real Madrid in midweek to reach the Champions League quarterfinals, Roy Makaay setting them on the way with the fastest goal in Champions League history after 10 seconds.

MNA/Reuters

## British soldiers suffer delay in mental health treatment

LONDON, 12 March — British soldiers suffering from mental illness after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are being told to wait 18 months or longer for treatment from the National Health Service (NHS), a British newspaper said on Sunday.

The Sunday Times said that the figures released by British Ministry of Defence (MoD) showed 2,123 servicemen and women have been treated for mental health conditions after returning from Iraq since 2003, more than 320 soldiers who served in Iraq have been treated for post-traumatic stress disorder, while many others have suffered from anxiety, depression or other neuroses.

According to the report, those veterans with post-traumatic stress should be given priority NHS treatment, but many are being put on waiting lists or not even referred for treatment.

British services mental health charity Combat Stress said that it has been overwhelmed with ex-servicemen who have been unable to get treatment on the NHS, and the number suffering trauma has doubled in six months, as soldiers in Britain's overstretched forces are sent back to combat zones without enough time to recuperate. — MNA/Xinhua

## Myanmar wins second prize in Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy

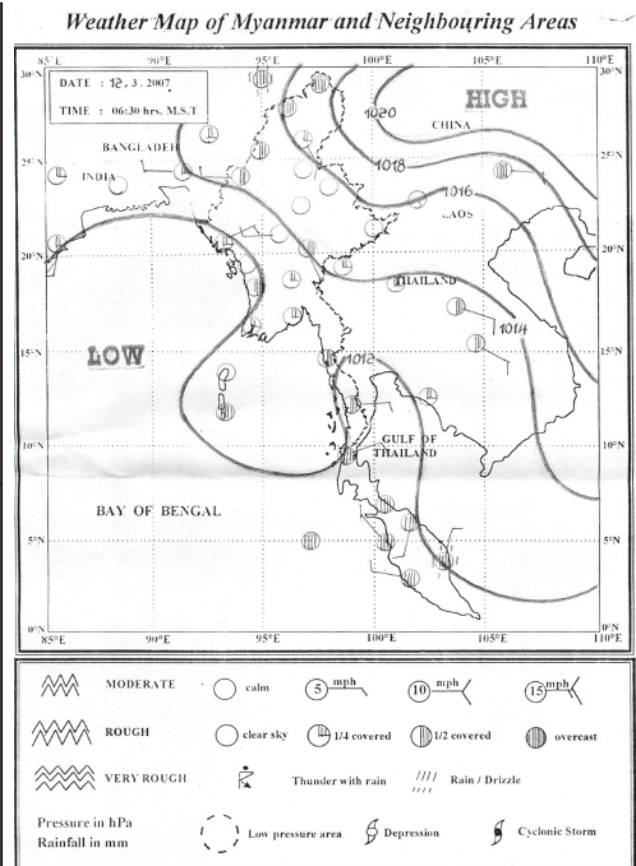
YANGON, 12 March — The final match of Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy For 21 ASEAN Youth Football Championship 2007 was held at Stadium Negara Bilkiah in Brunei at 8.15 pm local time there today. Myanmar and

Thailand were held to a goalless draw until the full time. The result remained unchanged in the extra time. Myanmar won second prize after losing to Thailand with 4-5 on penalties in the final match.

MNA



Japan's Homare Sawa (C) heads the ball to score Japan's first goal against Mexico's Monica Vergara (L) and Luz Del Rosario Saucedo during a FIFA Women's World Cup China 2007 play-off soccer match in Tokyo on 10 March, 2007. Japan beat Mexico 2-0. INTERNET



### WEATHER

Monday, 12 March, 2007

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

Maximum temperature on 11-3-2007 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 12-3-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-3-2007 was 56%. Total sunshine hours on 11-3-2007 was (9.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (11:15) hours MST on 11-3-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-3-2007:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady 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:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-3-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-3-2007:** Fair weather.

### အမည်ပြောင်းခြင်း

အဘ ဦးအောင်မြင့် ၏ သမီး မခင်ဆွေအေးမှ မအွဲထင် (၄/ကပလ(နိုင်)၀၀၉၆၉၄) သို့ ပြောင်းလဲ ခေါ်ဆိုပေးပါရန်။

### ဦးချစ်ဆွေ အသက် (၈၆) နှစ်

(ကြယ်တံခွန်စက်မှုသိပ္ပံ ရေခဲသေတ္တာရောင်းဝယ်ရေး) အဘ (ဦးရာအုတ်) အမိ(ဒေါ်စောမြိမ်း) တို့၏သားဖြစ်သူ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ဗိုလ်တထောင်မြို့နယ်၊ အမှတ် (၁၀)ရပ်ကွက်၊ ဗိုလ်ချုပ်လမ်း၊ အိမ်အမှတ် (၂၀၀/၂၀၂)နေ ဒေါ်ခင်အေး၏ချစ်လှစွာသော ခင်ပွန်း၊ မသင်းသင်းဆွေ၊ မမင်းမင်းဆွေ၊ မောင်ကျော်ကျော်မြို့တို့၏ မွေးသဖွယ်ကျေးဇူးရှင်ဖြစ်သော ဦးချစ်ဆွေ (ကြယ်တံခွန်စက်မှုသိပ္ပံ)သည် ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် မတ်လ(၁၁)ရက်နေ့ ည(၇)နာရီတွင် အထက်ပါနေအိမ်တွင် ကွယ်လွန်သွားပါသဖြင့် ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် မတ်လ(၁၃)ရက်နေ့ ညနေ(၄)နာရီတွင် ရှေးသုသာန်သို့ ရှိဆောင် သင်္ဂြိုဟ်မည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ရုပ်ဝေး၊ ရုပ်နီးနေ့ မိတ်ဆွေ သင်္ဂြိုဟ် အပေါင်းအား အကြောင်းကြားအပ်ပါသည်။ နေအိမ်မှကားများ မွန်းလွဲ(၂:၃၀) အချိန် ထွက်ခွာမည်။

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု



Tuesday, 13 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
- 7:50 am 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am 8. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ့်စိုး)
- 5:25 pm 7. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ

- ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်)
- 5:35 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm 12. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ငါးသိုင်းချောင်းမှ ဝါးထည်အလှ)
- 7:00 pm 13. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:10 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာဘဝပင် ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၃၁)
- 19. The next day's programme

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

# Construction of Yekyi 230 KV Power Grid across Ayeyawady River completed



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspect construction of Power Grid across Ayeyawady River.— MNA

YANGON, 12 March—A ceremony to mark the completion of Hlainethaya- Athoat (Yekyi) 230 KV power grid across Ayeyawady River was held in Kazintaw village, Pantanaw, Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of

South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Electric Power No2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power (See page 9)

# Advanced Management Course (Special) No 5 for Executives of USDA opened

YANGON, 12 March — The Advanced Management Course (Special) No 5 for Executives of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at the USDA training school in Hmawby Township this morning.

Also present were CEC members of the USDA, guests, course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win and supervisor officers and trainees.

Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo delivered an address. He said based on youths with strong belief and correct conviction and genuine patriotism the USDA was formed to participate in the national development tasks and efforts for stability of the State in cooperation with the people. USDA members are to organize the people to take part in community



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo addresses opening ceremony of Advanced Management Course (Special) No 5 for executives of USDA .— MNA

welfare services, he said. In reminiscence, the association was formed 13 years ago when lawless situations in the nation were restored as there reigned anarchism due to the instigation of certain organizations and individuals that were desirous of grabbing the State power through short cut

and were advocating democracy and human rights. According to the present developments in the country, active participation of the people in the nation-building tasks is the actual necessity. The USDA was formed in order to establish a new nation, he said. (See page 9)



Local and foreign gem merchants observe jade lots at Myanmar Convention Centre. (News on page 10) — MNA

**USDA members need to ensure participation of USDA in the nation-building task.**