

Lt-Gen Ye Myint participates in physic nut planting in Shwebo, inspects construction of district-to-district Road No 3



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects a site chosen for building an embankment on Kotkoai Creek. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence participated in the collective planting of physic nut in Shwebo on 10 March.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and departmental officials

also participated in the tree planting ceremony along with local people.

A total of 100,000 physic nut plants — 10,000 grafts and 90,000 saplings — were planted at the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged local people to set up private farms and to extract biodiesel from physic nut oil.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander visited Poultry Farming Special Zone in Shwebo. On his inspection tour of the zone, he urged officials concerned to take preventive measures against infectious diseases in chickens, to establish a feedstuff factory and to encourage commercial farming of chicken in Shwebo District.

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Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects parade drills



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects rehearsal of parade columns which will participate in 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March— Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, together with Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Parade Working Committee Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and officials this morning inspected parade drills of the military columns which are to take part in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade in Nay Pyi Taw parade ground.

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column led by Col Aung Gyi, and Lt-Col Kyaw Aung, Kyansittha Column by Col Thein Zaw, and Lt-Col

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 14 March, 2007

Tatmadaw in the perpetual service of the people

The Tatmadaw has been constantly upholding national politics. In the history the Tatmadaw was recorded as the one that was born during the independence struggle and it regained independence hand in hand with the people.

A large number of young people joined the Tatmadaw established with the national political objective. They were united in the Tatmadaw and were prepared to sacrifice their lives in the interest of the people. The Tatmadaw is known as the patriotic one as it safeguards the national interest sacrificing the lives of its members.

Discipline is the value of mankind and it is the pillar of the Tatmadaw. That is why all the national people cherish and respect the disciplined Tatmadaw. All the Tatmadaw members uphold such noble traditions.

Our Tatmadaw possesses the twelve noble traditions. They are— a patriotic Tatmadaw, a disciplined Tatmadaw, a loyal Tatmadaw, a united Tatmadaw, an efficient Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw which makes heroic sacrifices, a Tatmadaw which does not seek personal gain, a Tatmadaw of noble spirit and high moral, a Tatmadaw which possesses true quality of overcoming obstacles, a Tatmadaw which can endure hardships, a tenacious and persevering Tatmadaw and a Tatmadaw which always upholds Our Three Main National Causes.

Moreover, Tatmadaw members have five basic qualifications. The Tatmadaw with such qualifications always protects and safeguards territorial land, waters and air space of the nation.

We firmly believe that Myanma Tatmadaw will defend the nation and serve the interests of the people forever, upholding the fine traditions.

Complaints invited if Myanmar Advocates Council staff malpractise

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The State is taking all necessary measures to ensure the emergence of a fair judicial system that can win the trust and reliance of the people. Likewise, Myanmar Advocates Council is also striving its utmost to provide good services for the people.

If any advocate of Supreme Court breaches the code of ethics and shirks duties, complaints can be made to the following addresses and phone numbers in person, by phone or by fax.

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Peoples' Desire

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

100-bed hospital opens in Mogok

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — As a gesture of hailing the 62nd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, a 100-bed hospital was opened in Mogok, Mandalay Division, on 7 March.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended the opening ceremony of the hospital.

The hospital was established at a cost of K 602.5 million contributed by local people.

During his tour of Mogok, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspected Mogok People's Hospital on 7 March.

He also inspected rural health units in Mogok, Thabeikkyin and Singu Townships. On his inspection tour, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo urged officials, local people and social organizations to cooperate in providing health services to people.

MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo being welcomed by nurses and members of social organizations on his inspection tour of Rural Health Unit (Branch) in Shwenyaungpin Village in Mogok Township.

HEALTH



Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship on 22, 23 March



YANGON, 13 March— Under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd,

Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship 2007 Fourth Qualify Round will be held at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) on 22 and 23 March. Best five golfers will be selected from the events. The competitions will be held under St. Andrews' Rules and local procedures and according to System 36.

The co-sponsors of

the competitions are Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine Purified Drinking Water, and an organizer a Han Event Management. As the number of golfers is limited, those wishing to participate in the event may register at Yangon Golf Club and contact telephone numbers 723221 and 542989 not later than 20 March at 4 pm. —MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Bansarn Bunnag as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Bansarn Bunnag was born on 17 April 1959. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts (Government) Degree from Chulalongkorn University of Bangkok, Thailand and Master of Arts Degree in International Politics and Economics from the University of Detroit, USA.

He entered government service as Policy and Planning Analysis Officer in the National Economic and Social Development Board in 1983 and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Attaché at the Office of the Director General (ASEAN-Thailand) in 1984. From 1985 to 1987, he served in the Department of Political Affairs at the Ministry and from 1989 to 1990 he was posted to the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington D.C. initially as Second Secretary and then promoted to First Secretary. He was transferred back to the Ministry in 1993 and served in various divisions until 2001 where he served as Deputy Director-General at the Department of Information and Chief of Staff at the Office of the Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

At present, he has been serving as Minister of the Royal Thai Embassy in London since 2003. Mr Bansarn Bunnag is married.—MNA

USDA CEC member accepts membership applications

YANGON, 11 March— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint accepted membership applications at BEMS in Sabutaung Village, Helgu, yesterday.

Also present were the secretary and executives of Hlegu Township USDA, the township assistant education officer, the chairman of the village peace and development council, members of social organizations and schoolheads.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint made cash donations for construction of a new school building of the Sabutaung Village BEMS. Afterwards, he inspected the construction of the new school building.

He also inspected the construction of a primary school on a self-reliant basis in Kyakan Village.—MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chirac bows out of election race

PARIS, 12 March— French President Jacques Chirac announced on Sunday he would not seek a third term in office, confirming widespread expectations that he would end a 45-year career in politics after elections in May. Chirac has served as President since 1995 and leaves behind a mixed record that includes strong

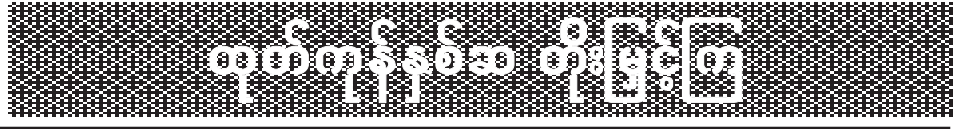
gestures, such as his opposition of the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, but only limited social and economic reforms.

“I will not seek your backing for a new mandate,” Chirac said in a televised address to the nation.

His announcement marks the end of an era for France and clears the way

for a new generation of younger politicians who are vying for power.

Opinion polls have indicated for months that Chirac, 74, would have been trounced if he had run for a record third mandate, but he had kept a resolute silence over his plans in order to avoid being seen as a lame duck president.—MNA/Reuters



Multinational fleets commanded by China's guided missile frigate "Lianyunfang" sail in northern Arabian Sea, on 9 March, 2007. The four-day sea phase of the "Peace-07" exercises involving Bangladesh, China, France, Italy, Malaysia, Pakistan, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States ended on 11 March. — XINHUA

Bomb attacks kill 30 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 12 March— A series of bombings, including two suicide bomb attacks, killed 30 people and wounded 39 others in Baghdad on Sunday, police said. A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a lorry carrying Shiite pilgrims near an intersection in Baghdad's central district of Karradah around midday, killing 19 people and wounding 25 others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the source said that a car bomb went off at the scene, killing 19 people and wounding 20 others. In a second attack, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest blew himself up inside a bus carrying passengers near the Talbiyah bridge close to the Mustansriyah University in eastern Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding eight

others, the source said.

Separately, a car bomb went off near a checkpoint manned by Iraqi Army soldiers in western Baghdad's Yarmouk neighbourhood in the afternoon, killing one soldier and wounding

another, he added.

In addition, a car bomb parking on the Arasat Street in Baghdad's southern neighbourhood of Masbah, detonated and wounded five civilians earlier in the day, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says thousands of veterans return with mental illness

SAN FRANCISCO (California), 12 March— Nearly a third of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who received care from Veterans Affairs between 2001 and 2005 were

diagnosed with mental health or psychosocial illness, a study published Monday has concluded.

The study was published in the 12 March issue of *Archives of Internal Medicine* and carried out by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and the San Francisco VA Medical Centre.

They looked at data from 103,788 veterans; about 13 percent of them women, 54 percent under age 30, nearly a third minorities and nearly half veterans of the National Guard or Reserves.

Of the total, 32,010 (31 percent) were diagnosed with mental health and/or psychosocial problems, including 25,658 who received mental health diagnoses. More than half (56 percent) were diagnosed with two or more

disorders.

Post-traumatic stress disorder was the most common disorder, with the 13,205 veterans who got the diagnosis accounting for more than half (52 percent) of mental health diagnoses. Post-traumatic stress disorder, an anxiety disorder that can occur after the experience or witnessing of a traumatic event, can lead to depression, substance abuse, problems of memory and cognition, and other problems of physical and mental health.

Others included anxiety disorder (24 percent), adjustment disorder (24 percent), depression (20 percent) and substance abuse disorder (20 percent). Of all veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan who sought VA services, post-traumatic stress disorder affected 13 percent, the study said.—Internet



A 1.18-million-yuan (152,405 US dollars) crystal piano is on display in Yangzhou, eastern China's Jiangsu Province, on 10 March, 2007, attracting many citizens. — INTERNET

He An, president of Wengchang bookstore displays the latest Chinese teaching books. Wengchang, built in the 1950s in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the only bookstore dealing with Chinese books in the country, with most of its books directly imported from the publishing companies in China. — XINHUA



Nine injured in British light aircraft crash

LONDON, 12 March — Nine people were injured, two seriously, when a light aircraft crashed while taking off at a local airport in Kent, southeast England, on Sunday, emergency services said.

The pilot and co-pilot of the plane were taken to hospital after the crash shortly after 4 pm at Headcorn Airport at Ashford, Kent ambulance service said. The pilot suffered serious head injuries and was taken by air to the Royal London Hospital, while the co-pilot, who sustained serious chest injuries, was taken by ambulance to hospital in Maidstone, Kent. A woman passenger, who had an asthma attack, was also taken to hospital. The six other passengers were treated for minor injuries at the scene.—MNA/Reuters



LG Philips LCD television sets at a store in Seoul, on 11 April, 2006. Philips has quietly dropped its advanced, blinking fluorescent backlights for flat televisions, and will instead focus on LED backlights which are smaller, the Dutch electronics group said on 12 March, 2007. — INTERNET

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Putin to visit Italy next week

ROME, 12 March — Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit Italy next week, Italian news agency ANSA said on Saturday.

Putin arrives in the Italian capital next Tuesday and will first meet with President Giorgio Napolitano, according to diplomatic sources.

On Tuesday evening the Russian leader will be the guest of Italian Premier Romano Prodi for a working dinner at the Premier's Office.

Prodi and Putin travel to Bari on Wednesday for the official fourth Italo-Russian summit.

On the agenda for the talks there will be the international situation,

energy matters, relations between Russia and the European Union and bilateral issues in general.

Diplomatic sources said discussions on the international scene will focus on the situations in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq and see the two leaders seeking common solutions.—MNA/Xinhua

China's lawmaker wants Forbidden City free of Starbucks

BEIJING, 12 March — A member of China's Parliament has demanded the immediate closure of a Starbucks coffee shop set up inside Beijing's Forbidden City, the Xinhua news agency reported on Sunday.

Two months after a television host launched an online campaign to evict the American coffee chain from the former home of Chinese emperors, the seven-year-old cafe has had its logo removed but otherwise it's business as usual, the agency said.

"Starbucks must move out of the imperial palace immediately, and it can no longer be allowed to taint China's national culture," said Jiang Hongbin, who represents the northeastern province of Heilongjiang at the National People's Congress (NPC) that meets once a year.

"As long as it stays in

the imperial palace, it poses a challenge to our traditional culture," said

Jiang, a leading businessman in Heilongjiang.

MNA/Reuters

Stop surfing, make friends, Indian students told

MUMBAI, 12 March— One of India's top engineering schools has

restricted Internet access in its hostels, saying addiction to surfing, gaming and blogging was affecting students' performance, making them reclusive and even suicidal.

Authorities at the elite Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Mumbai said students had stopped socializing and many were late for morning classes or slept through them.

"Now, a student doesn't even know who lives two doors away from him because he is so busy on the Internet," said Prakash Gopalan, dean of student

affairs.

"The old hostel culture of camaraderie and socializing among students is gone. This is not healthy in our opinion."

IIT-Mumbai, with about 5,000 students, is one of seven IITs across India which are considered to be among the finest engineering schools in the world. They are also a talent pool for global technology giants.

But their exacting curriculum, tough competition and reclusive campus lifestyle have taken a toll on students.

Internet



Three Nigerian dwarf milk goats, from the left, Chloe, Dewdrop and Puzzle put their heads together on Pholia Farm near Rogue River, Ore, on 7 March, 2007. The Rogue River area farm makes goat cheese with the help of a herd of small goats. — INTERNET

Soft drinks associated with diabetes, report finds

NEW YORK, 12 March —A review of published studies shows a clear and consistent relationship between drinking sugary (non-diet) soft drinks and poor nutrition, increased risk

for obesity — and increased risk for diabetes.

There is no denying that sugar-loaded soft drinks are having "a negative impact on health," Dr Kelly Brownell, director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, said in a telephone interview with Reuters Health.

Having analyzed and reviewed 88 studies on the issue, Brownell and his colleagues conclude that recommendations to curb soft drink consumption on a population level are strongly supported by the available scientific evidence.

Results of a study of more than 91,000 women

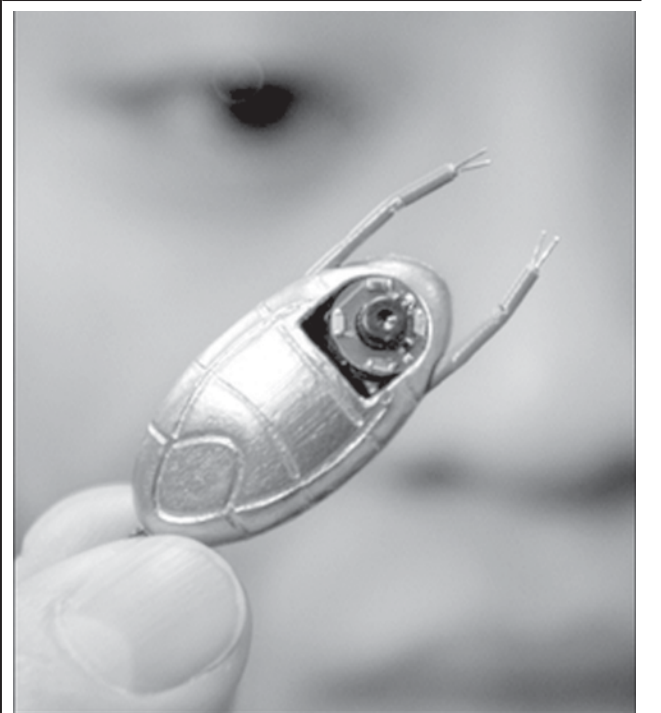
followed for 8 years provides one of the "most striking" links between soft drinks and health outcomes, the investigators note in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

In the study, women who drank one or more sodas per day — an amount less than the US national average — were twice as likely as those who drank less than one soda per month to develop diabetes over the course of the study.

When diet soda replaced regular soda in the analysis, there was no increased risk, "suggesting that the risk was specific to sugar-sweetened soft drinks," note the authors.—Internet



Tourists enjoy a horse and buggy ride through the French Quarter where the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the city for exemplary achievement in heritage tourism, in New Orleans, on 7 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Japan's Ritsumeikan University researchers unveil a prototype model of the micro medical robot, measuring 1cm in diameter, 2cm in length and weighing only 5 grammes, which enables it to stay and move inside a human body to remove or treat the affected part of disease especially cancer, at the Biwako Kusatsu campus of the university in Kusatsu city, Shiga prefecture near Kyoto. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

NPC to speed up legislation on social issues in 2007

BEIJING, 12 March—China's top legislature, the 10th National People's Congress (NPC), will intensify its legislation focusing on social affairs this year, China's top legislator Wu Bangguo said Sunday. "While continuing work to improve economic legislation, we must also concentrate on strengthening legislation related to social programmes to provide a solid legal foundation for building a harmonious socialist society and to ensure attainment of the legislative goal of the 10th NPC," Wu said.

The NPC Standing

Committee chairman unveiled the legislative plan for 2007 when delivering a report on the work of the NPC Standing Committee at the legislature's annual full session.

The main legislative tasks this year include enactment of the Law on Labour Contracts, Employment Promotion Law, Social Security Law, Law on Mediation and Arbitration of Labour Disputes, Law on Administrative Decrees, Law on Response to Emergencies, Antitrust Law, Law on State-Owned Assets, Law to Combat Illegal Drugs, Law to Curb Illegal Activities, Law on

Urban and Rural Planning, and Circular Economy Law.

In addition, the legislature will revise the Law on Scientific and Technological Progress, Civil Procedure Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Law on Food Hygiene, Law on Energy Conservation, and Law on Attorneys, according to Wu. — MNA/Xinhua



An overview shows a scrabble competition organized by a shopping complex in Kuala Lumpur on 11 March, 2007. Scrabble is a popular board game in which 2 to 4 players score points by forming words from individual lettered tiles on a 15-by-15 game board. — INTERNET

The British military's Skynet 5 satellite along with India's latest telecommunication satellite INSAT-4B was successfully launched by the European Ariane 5 rocket from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana, on Sunday evening, 11 March, 2007. — XINHUA



China's netizens warned not to let out military secrets

BEIJING, 12 March—Internet users shall have national defence security on their mind and be cautious not to let out military secrets in online chatting as well as emails and personal blogs, warned a deputy to the National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

Lin Kang, a legislator from the second artillery corps, said the Internet has made the exchanges of military information easier, as many Web portals have set up special military columns and some military experts have opened blogs.

"Some fanciers pour out military information they know when chatting, emailing and posting articles on the Internet," Lin said, noting that such doings may betray confidential military matters. — MNA/Xinhua

China plants 5.23m hectares of trees in 2006

BEIJING, 12 March—China planted 5.23 million hectares of trees in 2006, bringing the country's forest acreage to 175 million hectares, said sources with the State Forestry Administration (SFA) on Sunday.

Last year, 375,200 hectares of trees were planted to help improve the environment in Beijing and Tianjin by protecting the two cities from sandstorms.

The country's forest coverage increased to 18.21 per cent last year from 12 per cent in 1981 when the top legislative body, the National People's Congress (NPC), passed a resolution calling for nationwide voluntary tree planting.

In urban areas, the forest coverage reached 32.54 per cent last year, while public green areas had increased to 7.89 square meters per capita from 7.39 square meters in 2005. — MNA/Xinhua

Cell phone users in Indonesia set to hit 75 million

JAKARTA, 13 March—The number of cellular phone users in Indonesia is predicted to reach 75.6 million in the year against some 63 million last year, the telecommunication watchdog has reported. The increase in subscribers will drive up revenue among cellular operators to 57.2 trillion rupiah (around 6.2 billion US dollars) from last year's 52 trillion rupiah (5.7 billion dollars), said the Indonesian Telecommunication Regulatory Agency, as quoted Monday by leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*. — MNA/Xinhua



Smoke rises from a brush fire in Anaheim Hills, California, on 11 March, 2007. The fast moving fire sent flames leaping into backyards and forced some 700 Southern California residents out of their hillside homes on a sweltering Sunday of gusty winds after months of drought. — XINHUA

Flash memory drives now available from Intel

BEIJING, 13 March—Flash memory isn't just for cell phones anymore. Flash drives are moving up into PCs and servers, and Intel has joined the trend to solid-state drives based on NAND flash memory with 1, 2, 4 and 8G models, news reports said Tuesday.

The company has opted to use a USB interface rather than ATA or SATA, which would have allowed manufacturers to readily employ the drives as direct replacements for rotating magnetic disks.

Intel expects the parts to be used in "servers, emerging market notebooks and low-cost, fully featured PCs. In addition, it will be used in Intel embedded solutions for routers and point of sale terminals." Unlike the commonplace "thumb drives", the Z-U130 Value Solid State Drives come

as small printed circuit boards designed for internal mounting.

Intel claims high performance — write speeds up to 20M/sec — and high reliability. "This higher performing solid state drive is a faster storage alternative that speeds through common PC or embedded application operations such as locating boot code, operating systems and commonly accessed libraries," Intel officials said.

Price is important for small storage devices, and Intel claims the Z-U130 family would cost less than half the price of a 40 dollar to 50 dollar low-end PC hard drive. The 8G model won't go into production until the end of 2008, but higher capacity versions are expected within a year or so. — Internet



Intel's NAND-based solid state drive. INTERNET

Global warming: spruce forests invade Arctic tundra

BEIJING, 12 March — Forests of spruce trees are invading the Arctic tundra because of global warming and evicting and endangering species that live there quicker than scientists thought, a new study was quoted as saying Monday by news reports.

Tundra is land area where tree growth is inhibited by low temperatures and a short growing season.

In the Arctic, the tundra is dominated by permafrost, a layer of permanently frozen subsoil.

Lichens, grasses and mosses are the only vegetation that can grow in such frigid conditions. Forests of spruce trees and

shrubs neighbour these tundra areas, and the boundary where they meet is called the treeline.

The permafrost thaws in summer and the tundra becomes covered in bogs and lakes, offering a unique habitat for plants. But global warming has lengthened the summer warming season and promoted tree growth, causing the treeline to encroach on the tundra.

Researchers reconstructed a 300-year history of tree density and treeline position by looking at tree rings.

The results show trees can invade the tundra faster than previously thought.

“The conventional thinking on treeline

dynamics has been that advances are very slow because conditions are so harsh at these high latitudes and altitudes,” said Ryan Danby of the University of Alberta.

“But what our data indicates is that there was an upslope surge of trees in response to warmer temperatures.

It’s like it waited until conditions were right and then it decided to get up and run, not just walk.”

Internet



A passerby looks at a snow sculpture on 11 March, 2007, titled ‘Sun Dogs’ that was carved for the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse. The sculpture, carved by local artists, sits in front of a federal government building on Main Street.— INTERNET

Ill-tempered women can blame their genes

BEIJING, 12 March — New research suggests women who are more ill-tempered than others can blame it on their genes, according to media reports on Monday.

A new University of Pittsburgh study finds genetic variations that deal with the body’s mood management chemistry are linked with anger, aggression and hostility in women.

Indrani Halder and her colleagues had 550 European women complete two anger tests.

One included 29 questions that measured physical aggression, verbal aggression, anger and hostility. Participants rated statements on a scale of 1, meaning “extremely uncharacteristic of me,” to 7, “extremely characteristic of me.”

The statements included: Once in a while I can’t control the urge to strike another person; I flare up quickly but get over it quickly; I have become so mad that I have broken things; my friends say I am somewhat argumentative; at times I

feel I have gotten a raw deal out of life; and I know that “friends” talk about me behind my back.

Halder also used the Cook-Medley Hostility Scale on subjects, which consists of 50 true-false statements that get at a person’s tendency to maintain negative attitudes. “Aggression and hostility are predictors of hypertension, glucose metabolism and heart diseases,” Halder said.

Internet



Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty arrives for Britain Queen Elizabeth’s Commonwealth Day message at Westminster Abbey in London, on 12 March, 2007. INTERNET

Seven dead Kurdish rebels found in S-E Turkey

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 12 March — Turkish security forces discovered the bodies of seven armed Kurdish guerillas on Sunday in Diyarbakir Province in the mainly Kurdish southeast.

The Diyarbakir governor’s office said authorities had launched an investigation into the cause of the rebels’ death. It said they might have been killed following an internal dispute within the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

Turkish security forces have been battling PKK separatist rebels for more than two decades in a conflict that has claimed more than 30,000 lives.

MNA/Reuters

NY mugger sought after attacks on elderly women

NEW YORK, 12 March — New York’s streets and newspapers were flooded on Sunday with pictures of a mugger who has attacked at least two

elderly women in the borough of Queens, including one who is 101 years old. The other woman was an 85-year-old who uses a walker.

Both were recovering from the violent robberies, which occurred a week ago in different apartment buildings but only reported over the weekend.

Rose Morat, 101, told the *New York Post* she wished she could have fought back: “Fifteen years ago, we would have had a tussle.”

Both women were robbed of less than 35 US dollars, and Morat suffered a fractured cheekbone during the attack which was captured by cameras. The other was robbed of two rings including her wedding ring. Police distributed pictures of a suspect, a Black male, taken from surveillance video.

“We are pulling out all the stops to find him,” said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. — MNA/Reuters

22 dead, seven missing in N-E China colliery flood

FUSHUN, 12 March — 22 miners have died and seven are still missing in a flooded coal mine in northeast China’s Liaoning Province, the rescue headquarters said on Sunday.

By 8:00 pm Sunday, rescue efforts have been continuing in the pit at the Fushun Mining Group, a state-owned company in Fushun, a major industrial city east of the provincial capital Shenyang, said sources with the provincial safety watchdog. All the dead bodies have been transferred to the funeral home. The rescue work is expected to last two to three more days because the rescuers have to clean away the debris of the collapsed shafts in the flooding.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers gather around a Bangladesh Airlines plane following an accident at Dubai airport. A wheel failure damaged the airliner during takeoff at Dubai International Airport on Monday, leaving 14 passengers injured and closing the Middle East’s busiest air hub, airport officials and passengers said.—INTERNET

Notorious destructive elements

Ngar Min Swe

The 92nd birthday anniversary of Bogyoke Aung San, who led Myanmar independence struggles, fell on 13 February 2007. That morning, taking a walk, I remembered him. The manuscript I sent to the newspapers featured some points about him. I thought how opportune it would be if my article "Writer attracts widespread criticism, may be killed", which featured moral conduct advised by him, on his birthday. Walking along the road, I listened to the news stories broadcast by a foreign radio station. When it was over seven o'clock, I brought a copy of Myanmar Alin Daily from a roadside bookstall. I browsed it and found that it carried an article about the Mawtinsun Pagoda. So, I mistakenly thought that it did not feature my article, and I sighed. Sitting at a nearby tea shop, I continued to listen to the news programmes of the RFA. I had coffee and I turned the pages of the newspaper one after another. Unexpectedly, I found the article "Writer attracts widespread criticism, may be killed" in the newspaper and I was very excited with an emotional feeling.

On Tuesdays, the RFA usually broadcasts news reviews and interviews. I thought it would air those programmes as usual. In my article, I accused the RFA of being a ruthless station that broadcast exaggerated news stories. I thought it would respond to my accusations. In the article, I put members of "88" generation student group a question "Which country do you want Myanmar to be like—Iraq or the People's Republic of China?" And I hoped it would ask for the answer of that question by contacting the "88" group. However, the morning programme was over, and it neither responded to my article nor featured an interview programme concerning it. Then, I made a deduction that the RFA had understood the accusations of Ngar Min Swe were correct, and members of the "88" student group would never accept a situation that Myanmar would be like Iraq in which a government under the name of a democratic government was ruling in disguise and a large number of civilians were killed daily due to terrorist attacks there. So, it did not attack the article by Ngar Min Swe.

On 14 February 2007, I visited the managing director of the Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise in Kanbe, Yangon. It had been over a year since I last met him. He said, "Hello, Ko Min Swe, come on in. I have always read your articles." I said, "My articles are based on my experiences and my feelings. Now, I have presented all my experiences through articles. So, I plan to pause writing articles since I have almost run out of facts and turn to my business again." "Don't pause writing articles, please. I think you will get more facts to do so. Keep on writing," he urged. But I did not make any slight stir. I awoke to his voice of asking me the purpose of visiting him.

I said, "We salt entrepreneurs have not done well

in our business for the past five or six years. Salt has accumulated and the salt produced in a year has not been sold out in that year. Salt price has fallen down, so these days we do not recover all our investments. So, a lot of salterns have to stop work. There was a weather change last year and this year the salt price has risen. But, some salterns remained closed."

Then, he said, "You are right, Ko Min Swe. Recently, I made an inspection tour of salterns in Kyaukpyu and found that they were not doing well in their business. What is your suggestion, then?" I said, "The area of salterns has increased more than two times and production has gone up nearly three times if compared with that in 1988. Whether salt is cheap or expensive, salt consumption rate remains unchanged. In my opinion, salt entrepreneurs should notice how much annual salt consumption is in our country. A large number of salterns where salt has been produced for many years have turned salty and paddy cultivation is no longer possible there. The salterns on alluvial land are still arable. So, the government should choose arable lands among the salterns, and allot only salty lands with La Na (39) to produce salt. In the past, a salt entrepreneur had to pay five pyas (one-twenty of a kyat) as tax. A saltern produced about 10,000 viss of salt a year, so he had to pay 500 kyats for an acre of saltern. If calculated based on the gold price, 500 kyats at that time is equivalent to 600,000 kyats at present. So, it should levy 500,000 kyats for an acre of saltern a year. If so, the State will get 10,000 million kyats from the salt industry a year, and that will increase the nation's paddy output. Salt entrepreneurs have to pay 500,000 kyats for an acre, so they will try to boost production of salt."

"That is a good idea. Another way is that we should make sure that domestic salt has an international market. When the industrial sector booms, there will be an increasing salt demand. In Thailand, 35 percent of domestically-produced salt is consumed by the public and 65 percent goes to the industrial sector. Salt for the industry is two times that for consumption. So, with the industrial development, our country will need increasing amount of salt," he elaborated.

After I had left his office, I thought that in Myanmar domestic salt consumption was about 150,000 tons (about 100 million viss). That meant our country would need about 200,000 viss of salt for the industrial sector. If so, that would bring benefits to salt entrepreneurs. So, it was needed to ensure industrial development that called for foreign investment and financial assistance and technical know-how. Then, I remembered Daw Suu Kyi's demand for no foreign investments and no visit to the nation but economic sanctions against the nation until democracy is introduced to the nation.

Salt is not the only industry that has been harmed due to her demands, but the fish and prawn breeding. Myanmar annually earns 400 million US dollars a year

from the export of fish and prawn, while Vietnam earns 4 billion US dollars from the same sector. It is because it has got the US market. As a result of the demands of Daw Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy (NLD), the US is imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar. The instigation of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD adversely affected small- and medium-scale enterprises in Myanmar, thus harming the economy of ordinary people and their children. I was closely associated with them and witnessed their abject poverty. It was so disheartening to see their miserable lives.

Amidst the destructive acts of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD, the Tatmadaw government was striving its utmost to serve the interests of the State and the people. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, while visiting a prawn hatchery in Thakayta in January 2001, said: "We (the government) want our people to be rich. So we are working hard day in, day out. The people are urged to work hard by doing their bit." A month later, he lost his life in a helicopter crash while serving the country in the interest of the people.

The Tatmadaw government enlisting the strength of the people rebuilt the nation that was a least-developed one in the time of Myanmar Socialist Programme Party. In reality, Daw Suu Kyi and NLD should have given a hand to the nation-building tasks. If they had done so, our country would have been a new tiger economy in Asia like Vietnam. The Head of State himself and dignitaries met Daw Suu Kyi several times for cooperation. But she refused to cooperate and insisted on asking for the power handover.

She and her NLD had negative outlook about the Tatmadaw. They thought the Tatmadaw was clinging to the State power. Tatmadawmen are always ready to take risk and even to sacrifice their lives for the people in times of emergency. They sacrificed and dare to sacrifice their lives in the interest of the State and the people in times of emergency. Therefore, accusing the Tatmadaw of being hungry for power is totally groundless.

If the Tatmadaw government without considering any consequences handed over State power to NLD, the country might get into a chaotic situation like in 1948 when the independence was regained. The country saw battles in the time of AFPFL which was elected by the people. Major battles broke out in and around Insein and Mingaladon. Today's modern weapons are much stronger in destructive power than those of fifty years ago. If NLD was given State power, the country would get into trouble like Iraq. It is important that the Myanmar people are imbued with Union Spirit that is the spirit of wanting to live together through thick and thin. In my opinion, only after Union Spirit is consolidated in the country, should a democracy be practised. That is why the experienced and farsighted Tatmadaw government has been in the gradual process and smooth transition of shaping a democracy in order not to trigger another civil strife and disintegration of the Union. It did not hand over State power to NLD considering the interest of the State and the people.

When they could not expect power, Daw Suu Kyi and NLD resorted to wicked ways to cause national economic crisis. They anticipated that they would get power only when there sparked public unrest with the deteriorating economic situation of the ordinary people.

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US President George Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice attended the APEC's meeting held in Vietnam. Rice made a comment that Myanmar should emulate developing Vietnam. I am very grateful to her for her constructive suggestion. However, she should know that in Vietnam there is no person and party like Daw Suu Kyi and NLD that are trying to harm the State economy under democracy pretext. So, to achieve strong economy, Myanmar should no longer have the person and the party like Daw Suu Kyi and NLD.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint participates in physic nut planting in...

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On his tour of Shwebo District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected the construction of the Shwebo Section of the district-to-district Road No 3 connecting Sagaing, Katha and Myitkyina districts.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on the construction of the road sections in Shwebo, KhinU and Kanbalu Townships.

Afterwards, he also went to the sites chosen for building embankments on Ywayin Creek, Kyauktan Creek and Kokko-ai Creek in Shwebo and called on officials concerned to make efforts for generation of hydel power.

He also met with residents at a primary school in Thinpaung Village in Shwebo District.

During his tour, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected the site chosen to construct a wooden bridge across Kodaung Creek on the border between KhinU and Kanbalu Townships and inspected the site chosen for building a 3,000-foot-long and 40-foot-high embankment on Chaungmagyi Creek.

They also inspected the construction of Kanbalu Township section of the district-to-district Road No 3.

During his visit to Htandaw Village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint donated cash and exercise books to the village's middle school and sports equipment to



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Fish Farming Special Zone in Shwebo. — MNA

youths in the village and provided cash assistance to Kanbalu Township Peace and Development Council.

On his way to Htityaing township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also inspected construction of bridges and road works along the district-to district road.

He viewed the thriving plantation of sunflower in Kyatsugyaung Village in Htityaing Township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party also participated in the physic nut planting ceremony in Doepin Village, Htityaing Township.

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Chief of Armed Forces Training...

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Aung Kyaw Moe, Bayintnaung Column by Capt Zaw Oo, and Lt-Col Win Myint Aung, Aungzeya Column by Col San Win, Lt-Col Zaw Win, Hsinphyushin Column by Col Than Lwin and Lt-Col Thet Wai, Bandoola Column by Col Khin Maung Hsint and Lt-Col Thurein Kyaw, Myawady Column by Col Nay Win and Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Nyunt practised the parade drills under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung. After inspecting the parade drills, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met the parade commander and column commanders and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Government striving utmost to meet power demand

YANGON, 13 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visited Hein Engineering Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-7 here yesterday.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard a report on the electrical apparatus manufactured by the company.

The government has been striving utmost to fulfil power demand of industries for development, he told the company managing director and staff.

Accompanied by officials, the minister observed bending of steel plates, gasifiers run by 100% gas system, gasifiers run with dual fuel system and gasifiers that will be



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Hein Engineering Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-7. — MNA

exported to Cambodia and Malaysia. — MNA

Mayor observes road upgrading work

YANGON, 13 March — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected measures taken for proper drainage near Salin Sports ground in Sangyoung Township here this morning.

Accompanied by officials, the mayor inspected upgrading of Insein Road in Hline, Kamayut and Mayangon Townships. During inspection of a YCDC-owned sevenstorey building in Mayangon Township, the mayor heard a report on opening of a YCDC hospital at the building. — MNA

Three Disease Fund country body holds meeting

YANGON, 13 March — Country Co-ordination Body for Three Disease Fund held its 3rd Coordination Body Meeting for Three Disease Fund, Myanmar, here today and discussed matters related to combating the three diseases (AIDS, Malaria, and TB) in Myanmar.

The three disease fund will be used in accordance with the strategies of the national health strategies of the country, Chairman of the Country Co-ordination Body for Three Disease Fund Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said in his address.

He said that as Myanmar is a member of the United Nations, the fund plays a part in implementing the tasks for the millennium development goals.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Three Disease Fund between the Ministry of Health of Myanmar and UNOPS was signed on 12 October, 2006, and the office of UNOPS has been established in Yangon.

The meeting was also attended by officials of the departments under the Ministry of Health, resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of social organizations. — MNA

LDSC donates wheelchairs to ministries, social organizations



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents documents related to donation of wheelchairs to responsible personnel. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Wheelchairs donated by Latter Day Saint Charities (LDSC) were handed over to two ministries and social organizations today.

A ceremony to hand over the wheelchairs was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe handed over 192 wheelchairs to Ministry of Health; 34 to Ministry of Religious Affairs; 30 to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAFF) and 25 to the Social Welfare Department through officials concerned.

A total of 281 wheelchairs were donated by LDSC. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint, officials of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Religious Affairs, members of Pynmana District Union Solidarity and Development Association and Maternal and Child Welfare Association. — MNA

Commander visits model village

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin oversaw rural development in Wegyi model village, Kutoseik village-tract, Pyinmana Township, yesterday afternoon.

Local authorities conducted the commander around the village.

The commander told villagers and local officials to ensure success in growing crops, to cultivate physic nut plants according to the plan and to green the region.

He inspected the village biogas power station where local authorities explained



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects bio gas-use power station in Wegyi Model Village in Pyinmana Township. — MNA

power distribution programmes for further development of the village. The commander made arrangements for further development of the village. — MNA

USDA CEC members tour Kayah State



CEC members of USDA meeting with bishops and reverends of Catholic Churches and Arglican Churches. — FORESTRY

YANGON, 13 March — The gravel road linking Pakye Model Village and Phartimar Village in Loikaw Township, Kayah State, was put into commission yesterday.

Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC Members Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, and Kayah State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col

Nyunt Tin attended the opening ceremony.

They supplicated on religious affairs to the abbot of the monastery in Pakye Model Village. In meeting with bishops and reverends of Catholic Churches and Arglican Churches, the minister presented a computer to the bishop. They observed the exhibits displayed at Kayah traditional museum.

The minister also presented K 2 million donated by Seik Hta Phyu Sin Cetanashin religious

association to Thawutthi monastery through the abbot.

They also made cash donations to the home for the aged of Kayah State in Loikaw. They visited Thiri Mingalabon (Hawgyi) monastery in Loikaw.

On 11 March evening, they held a meeting with secretaries and CEC members of Kayah State, district and township USDAs, and organizers of ward and village USDAs at the Kayah State USDA.

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The second best time is now.**

NC Plenary Session Panel of Alternate Chairmen continues coordination meeting

YANGON, 13 March — Members of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session continued the coordination meeting at the National Convention grounds here this morning.

Member of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen U Tin Kha presided over the meeting. Also present on the occasion were members of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen U

Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Hsan, U Maung Gyi, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint, U Kan Nyunt, U Kyaw Win Tun, Dr Maung Maung Wint, Dr Ma Nan Tuja, Joint-Secretary-2 of National Convention Convening Work Committee Dr Thaug Myint, Director U Than Aung and members of the work committee office.

They discussed and compiled papers on detailed basic principles

for 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” submitted by the eight delegate groups at the National Convention Plenary Session held from 10 October to 29 December 2006 in order to submit them to the National Convention when it is resumed. — MNA



Members of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session hold meeting. — MNA

Merchants buy 660 jade lots in first-day sales

YANGON, 13 March — Sales of jade lots were launched today at the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium-2007 on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township here. Altogether 660 jade lots were sold through the tender and the competitive

bidding system.

The sales held at the Myanmar Convention Centre attracted 3361 gem merchants at home and abroad today. The merchants were allowed to observe jade lots from 8 to 12 March and to put their tender forms into the

tender boxes till this morning. The sales continues this evening and tomorrow.

Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun inspected the sales. — MNA



Merchants inspect jade lots at 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium.

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Mines Minister receives foreign guests



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint receives a delegation led by Mr Zhong Xinming, Member of Shenzhen District Standing Committee. — MNA

YANGON, 13 March—Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received a delegation led by Longgang District Committee of Shenzhen District Standing Committee Member Mr Zhong Xinming of the People's Republic of China at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma

Road, Mayangon Township, yesterday afternoon. The delegation viewed jade lots at Myanma Gems Emporium.

The minister also received a delegation led by Director-General Mr Che Zhiming of Yunan Province Government Office and General Manager Mr T Naka O and

party of Marubeni Cooperation at Myanmar Convention Centre on 11 and 12 March respectively. The guests viewed jade lots at Myanma Gems Emporium.

Also present at the call were directors-general, managing directors and officials of the ministry.—MNA

Energy Minister receives Malaysian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Malaysian Ambassador Dato Shaharuddin Bin Mohd Son and Executive Chairman

Tan Sri Datuk Tiong Hiew King and party of Rimbunan Petrogas company of Malaysia at his office here on 9 March morning, and they discussed bilateral cooperation

in energy sector.

Also present were Deputy Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department and officials.

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LBVD issues reminder on bird flu

YANGON, 13 March—Sixty six pheasants out of 120 died in a pheasant farm in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division on 12 and 13 March.

According to the test at the Yangon Division Laboratory, a suspected case of H5 virus was detected. Under the risk prevention programme, the remaining 54 pheasants and 27 domestic fowls and 15 ducks from nearby farms were culled.

Sixty quails out of 2,300 died in a quail farm in Mingaladon Township, on 12 and 13 March. According to the

test at the Yangon Division Laboratory, a suspected case of H5 virus was detected.

Under the risk prevention programme, the remaining 2,240 quails were culled.

Under the study, there was less bio security in the two farms.

Special control measures on restriction of entry of farm workers, transport of animals, wild birds and feedstuff including spraying of disinfectants are to be taken in the farms in Yangon Division.

If there is any death of fowls are found, they should not be sold in the

markets or should not be transported to other regions. They are to be buried.

Old feedstuff bags should not be reused as bird flu can spread. Arrangements are to be made to see that crows, sparrows and pigeons do not enter the farms.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department announced that breeders and farm workers should not be allowed to go to the fowl depots and shops and outsiders should not be allowed to enter the farm.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects extension...

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group-1 of the Public Work of the Ministry of Construction, Superintending Engineer U Thaung Htay briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on progress in building of the runway and the remaining tasks. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party

inspected progress in building of the extension of the airport and gave necessary instructions on timely completion of the extension of the airport. The runway is to be extended into 8,000 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected development works in Kengtung. Afterwards, they looked into

Kanyinphyu tree planted in the time of Alongphaya in 1115 and a rubber plantation and beauty of Kengtung.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party paid homage to Maha Myatmuni Pagoda and Khemar Rahta Standing Buddha Image and donated cash. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win then signed in the visitors' book. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets education staff...

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reported on basic education schools, the number of students, upgrading of schools in 2006-2007, project for high pass rate in the matriculation examination and maintenance of the schools.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the State Peace and Development Council is making endeavours for the emergence of a peaceful, modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Strong economy is needed in the regions in the making of the nation, he said.

Health and education sectors are basic ones for the people. Only when there is uplift of health and education standards can the people actively take part in regional development

tasks. The teachers are to inculcate younger generation at the school with the Union spirit and patriotism and to nurture them to be educated, he added.

Taninthayi Division got the third highest pass rate in the matriculation examination in the country. Lt-Gen Maung Bo called on local officials to cooperate with teachers and education staff for development of education sector.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to Thayetchaung and inspected dredging of Chaungshe Creek in Dawei Township.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions and greeted farmers.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and

party went to the construction site of Dawei University where Professor Dr Daw Thet Thet Myint of Zoology Department reported on the history of the university, the number of students, courses and progress of work.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is implementing seven-step Road Map for emergence of a democratic nation. The growth of a country is usually measured by peace and tranquility, unity, strong economy and health and education standards of the people.

He urged the faculty members to nurture the younger generation to become good citizens.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted the faculty members.—MNA

Talks on cardiovascular disease given

YANGON, 13 March—Under the constant teaching programmes, Cardiac Department of Yangon General Hospital and USV Limited jointly organized talks on latest therapy for cardiovascular disease and medicines for heart disease on 11 March at Traders Hotel here.

Professor Dr Daw

Khin May San of Cardiac Department of YGH presided over the meeting and discussed matters on cardiovascular disease.

Next, Associate Professor Dr Myo Win presented matters on cardiac disease and latest therapy, Heart Specialist Dr Tin Latt on treatment given to patients.

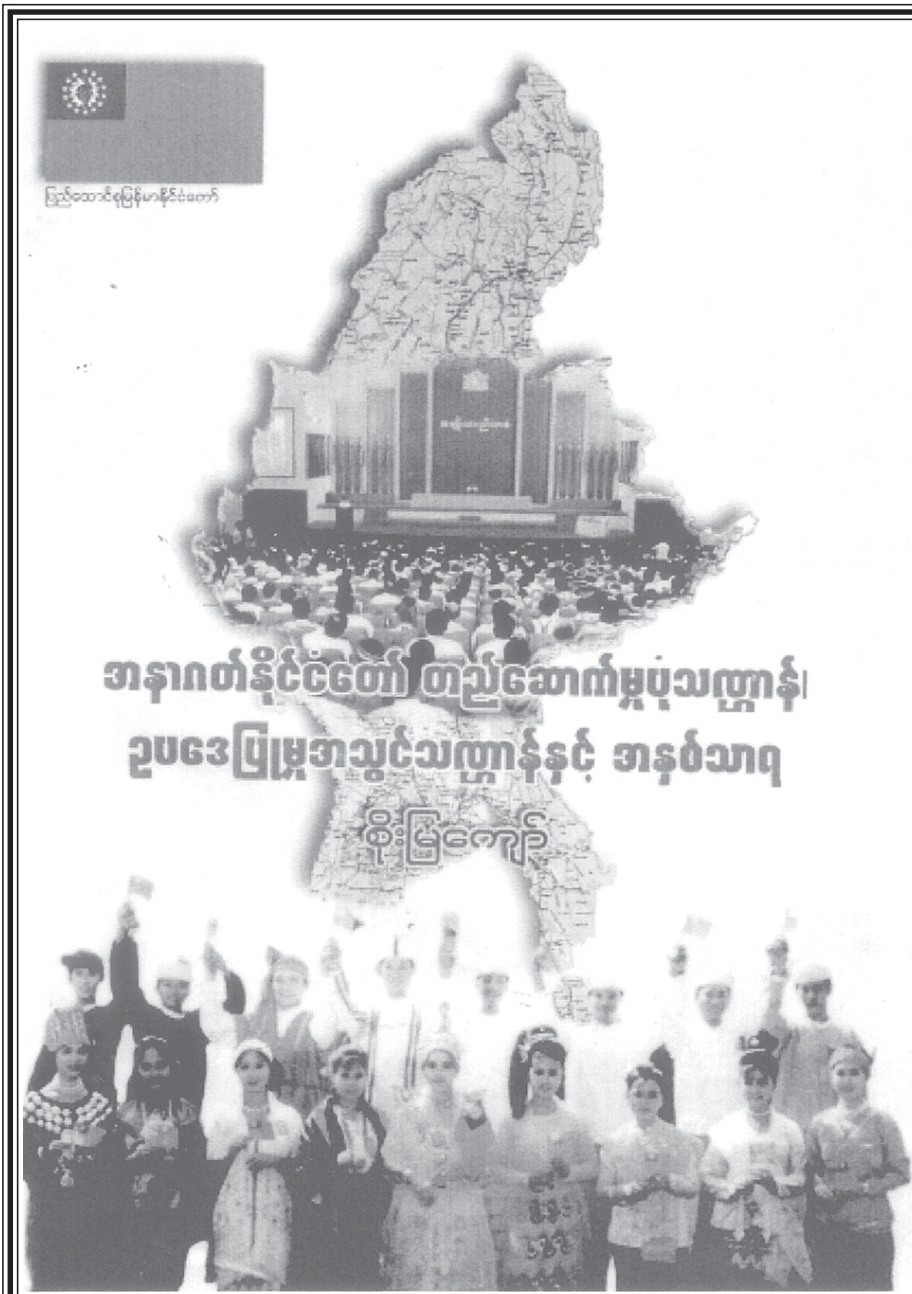
Afterwards, General Manager Ms Jaswinder Gill of USV Limited presented Cardimax SR and replied to the queries raised by those present.

For further information, please contact USV Limited No-3, B-4, 3F, Yankin Centre phone No, 558047.

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General Manager Ms Jaswinder Gill gives talks on cardimax SR and latest medicines for cardiovascular disease. — MNA



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Russian military service halved to one year

Moscow, 13 March — Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree reducing compulsory military service to one year from two years for conscripts called up after 1 January 2008, the Kremlin said in a statement on Monday.

Thousands of conscripts are killed or injured every year, usually because of accidents or at the hands of fellow soldiers carrying out brutal initiation rites. Only about 9 per cent of young men called up for military service report for duty, according to last year's figures. Many pay bribes to corrupt officials or exploit loopholes in the law to dodge the draft.

"This decree, it seems to me, has created one more substantial hurdle to the flagrant violations of the law linked to corruption during conscription campaigns," Viktor Ozerov, head of the Committee for Security and Defence in Russia's upper house of

parliament, told *Interfax-AVN* (Military News Agency). He said the decree would improve the "quality" of conscripts and their level of training. *MNA/Reuters*



A column of ashes spewing from Tungurahua volcano is seen from the Bella Vista stadium in Ambato, Ecuador, on 10 March, 2007.

INTERNET

Antwerp police probe \$28 m diamond theft

ANTWERP (Belgium), 13 March — Around 28 million US dollars worth of diamonds have been stolen in a robbery from ABN Amro Bank in Antwerp, known as Europe's diamond capital, a public prosecutor said on Monday.

"A lot of safes were broken into and they (robbers) took a lot of diamonds...and they were both cut and uncut," Dominique Reyniers told Reuters Television. A reward of two million euros was offered for information leading to an arrest, she said.

The robbery took

place on 5 March but police did not think it necessary to appeal to the public for information until now, Reyniers said. ABN Amro said it had no comment on the case.

Police have issued a photofit of their main suspect: a tall well-dressed man who spoke English with an American accent

and who had probably lived in Antwerp for at least one year, Reyniers said.

The port city is home to some 1,800 registered diamond dealers and sees more than half the world's diamonds pass through it, generating annual sales of 29 billion US dollars.

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US evangelicals slam torture in war on terrorism

DALLAS, 13 March — A major US association of evangelical Christians has condemned torture by the US military and reaffirmed its commitment to environmental activism, positions that highlight broader splits in a movement associated with conservative causes.

"United States law and military doctrine has banned the resort to torture or cruel and degrading treatment. Tragically, documented cases of torture and inhumane and cruel behaviour have occurred at various sites in the war on terror," the National Association of

Evangelicals said in a statement.

"Current law opens procedural loopholes for more to continue," said the statement endorsed by

the association's board of directors at its annual meeting in Eden, Minnesota, over the weekend.

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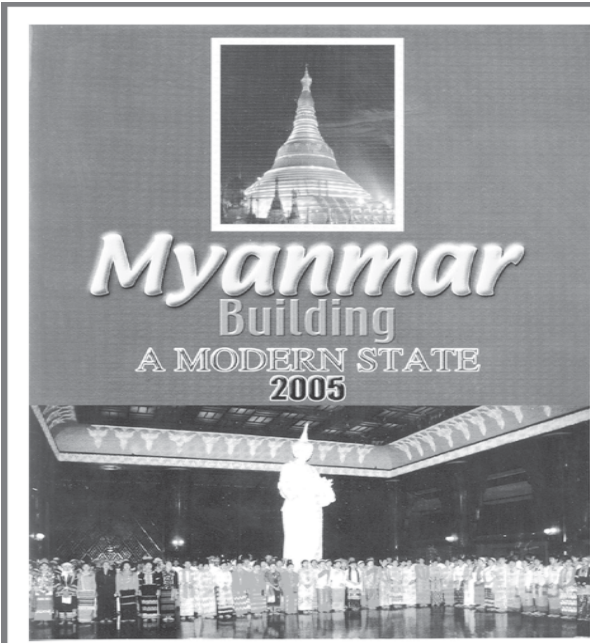
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Fire destroys main Philippine electoral building

MANILA, 12 March— A fire destroyed the head electoral office in the Philippines early on Sunday barely two months before a mid-term ballot.

Election records and materials, including ballot boxes, were destroyed or damaged in the blaze that gutted the two-storey wooden building in the tourist area of Intramuros. James Jimenez, an elections commission spokesman, said the fire would not affect the May 14 vote because back-up copies of crucial documents were kept at another building.— *MNA/Reuters*

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Britain's record divorce wife tied up, robbed

LONDON, 12 March—A British woman awarded 48 million pounds in a landmark divorce settlement last year was tied up and robbed of jewellery 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 jewellery 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.—*MNA/Reuters*

Bulgaria seizes 163 kilos of heroin at border

SOFIA, 12 March— Bulgarian Customs officers found about 163 kilos of heroin hidden in a truck bound for Austria at a checkpoint along the border with Serbia, the Customs office said on Sunday.

The owner of the truck, a 42-year-old Turkish citizen, had been arrested, the Customs office said in a statement.

Authorities put the value of the seizure at 20 million US dollars, said to be the second largest heroin haul at a Bulgarian border checkpoint in the past 5 years.

Bulgaria, which straddles one of the main drug-trafficking routes between Europe and Southwest Asia, seized 8.4 tons of drugs last year.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A woman walks past newly constructed condominium buildings in Manila's financial district of Makati on 12 March, 2007. Across the Philippines' sprawling capital city, the small ranks of the wealthy are increasing as record remittances from nearly 9 million Filipinos — driven abroad by poverty and a lack of opportunity — fuel consumer demand and a property boom. — INTERNET

China needs to improve social welfare to lower high savings

GUIYANG, 12 March— China should improve social welfare to lower its high savings, a strategy to base the already export-fuelled economy more on domestic consumption, Nobel economics laureate Joseph E Stiglitz said on Saturday.

Although China's high saving is envied by the rest of the world, it is "too much to be good", Stiglitz said in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province.

High saving means China is dependent on export to keep its economy growing, he said, adding that "one of the reasons that people save so much is that they are worried about their future".

In recent years, Chinese residents' savings ratio lingers above 40 per cent, higher than the average savings ratio of 20 per cent in developed countries. Meanwhile, China recorded a sizzling economic growth of 10.7

per cent in 2006, largely powered by strong exports, which rose 27 per cent to 969.1 billion US dollars.

Stiglitz said to increase consumption and reduce saving, China should improve its retirement programme, health and education. He also said that China needs to tackle the widening gap between the rich and the poor to ensure "the sustainable increasing of the GDP".

MNA/Xinhua

British military satellite launch delayed

LONDON, 12 March — The launch of UK's hi-tech military satellite that is claimed to offer British armed forces worldwide communications channels was delayed because of a last-minute mechanical error, *Sky News* reported on Sunday.

SkyNet 5A, part of a 3.6-billion-pound (about 7-

billion-US-dollar) British project, was set to blast off aboard an *Ariane* rocket from the European spaceport at Kourou in French Guiana on Saturday. When launched, the system, which is said by its designers as the best of its type in the world, will provide troops with a new generation of secure communications

links. The *SkyNet* 5 programme is said to give a five-fold improvement in performance over the existing *SkyNet* 4 "constellation" of four satellites currently used by the Ministry of Defence to communicate with commanders around the world. *MNA/Xinhua*

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Three Gorges project generates 150b KWHs of electricity

YICHANG, 12 March — The Three Gorges Power Plant, the country's largest hydropower project, has generated more than 150 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity since it became operational in 2003, the operating company announced on Sunday.

The electricity generated by the project has fuelled 15 provinces in central, eastern and southern China, easing a severe power shortage in their industrial regions, said a statement from the China Three Gorges Project Corporation.

The 22.5-billion-US-dollar project was launched in 1993 in the midsection of the Yangtze River, China's longest. Its 26 turbo-generators are

designed to eventually produce 84.7 billion kwhs of electricity a year after its scheduled completion in 2008.

The electricity it produces will be enough to light up Shanghai on a peak day with power to spare, while the 2.3-kilometre-long dam will help to control annual floods that regularly devastate the country's densely populated farming heartland.

Fourteen of the designed 26 turbines are operating at full capacity and another four, each with an installed capacity of 700,000 kw, will go into operation this year, said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman swims passing among ice cubics as part of the "health day" activity held in a village near Belarusian capital Minsk, on 11 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Over 400 foreigners in jails in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 12 March — A total of 401 foreign criminals are put in jail in Nepal, a leading website, eKantipur.com reported on Sunday.

According to prison records, the number of foreign criminals has been increasing constantly in recent years, the report said, adding that the number was increased from 365 to 401.

Among the 401 foreign inmates in Nepal's 21 prisons, 40 are serving sentences for murder, 105 for drug trafficking, and others for various offences including fraud, possession of duplicate passports, women trafficking, rape, possession of fake currency notes and theft, according to police records.

Indian nationals constitute the largest number of foreign inmates in jails. There are 310 Indian jail inmates in Nepal, followed by 46 Bhutanese nationals.

The number of drug traffickers from foreign countries, who constitute the largest chunk of such jail inmates, has been rising steadily in the past 15 years, according to the Narcotic Drug Control Law Enforcement Unit (NDCLEU). — MNA/Xinhua



Singapore Airlines flight attendants walk through the terminal at Singapore's Changi Airport on 12 March, 2007. Singapore Airlines said on Monday it never considered giving up the iconic image and uniform of its Singapore Girl flight attendants when it decided to take a fresh look at its advertising campaign. — INTERNET

Study: Scents during sleep improve some memory

BEIJING, 12 March — Researchers say a familiar smell in the bedroom while sleeping may improve memory — if it's the right stage of sleep and memory.

In the study, being published Friday in the journal *Science*, it worked only for some kinds of memories and during one stage of sleep, which means it's not the answer for people hunting a quick memory boost.

German scientists using medical students for the study had them play a computer version of a common memory game: They turned over pairs of cards to find each one's match.

Some played in a rose-scented room. Later that night, while they were in a deep stage of sleep known as slow-wave sleep, researchers gave them another whiff of roses.

The next day, the rose-scented sleepers remembered the locations of those cards better than people who didn't get a whiff, answering correctly 97 percent of the time compared with 86 percent.

People exposed to the odor during the lighter dream stage of sleep known as REM sleep saw no memory boost.

Nor did scent aid memory when the students tried a different trick, learning a finger-tapping sequence, neurobiologists from the University of Lubeck reported in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. — Internet

"300" sets new record at North American box office

LOS ANGELES, 11 March — "300," an ancient epic about the famous Battle of Thermopylae in Greek history, set a new record at the box office in North America this weekend, dwarfing other films in theatres in a way like its heroes elegantly slaughtering their Persian enemies.

The Warner Bros adaptation of the 480 BC battle took an estimated 70 million US dollars in its debut weekend, according

to figures released on Sunday by Los Angeles-based box office track firm Media by Numbers.

"300" is expected to be the strongest March movie opening ever. That honour was previously held by Fox's "Ice Age: The Meltdown," which grossed just over 68 million dollars when it opened last year.

The R-rated film, based on comic book writer Frank Miller's graphic novel, tells the story that an army of 300 Spartan warriors led by their

king Leonidas fought to the death to delay a massive Persian army's invasion, so that the Greeks could reorganize a counterattack.

Last week's box office leader, "Wild Hogs," slipped to second at the box office with an estimated gross of 28 million dollars for the weekend, while Disney's children fantasy "Bridge to Terabithia" climbed a spot at No 3, with nearly 6.9 million dollars for the weekend. — Internet



Motocross riders race during the Total International Motocross Championship in Phnom Penh on 11 March, 2007. — INTERNET

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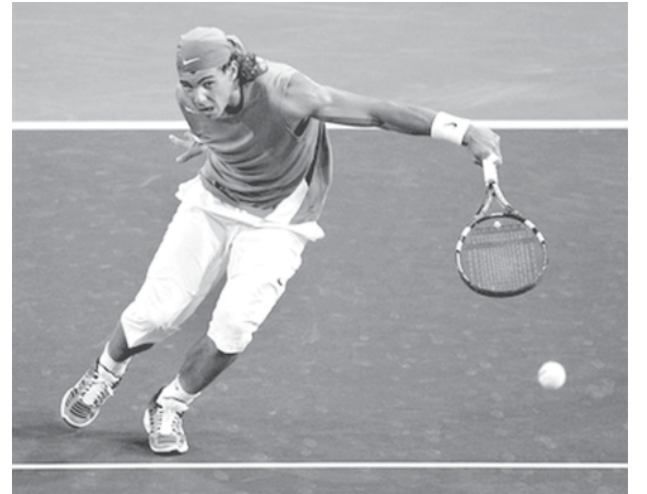
Bayern Munich's Roque Santa Cruz challenges Werder Bremen's Markus Rosenberg (C) and Patrick Owomoyela (R) during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Munich, on 11 March, 2007. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. — XINHUA

Platini seeks political action against violence

BRUSSELS, 13 March — UEFA President Michel Platini sought the help of European Union governments on Monday in his bid to rid soccer of increased violence and racism.

The newly-elected European soccer chief said the game's authorities could not act alone in dealing with the increasing off-the-pitch problems, following his first meeting with European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso in Brussels. Officials confirmed that Platini would meet EU justice chief Franco Frattini in the coming weeks to discuss hooliganism and racism, while the UEFA boss will also hold a meeting with European police chiefs in two weeks' time.

Frattini, who as European Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security oversees police-related issues at the EU executive, was not present at Monday's meeting. "We seek the help of all governments and ask them to take responsibility," Platini told a news conference. — MNA/Reuters



Second-seed Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to opponent Fernando Verdasco of Spain during their match at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif on 12 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Police arrest 34 after London violence

LONDON, 13 March — More than 30 football fans were arrested after a fight involving knives, hockey sticks and baseball bats broke out between fans of English Premier League clubs Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, police said on Monday.

Thirty-four men were arrested, including seven who were taken to hospital after sustaining head, facial and stab injuries in the violence that erupted following Sunday's FA Cup quarter-final.

Police believe the clash outside a west London pub was pre-arranged and said they had recovered knives, hockey sticks, baseball bats and wood studded with nails from the scene.

A 31-year-old man remained in hospital with stab wounds to his buttocks and back, although his injuries were not life threatening. —MNA/Reuters

Zidane turns down chance to play alongside Materazzi

BRUSSELS, 13 March — Zinedine Zidane has turned down the opportunity to take to the pitch with Marco Materazzi for the first time since the former French player headbutted the Italian defender in last year's World Cup final. The former World Cup winner, who ended his career with a red card after thrusting his head into Materazzi's chest, declined the offer to line-up alongside the Inter Milan player in a commemorative match on Tuesday.

Italy's World Cup winning coach Marcello Lippi, who is in charge of a Europe XI for the game against Manchester United at Old Trafford to mark the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, said he did not regard Zidane's decision as a personal snub. "UEFA sent the invite, not me. But it came back negative at the last minute," Lippi told a news conference on Monday at the official launch of the game which also marks United's 50 years of participation in European competition.

MNA/Reuters



Rockets' Yao Ming had 37 points, 7 rebounds and 4 blocks in his biggest game since returning to the lineup, leading the Houston Rockets to a 103-92 victory over the Orlando Magic on 11 March, 2007. INTERNET

Olympiakos in sight of title as Panathinaikos lose

ATHENS, 13 March — Olympiakos Piraeus moved within five points of their ninth championship in 10 years after coming from

behind to beat Apollon Kalamarias 2-1 on Sunday while Panathinaikos lost 1-0 at home to Ergotelis.

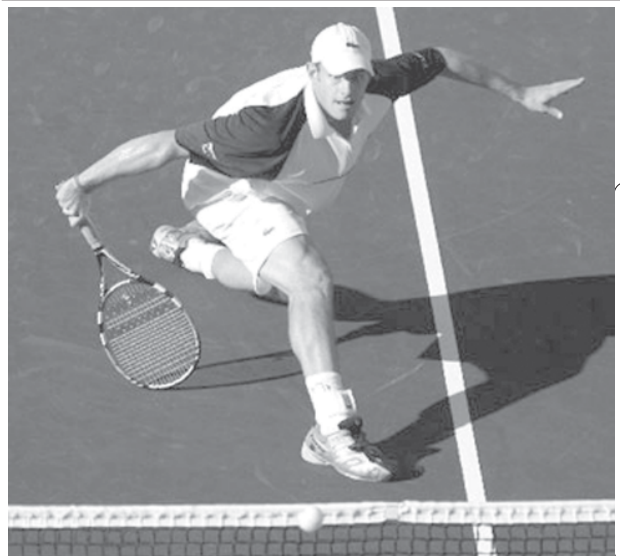
AEK Athens leapfrogged Panathinaikos into second place with a 1-0 win at Larisa. Olympiakos fell behind in the 13th minute when Greece goalkeeper

Andonis Nikopolidis bungled a shot from Dimitris Orfanos.

Brazilian Rivaldo leveled in the 59th minute with his 14th goal of the season and Nery Alberto Castillo grabbed the winner in the 73rd. With five games remaining Olympiakos have 62 points, 10 clear of AEK who are one point ahead of inconsistent Panathinaikos.

In the unlikely event of the top two finishing on the same points, Olympiakos would be crowned champions by virtue of their superior head-to-head record against AEK.

MNA/Reuters



US Andy Roddick watches his volley clear the net during his match against Belgium's Olivier Rochus at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on 12 March, 2007. Roddick won 6-3, 7-6 (5). —INTERNET

Mourinho denies insulting referee during draw with Spurs

LONDON, 13 March — Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho has denied swearing at match referee Mike Riley in their 3-3 FA Cup quarter-final draw with Tottenham Hotspur. Mourinho had an exchange with Riley at halftime in Sunday's game, with his team trailing 3-1, and was also shown on television appearing to use a Portuguese swear word during the second half.

"I approached him at halftime, in a polite way, and told him what I thought," he told reporters. "But I think it worked in another way because the second half was worse than the first half.

"We were both polite and there was no confrontation." Mourinho was unhappy with Riley's refereeing of what was a thrilling tie at Stamford Bridge, believing too many first-half decisions had gone against the Premier League champions.

"I'm not saying it had a big influence on the result, not big decisions, but too many free kicks and big frustration for the players and it breaks the intensity of the game and we are not happy." —MNA/Reuters

Mexico's Veracruz fire coach after four games

MEXICO CITY, 13 March — Struggling Veracruz fired coach Emilio Gallegos after only four games following their 1-0 home defeat by Atlante in the Mexican Clausura championship. Christian Bermudez's goal condemned the Red Sharks to their third consecutive loss and prompted the decision to part company with the coach, who replaced Pedro Monzon on 15 February.

"At this moment, we need a coach with character and experience," the club said in a statement.

Veracruz are fifth in Group Two with seven points from nine games.

Defending champions Guadalajara stayed top of Group One after a goalless draw away to Pumas UNAM while America's 0-0 stalemate with Cruz Azul in a Mexico City derby kept them top of Group Three.

MNA/Reuters

Benfica beat Leiria 2-0 to narrow gap on leaders

LISBON, 13 March — Benfica narrowed the gap on Portuguese Premier League leaders Porto to four points with a 2-0 win at home to Uniao Leiria on Monday.

Captain Simao Sabrosa opened the scoring after 16 minutes with a shot from inside the box that took his league tally to 10.

Midfielder Armando Petit wrapped up the points with a powerful strike from outside the area four minutes from the time. —MNA/Reuters

Notorious destructive...

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Their instigation had a great impact on Myanmar's small- and medium-scale enterprises. As a result, our country could not develop as much as possible. We started together but Vietnam is getting ahead of our country. Why is it so? It is due to the acts of internal and external destructive elements.

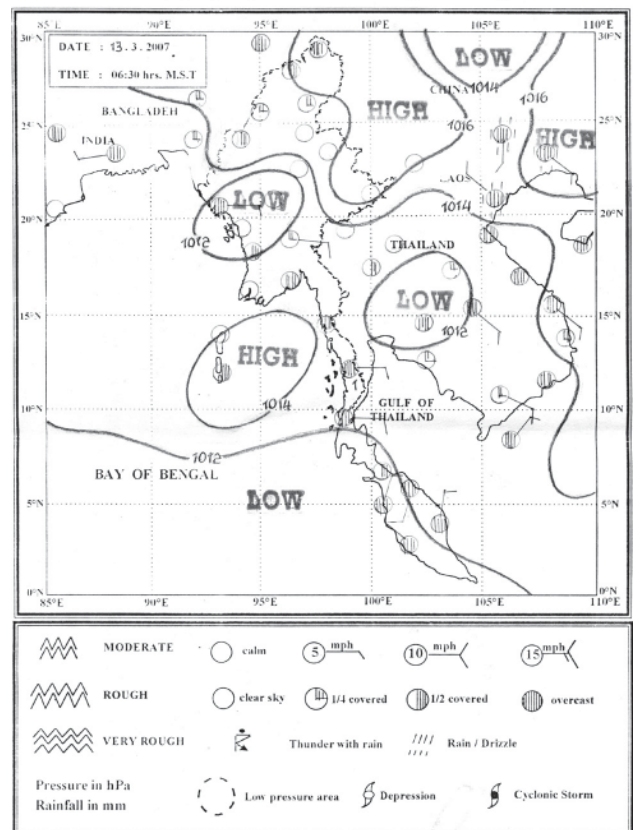
US President George Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice attended the APEC's meeting held in Vietnam. Rice made a comment that Myanmar should emulate developing Vietnam. I am very grateful to her for her constructive suggestion. However, she should know that in Vietnam there is no person and party like

Daw Suu Kyi and NLD that are trying to harm the State economy under democracy pretext. So, to achieve strong economy, Myanmar should no longer have the person and the party like Daw Suu Kyi and NLD.

If a person living in a community bullies the fellow members of the community for years, he is to be regarded as a notorious rogue. Daw Suu Kyi and NLD members living in Myanmar have been harming and disturbing the country in various ways for 18 years. They have become notorious persons of Myanmar. So, I want them to feel sorry for their misdeeds. And I make a demand that NLD dissolve itself for the sake of the State and the people.

Translation: MS + ST

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 13 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin, Southern and Northern Shan States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Thayawady and Hinthada (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2007 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 13-3-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-3-2007 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 12-3-2007 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-3-2007 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 (23:50) hours MST on 12-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14-3-2007: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon 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: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the North-western Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-3-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-3-2007: Fair weather.



Celtic's Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (top) in a mid air challenge with Rangers' Charlie Adam during their Scottish Premier League 'Old Firm' soccer match in Glasgow, Scotland on 11 March, 2007.

INTERNET

NATO warns US missile defence could divide allies

BRUSSELS, 13 March—NATO's secretary-general has warned that a proposed US missile defence system risks splitting the alliance between those the programme would protect and those it would not, *The Financial Times* reported on Monday.

"When it comes to missile defence, there shouldn't be an A-League and a B-League within NATO," the newspaper quoted Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as saying in an interview. "For me it is the indivisibility of security that is the guiding principle."

Many NATO allies are concerned about the US system, which would be based in Poland and the Czech Republic to shoot down missiles fired by

what Washington calls "rogue states" such as Iran and North Korea.

MNA/Reuters



Wednesday, 14 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-The answer to our life
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-If only you were here
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-The way to my heart
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Me, myself & I
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-We belong
-Day after day
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune
Uptown girl
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-I need you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 14 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:15 am
7.(၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)
- 4:45 pm
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
5. Classical song
- 5:10 pm
6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ
- 5:25 pm
7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm
8. ရာသီလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
13. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:25 pm
14. "အမှန်ချစ်မှ အချစ်မှန်" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မေနှန်းခေါင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 7:35 pm
15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 7:45 pm
16. (၆၂)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာအကပဒေသာ ဖျော်ဖြေမှုအစီအစဉ်
- 21. 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 Kyaw Win inspects extension of runway of Kengtung airport



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects extension of runway of Kengtung Airport in Shan State (East). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by responsible personnel this afternoon arrived at Kengtung to inspect regional development in Shan State (East).

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party were welcomed

by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, departmental officials at state and division levels and members of social organizations.

Upon arrival at the runway built by special (See page 10)

Six members resign from NLD

YANGON, 13 March—Six members from Saw Township National League for Democracy in Magway Division—U Ye Tint, Daw Tin Tin and U Hla Thaung of Thiri Ward, U Myo Chit of Minle Village, U Soe Myint of Theegon Village and U Shwe Maung of Simi Village—sent their resignation letters of their own accord to the NLD (HQ) and local administrative organs on 13 February.

In the letters they sent to Saw Township Multi-Party Democracy Election Sub-Commission, they said that they had no trust in NLD due to the party's acts. They wanted to pay more attention to their businesses and so they left the party of their own volition, they said.—MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets education staff in Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo

and departmental officials met teachers, education officers and education staff at No 1 Basic Education High School in Myeik on 11 March.

Taninthayi Division Education Officer U Win Swe (See page 10)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the dredging of Chaungshe Creek in Kanaingda Village in Dawei Township. — MNA

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If a person living in a community bullies the fellow members of the community for years, he is to be regarded as a notorious rogue. Daw Suu Kyi and NLD members living in Myanmar have been harming and disturbing the country in various ways for 18 years. They have become notorious persons of Myanmar.

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