

### 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 Ye Myint looks into regional development tasks in Katha District

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye met servicemen and family members of regiments and units in Katha on 12 March.

They inspected physic nut plants and poultry farm of the local battalion.

At Katha Township Hospital, they inspected units of the hospital and medical equipment.

At Ayeya Shweli Gymnasium on Lanmadaw Street in Katha, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people. Officials reported on development of the region. The commander gave a supplementary report on cultivation of rubber.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for local authorities to supervise development tasks of the rural areas and to organize the local people to extend cultivation of physic nut for undertaking five rural development tasks and supply of power to rural regions.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects People's Hospital in Katha. — MNA

## Farmers in Kengtung urged to extend cultivation



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence views scattering of fertilizer on paddy fields. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence called on officials concerned and farmers in Kengtung Township for extending crop cultivation in the region.

Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 March, 2007

### Accusations levelled on pretext of human rights, unjust and incorrect

The government is exerting earnest efforts unremittingly in pursuit of the promotion of fundamental rights of the entire people. Now the whole nation including border areas is enjoying the taste of progress in the economic and social sectors, resulting from the endeavours the government and the people have made in harmony.

Nevertheless, the US turning a blind eye to the tangible fruits of consolidated unity of national races and national development persists in making slanderous accusations in its plot to interfere in the domestic affairs of Myanmar.

At a press conference held at the State Department in Washington DC on 6 March, an official of the US State Department said that it would continue to use multilateral tools to put political pressure on Myanmar employing all possible ways including the Human Rights Council.

Again on 7 March 2007, the US State Department released a report on human rights situations of over 190 countries including Myanmar for 2006. As usual, it levelled groundless accusations against Myanmar as to human rights.

The report enumerates the alleged human rights violations such as extrajudicial killings, custodial deaths, disappearances, torture, conscription of child soldiers, forced labor, attacks on ethnic villagers and lack of religious freedom.

The accusations are, in fact, based on the exaggerated and made-up news stories sent by anti-government elements and remnant insurgents.

Despite witnessing national progress, fundamental rights and good foundations for national development that adjust the drive the government is pursuing in the interests of the nation and the people, the US is still ignoring such fruitful results of development. So, it can be deduced that its making various accusations is not to promote fundamental rights of national people, but to put political pressure on Myanmar to install a puppet government that will dance to its tune.

### Myanma Gonyi magazine No 22 in circulation

YANGON, 14 March — Myanma Gonyi magazine No 22 comes out today. The magazine features various kinds of brilliant works created by poets and writers in poem, article, short story, classical literature, novelette, English version, cartoon and humour sectors.

Writers may send manuscripts to the Chief Editor, Myanma Gonyi magazine, No 455/457, New University Avenue, Bahan Township. — 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

### A & I Minister arrives back from Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited Lao People's Democratic Republic at the invitation of Laos Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone, and the delegation arrived back here by air on 13 March morning.

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

Director-General U Tin Htut of Agricultural Planning Department, Managing Director U Ohn Than of Myanma Agriculture Service and Acting Director-General U Khin Zaw of Irrigation Department also arrived back on the same flight.

On 9 March, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and party met with Laos Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone and party in

Vientiane of Lao PDR and discussed matters on cementing friendly relationship between the two countries, promoting co-operation in agriculture sector and sharing of technologies.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo called on Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bousanone Boupnavanh. Also present



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo meeting with Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bousanone Boupnavanh. — A&I

at the call were Laos Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone and officials.

They cordially discussed cementing friendly

ties between Myanmar and Laos and cooperation in agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation vis-

ited Central Agricultural Research Farm in Naphok. — MNA

### Rice Trading Course No 3 concludes

YANGON, 15 March — Rice Trading Course No 3 organized by Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and

Myanmar Rice Producers' Association concluded here yesterday.

A total of 40 trainees attended the 12-day course.

At the concluding ceremony, General-Secretary of UMFCCI Chairman of Working Committee for Education U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay Toe delivered concluding speeches.

Members of the working committee presented concluding certificates to trainees. — MNA



U Sein Win Hlaing of UMFCCI speaks at conclusion ceremony of Rice Trading Course No 3. — UMFCCI

### Fire Fighting Refresher Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — The closing ceremony of Fire Fighting Refresher Course No 1/2007 of the Engineering Department of Myanma Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry was held at the workshop of the engineering department on 12 March.

General Manager U Myint Swe and Township Fire Services Department officer U Aung Myint Swe delivered addresses on the occasion.

Prizes were presented to the outstanding trainees. — MNA



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## New banana disease breaks out in western Uganda

KAMPALA, 14 March — A new banana disease fusarium, locally known as todura, has cropped up and attacked sweet banana plants in western Uganda, local agricultural officer has said.

Todura, also known as yellow wilt in Uganda's western Mbarara district, one of Uganda's largest banana production bases, has many forms and resides in the soil.

The disease affects Kabalagala or Sukari Ndiizi and Bogoya, Musa, Kayinja, Kisubi, and plantain or Gonja banana varieties, *Daily Monitor* reported on Tuesday.

Infected plants usually do not mature and develop yellow leaves that later wilt, wither, die, and drop off progressively from the

stem base upward.

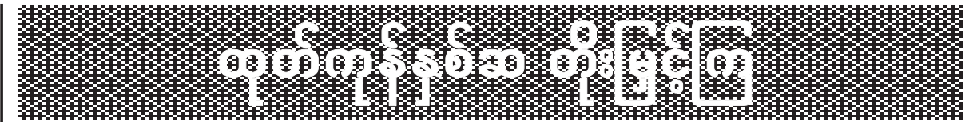
Lillian Nyangoma, an agricultural officer in Biharwe sub-county in Mbarara region, said that since there is no known cure for this wilt, farmers are being advised to use local methods that will permit the plants to continue to grow and produce fruit, even as they lose some of their leaves.

"Since the disease

cannot be cured, we advise farmers to keep animal and human urine for two weeks, and when it ferments, they apply it to the roots of the plant.

By doing this, the plant keeps growing. We also encourage farmers to inter-grow other varieties of banana which aren't affected by this disease," Nyangoma said.

MNA/Xinhua



Anti-nuclear demonstrators block traffic from Parliament Square in London on 14 March, 2007. —INTERNET

## Most Americans want troops in Iraq to come home soon

WASHINGTON, 14 March — Nearly six in 10 Americans want to see US troops leave Iraq either immediately or within a year, according to a CNN poll released here on Tuesday.

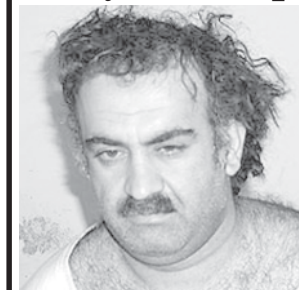
And 52 per cent say Congress should block funding for US President George W Bush's plan to send additional troops to Iraq. The CNN poll was conducted last Friday through last Sunday by

Opinion Research Corp and 1,027 adults were surveyed.

Bush announced in January that he will send another 21,500 US troops to Iraq to crack down sectarian violence and insurgency. Over the weekend, the White House approved the deployment of another 4,400 support troops.

The poll found those decisions are unpopular, with 59 per cent opposing the President's plan. The latest survey also showed Americans are more receptive to having Congress take the lead, with 47 per cent saying the lawmakers shall be "primarily responsible" for setting war policy. —MNA/Xinhua

## Key 9/11 suspect confesses guilt



Mohammed said he planned the 9/11 attacks, the transcript said.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 15 March — The alleged mastermind of the 9/11 attacks has confessed to his role in them, and 29 other terror plots around the world, the Pentagon says. "I was responsible for the 9/11 operation, from A to Z," said Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a transcript of a US hearing at Guantanamo Bay prison camp.

He also said he had planned attacks on Big Ben and Heathrow airport in London. The hearing held at the weekend ruled he was an "enemy combatant" who should remain in detention indefinitely.

It now opens the way for Mohammed to face criminal charges and eventually a trial before a special military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay.

According to the transcripts, Sheikh Mohammed admitted responsibility for a series of attacks, including the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York and the attempt by the so-called shoe bomber, Richard Reid, to down an American plane.

Internet



Diamonds similar to the stolen diamonds were shown in this photo offered by the Belgian police. Diamonds worth 28 million US dollars were stolen in a heist in the Antwerp diamond quarter last week, the public prosecution department of Antwerp said on 12 March, 2007. —XINHUA

## A short walk helps smokers quit

WASHINGTON, 15 March — Smokers should do short bouts of exercise to help them resist the temptation to light up, say experts at the University of Exeter. A review, recently published in the international journal 'Addiction', concludes that when smokers abstain from smoking, exercise can help them to manage withdrawal symptoms and resist the urge to smoke.

All 12 studies reviewed in the paper showed that a single bout of moderate exercise, lasting for as little as five minutes, was

sufficient to reduce cravings for a cigarette. Exercise, such as a brisk walk, also reduced withdrawal symptoms, including stress, anxiety and poor concentration. The lead author, Dr Adrian Taylor of the University of Exeter's School of Sport and Health Sciences said: 'If a drug revealed the same effects it would immediately be marketed as a valuable aid to help people quit smoking or cut down.'

On UK National No Smoking Day (14 March), one in three UK smokers

— about 4 million people — are expected to take steps towards giving up, with about 85,000 quitting for good. 'People who struggle to give up smoking could make things much easier for themselves by taking just moderate exercise,' said Dr Adrian Taylor. 'Not only may it help prevent weight gain but it will also help control the cravings and withdrawal symptoms that often lead to relapse.'

Dr Taylor and his team at the University of Exeter are conducting ongoing research with brain

imaging. They hope to find out how exercise affects the mood centres of the brain, which in turn reduces the appetite for a cigarette. —Internet

Photo taken on 13 March, 2007 shows the domestic guard robot at the robot research centre of the Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

XINHUA





# 12-year-old Peruvian enters university

LIMA, 14 March — A 12-year-old Peruvian has been admitted by a university in Peru's capital Lima to study mathematics, the university's authorities said on Monday.

Dante Rosales, a great fan of history, gained the 18th-highest test score among the 3,800 applicants for the 78 places on offer, according to the authorities of San Marcos

National University.

Rosales told media that he studies 14 hours a day, taking a course in a college in Lima's Brena neighbourhood.

"I want to outdo myself, persevere even more, even though it means sacrifice and commitment. Children of my age play all day and their parents don't complain," he said, urging adolescents and children

to study instead of wasting their time on banalities.

He said he does play soccer and watch television, videos and wrestling matches. His hero is Napoleon Bonaparte, because he was pug-nosed but still conquered Europe.

Peru is one of the few nations where children can skip grades and enter university much earlier than normal.

MNA/Xinhua

## တပ်မတော်အား ခေတ်မီကျော်ဖွား



*Two JF-17 Thunder military aircraft have arrived in Pakistan for further flight tests and evaluation by the Pakistan Air Force. The JF-17 Thunder aircraft, an advanced multi-role Light Combat Aircraft, has been jointly developed by China and Pakistan.*  
XINHUA

## Authorities say arson cause of California wildfire

LOS ANGELES, 14 March — A fast-moving wildfire that blackened 2,000 acres and forced the evacuation of more than 1,200 southern California residents was arson, authorities said on Monday.

"This is an arson fire,"

Captain Steve Miller of the Orange County Fire Authority told a news conference.

He said the blaze began when a stolen vehicle was set on fire, igniting nearby brush.

Two buildings were destroyed and two homes were damaged in the fire, which threatened an upscale Anaheim Hills neighbourhood in Orange County, about 35 miles (56 kilometres) southeast of Los Angeles.

Miller said the fire was 80 per cent contained as of Monday, and should be fully contained by Tuesday morning.

Southern California was under an extremely high-risk fire warning over the weekend and Monday as hot winds drove temperatures up to around 90 (32°C) degrees inland after one of the driest winters on record.

MNA/Reuters



*My Way de Solzen (C), ridden by Robert Thornton, clears the water jump on the way to winning the Arkle Challenge Trophy Steeple Chase on the first day of the Cheltenham Festival horse racing meeting in Gloucestershire in western England on 13 March, 2007.*  
XINHUA

## South Korea's Incheon voted world's best airport

GENEVA, 14 March — International travellers voted South Korea's Incheon the world's best airport for customer service, global airports body ACI said on Monday.

Three other Asian hubs — Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore — came second, third and fourth, according to ACI, the Geneva-based Airports

Council International.

In Europe, Switzerland's Zurich came top, and the North American regional table was topped by Dallas-Fort Worth.

Customers valued the cleanliness of terminal buildings, a sense of security and comfortable waiting areas.

The survey showed frequent flyers put high value on fast, hassle-free passage through the terminal and minimum contact with staff. Leisure travellers placed more emphasis on friendly and courteous staff, ACI said.

MNA/Reuters

## Cops can come to your aid in four minutes

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 March—This is the time targeted by Selangor police to respond to an emergency or crime following the launching of its Command and Control, Communication and Computer Integration (C4i) centre at the state police headquarters here yesterday.

Federal Internal Security and Public Order director Datuk Mustafa Abdullah, who launched the centre, said the facility would enable police to react faster the moment an emergency call was received.

He said officers in charge of the centre would also be able to optimise the resources available, especially in responding to a crime.

"The police will respond faster and be able to despatch the right resources during emergencies." C4i is an integrated management tool for the collection, processing, integration,

analysis, evaluation and interpretation of information. It provides officers manning the centre the direction to assign personnel in the accomplishment of a mission. —Internet

*Hungary-born Charles Simonyi of the US, a former software developer at Microsoft, waves as he practises a helicopter evacuation procedure at the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 13 March, 2007.*  
XINHUA



## Survey says vast majority of Australians want to tackle global warming

SYDNEY, 14 March—An international poll conducted by the Lowy Institute has found that 92 per cent of Australians "favour measures to combat global warming".

The poll surveyed almost 20,000 people in 17 countries, including the United States, Russia, South Korea and Indonesia.

While there was general agreement in 12 countries that "climate change was real", there were differences on how much should be spent to address it.

Almost 70 per cent of Australians believed that it was a "pressing problem" that needs to be addressed "even if it involved significant costs". —Internet



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Special dogs to sniff out fake DVDs

SEPANG (Malaysia), 14 March—Red-carpet treatment and six-star hotels are usually reserved for VIPs or Very Important Persons. In the case of Lucky and Flo, it would have to be changed to VICs or Very Important Canines.

Lucky and Flo are two Labrador Retrievers on an important mission to Malaysia. They have been brought here from Northern Ireland to help authorities in the fight against DVD and CD pirates. And befitting their status as top dogs when it comes to sniffing out optical discs,

Lucky and Flo are being put up at the six-star Animal Hotel in Sepang.

“These animals are the latest addition to our armoury in the never-ending battle against optical disc pirates,” said Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal who was impressed with the dogs’ abilities at a demonstration at the Advanced Cargo Centre here yesterday.

The deployment of the two dogs makes Malaysia the first country worldwide to test the capabilities of dogs in detecting optical

discs in hidden compartments or shipments.

The project, aptly codenamed Operation Double Trouble, will be a month-long affair, with the dogs taken to various locations, including shopping centres.

The dogs have been to several countries to give demonstrations of their prowess in sniffing and detecting hidden optical discs. Although Malaysia is no longer the world’s number one exporter of pirated discs, steps are being taken to further stamp out the menace.—*Internet*

## Vietnam may import more urea in 2007

HANOI, 14 March—Vietnam is estimated to import some 900,000 tons of urea this year, up 27.1 per cent over last year, according to a local agriculture agency on Tuesday. The country’s demand for urea is estimated at about 1.8 million tons, half of which can be met by domestic supplies, said the Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Vietnam imported 471,000 tons of fertilizers of different kinds totalling

97 million US dollars in the first two months of this year, posting respective year-on-year increases of 37.9 per cent and 36.6 per cent.

The country spent 17 million dollars importing 68,000 tons of urea, mainly from China, Indonesia, Russia and the Middle East, between January and February, down 36.4 per cent and 37.8 per cent, respectively, according to the Vietnamese General Statistics Office.

Vietnam’s total demand for fertilizers in 2007 is estimated at nearly 7.9

million tons, and domestic supplies are likely to stand at 4.7 million tons, according to the country’s Trade Ministry.—*MNA/Xinhua*



*Therapists prepare a traditional Ayurvedic massage room for a customer at the Taj Wellington Mews in Mumbai on 12 March, 2007. Ayurveda, an ancient Hindu healing method, has seen a resurgence as India vies for a share of the lucrative Asian medical tourism market by offering traditional massages and beauty treatments to wealthy tourists.*

INTERNET

## India ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in global steel production

NEW DELHI, 13 March—India’s steel production ranked the seventh in the world in 2006, up from the ninth in 2004, according to the Indian Government on Monday.

Indian Minister of State for Steel Akhilesh Das quoted Brussels-based International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI)’s study as saying that India produced 44 million tons of crude steel in 2006, 7.6 per cent more than the 40.9 million tons in the previous year. “Keeping in view the importance of the steel industry in the country, the Government formulated a National Steel Policy in 2005, aiming at a production level of 110 million per annum by 2019-20,” Das said when addressing the Parliament here Monday.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## OPEC expected to keep up oil flow

BEIJING, 14 March—OPEC, the producer of 41 percent of the world’s oil, probably won’t cut output at a meeting tomorrow as

mounting tensions between the United States and Iran bolster prices.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Countries, whose members will meet in Vienna, lowered production at its two previous conferences, Bloomberg News reported. Oil ministers from Kuwait, Iran, Qatar, Algeria, Libya and Indonesia said in the

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past month more cuts aren’t needed after crude traded close to 60 US dollars a barrel for the past five weeks, reaching its highest in more than two months on 1 March.

“Prices are right about where OPEC wants them to be ... so they will take no action,” said Peter Beutel, the president of Cameron Hanover Inc, a New Canaan, Connecticut, energy consultant. “Oil at 50 dollars is too low for most of the members and

70 dollars is seen as too high to be sustainable.”

The US is at odds with Iran, the second-biggest producer in OPEC, over its nuclear research.

Iran says it wants to generate electricity. The US says it wants to build weapons. OPEC agreed to reduce supplies at its two earlier meetings by a combined 1.7 million barrels a day to compensate for an expected decline in heating fuel demand next quarter.—*Internet*



*A general view shows the Bushehr nuclear power plant in the Iranian Persian Gulf port of Bushehr, 1,200 kms south of Teheran. Six major powers scrambled on 13 March, 2007, to put the finishing touches on a draft resolution tightening UN sanctions on Iran that they hope to present to the Security Council on 14 March, 2007.—INTERNET*

## Cuba-China trade doubles in 2006

HAVANA, 14 March—The trade volume between Cuba and China in 2006 saw a two-fold increase from the previous year and reached 1.8 billion dollars, Cuban newspaper *Opciones* quoted Chinese Ambassador Zhao Rongxian as saying on Tuesday.

“Growth has been really successful,” Zhao

told the newspaper, adding, “There are many Chinese products in Cuba and vice versa.”

He said that China has imported nickel, sugar, medicine and biotechnology products from Cuba, and the two sides has experienced excellent relations, paving the way for a “splendid” future.

China has become the

world’s fourth largest economy, while Cuba’s economy grew 12.5 per cent in 2006, the fastest in the Latin America.

At present, more than 10,000 Chinese visitors travel to Cuba each year. The ambassador said he would work to boost the tourism links between the two sides to a higher level.—*MNA/Xinhua*





## Sri Lankan Govt, Chinese Cos sign port building agreement

COLOMBO, 13 March — The Sri Lankan Government said it signed an agreement with two Chinese companies on Monday for the construction of Hambantota Harbour in its deep south. “Representatives of China Harbour Engineering Company Limited and Sino Hydro Corporation Limited and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority have signed agreement for the construction of

Hambantota Harbour,” the Department of Government Information said in a statement.

The total estimated cost for the construction of this project is 360 million US dollars and the construction work is scheduled to commence within three months, the statement said.

Once the construction work of the port is completed it can produce 6,000 direct employment

and 50,000 indirect employment opportunities while developing Hambantota area.

During the first phase of the project, an industrial port with a 300-meter jetty and a dedicated oil terminal will be constructed at Hambantota and it will be expanded to a container handling port during the next two stages to handle 20 million containers per year. — MNA/Xinhua



Models display their hairstyles during “Hair Colouring Splash” in Tokyo on 13 March, 2007. The event introduced Japan’s latest hair colouring fashion in collaboration with top salons in the country, organizers said.—XINHUA

## Dubai airport, closed by plane accident, reopens

DUBAI, 13 March — Dubai airport reopened after being forced to close for more than seven hours on Monday when a Biman Bangladesh Airlines aircraft had an accident during takeoff, officials said.

Fourteen of the 236 passengers and crew were slightly injured in the 6.30 am (0230 GMT) accident at the Middle East’s busiest airport, officials said. No details of the cause of the accident were available, but Dubai civil aviation authorities said they were investigating.

“Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight BG006 flying from Dubai to Dhaka had a minor accident during takeoff,” the Department of Civil Aviation said in a statement.

The airport reopened at about 2 pm (1000 GMT), it said.

Dubai, one of seven emirates comprising the United Arab Emirates, is

the biggest trade and tourism centre in the Gulf region. Dubai airport is the busiest in the Middle East and a major hub for transfers between Europe and Asia.

Some flights were cancelled, while others were delayed or transferred to nearby Abu Dhabi and Sharjah airports.—MNA/Reuters



A model displays a traditional kimono dress by Japanese designer Jotaro Saito during Japan Fashion Week in Tokyo on 13 March, 2007. XINHUA



Winds from Japan perform at Sino-Japan concert in Beijing on 13 March, 2007.—XINHUA

## Five killed as car hit by huge stone in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, 13 March — Five people were killed when a car was hit by a boulder near Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir early Monday morning.

The vehicle plunged into the River Jhelum after being hit by a boulder as result of a landslide in the area, and all the five people on board died on the spot, according to the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan.

Police have recovered the bodies. The four passengers were said to be young overseers of Highway Department of Pakistan Public Works Department. — MNA/Xinhua

## Five Afghans killed in NATO air strike

KANDAHAR(Afghanistan), 13 March — Western forces killed five Afghan civilians in an air strike in the southern province of Helmand, a tribal elder said on Monday.

The elder, Meera Jan, said civilian houses were hit in the attack. As well as the five people killed, four were wounded, he said.

A spokeswoman for NATO troops in Afghanistan said an air strike had been carried out in the Gereshek District of Helmand Province late on Sunday but NATO forces were not involved. A spokesman for a separate US-led force said he had no information about any air strike. — MNA/Reuters

## Mother, two children killed in New Jersey house fire

NEW YORK, 14 March — A mother and two of her children were killed in an overnight house fire in Somerset County, New Jersey, local media reported on Tuesday. The children’s father and a neighbour reportedly rescued a third child, a two-year-old boy. Both the man and the boy were taken to hospital.

The fire was reported at about 11:30 pm Monday (0330 GMT Tuesday) and the victims were found in a bedroom on the second floor of a house in Manville, Somerset, the report said. Firefighters brought the fire under control after over two hours.— MNA/Xinhua

## Blair faces major revolt over nuclear weapons

LONDON, 15 March — Prime Minister Tony Blair could face one of the biggest rebellions by his Labour Party in a decade in power on Wednesday when Parliament votes whether to renew Britain’s nuclear arsenal.

As many as 100 Labour members of Parliament could reject Blair’s plan to

spend up to 20 billion pounds (38.60 billion US dollars) on three or four nuclear-armed submarines to replace the ageing Trident system.

That would be the biggest rebellion against Blair since nearly 140 Labour politicians voted in 2003 against war in Iraq and Blair’s biggest setback

on a domestic issue since he came to power in 1997.

Blair, who has a majority of 67 in the 646-seat Lower House, is expected to win with the help of the opposition Conservatives who have said they will back the replacement.

Blair, due to step down in a few months, argues Britain must retain nuclear

weapons because new threats from Iran, North Korea or nuclear terrorists make it dangerous to abandon them.

Opponents say there is no need for the weapons now the Cold War is over and Britain will set a bad example to countries such as Iran and North Korea by insisting on keeping them. — MNA/Reuters



# 75-year-old weaving industry of Yoegoe village in Mon State

*Interviewed by Nu Nu Yee and Tin Tin Win.  
Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

It had passed 11 in the morning when, we, the staff of Myanma Alin Daily, arrived in Mawlamyine on 5 March. We

Myanmar, ensure better transport and rapid development of the state.

Mon State has weaving

slates, robes, fruits including durians and lychee, salt, minerals, traditional mats, preserved foods and souvenirs. Of those cottage



*Yarn used in weaving cloths.*

## ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

visited the capital of Mon State to interview rural entrepreneurs taking part in the One Village, One Product project.

We are visiting rural cottage

industry, pepper farms, hand weaving industry, dried fish enterprises and rubber industry.

It also produces tobacco pipes, walking sticks, ballpens,

industries, we will present rural cottage industries one by one.

Our team visited a family weaving cottage industry of U Kyaw Shwe and Daw Mi in Yoegoe



*Only the traditional methods are used at the cottage industry to weave cloth.*

industries to present in our daily a specific product of a specific rural industry as the One Village, One Product project covers the whole nation in which region-wise mini enterprises manufacture different kinds of finished goods depending on the market and the availability of raw materials.

The journey by train to the nation's third largest city at the mouth of Thanlwin River was so comfortable, and all along the way, we were refreshed by the view of green crop fields and bluish mountains covered with lush and verdant vegetation. People like travelling as it helps enhance their regional knowledge and make new friends.

Since in the past, Mon State has been easily accessible from many other places. Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine), the largest and the longest in

*A worker weaving cloths.*



*Finished products of the cottage industry.*

village, Mawlamyine Township. Hpa-auk, Kaw-khamei, Kawsapo and Yoegoe villages in Mon State are famous for their weaving industry. The family industry has been running with hand looms for about 75 years, U Kyaw Shwe and Daw Mi told us.

The industry gets raw materials from Mandalay Industrial Zone. After dyeing the woven cloths, they are exposed to

the sun, the owners said in explaining the production process. The main product of the industry is man's longyi. It is also producing woman's longyi whose unit price is from K 2000 to K 2300.

During the interview, U Kyaw Shwe said, "The family business has ten looms. Each loom is run by a worker. A loom can produce ten longyis a day. A worker earns about K 40,000 per month. The enterprise also makes a monthly profit of K 150,000 to K 200,000. The working hour is from morning to about 5 pm. The main markets are Mawlamyine and Hpa-an."

Mostly, rural cottage industries are family-run businesses or cooperative societies. As the weaving industry of U Kyaw Shwe and Daw Mi is a family business, like most other family businesses, it is run in the owners' house.

The cottage industry has been running since their forefathers. We believe that it will continue to run till their future generations. What's more, the One Village, One Product project will help develop rural cottage industries and expand their markets.

**(Translation: TMT)**

12-3-2007 Myanma Alin



## Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into regional...

(from page 1)

At Katha railway station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials to keep the station clean and pleasant. Deputy General Manager U Myat Lin of Myanmar Railway reported on the suitable axis of railroad from Katha to Bhamo.

On arrival at No 5 special physic nut farm of Sagaing Division on Katha-Indaw Road, Lt-

Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on efforts to be made for cultivation of physic nut to exceed the target. Next, they attended the physic nut growing ceremony in Ward 9.

On 13 March, they met with local authorities and members of township agricultural coordination committee at the local battalion in Katha Township. The commander reported

on work to be done for road sections of the district-to-district No 3 in Shwebo and Katha districts and future tasks for agriculture, education and health sectors. Officials also submitted reports on their respective sectors.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed them to supervise their respective sectors. — MNA

## Farmers in Kengtung urged ...

(from page 1)

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visited a summer paddy field in Kengtung Township yesterday to attend a ceremony to collectively scatter the fertiliser on summer paddy field and to weed the field.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged officials of Myanmar Agriculture Service and residents to extend the cultivation in the region as it has a plenty of fertile land, and to try hard to raise the agricultural products in it. He also encouraged the farmers to grow rubber as a perennial crop while growing tea, onion and garlic.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win

and party viewed the demonstration of agricultural machinery run on physic nut oil and inspected fertilisers displayed at the ceremony.

Afterwards, they visited the rubber plantation in Monglan Village-tract in Kengtung Township.

At the meeting with officials of Myanmar Agriculture Service, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win called for using modern farming methods and employing skilful workers in rubber farming to increase the per acre yield.

They also inspected summer paddy cultivation on either side of Kengtung-Monghsat Road in a motorcade.

Patron of Union

Solidarity and Development Association Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with executives and members of the district/township USDAs in Shan State (East) at local battalion.

At the meeting, he heard reports on tasks being carried out by district/township USDAs and gave instructions.

During the tour of Mongphyat, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander also met with executives and members of Mongphyat District USDA.

On the way to Tachilek, they also inspected summer paddy cultivation on both sides of Kengtung-Tachilek Road.

MNA

## Secretariat Member inspects development works in Magway Division

YANGON, 15 March — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan went on an inspection tour of 12-mile long Htilin-Wayinchaing-Lanpan-Lonepound-Hsinswe rural development earth road in Htilin Town, Magway Division on 11 March.

After inspecting the rural development road, the Secretariat Member discussed construction of bridges across creeks with township level officials and then made arrangements to fulfill the needs of the construction tasks.

The first phase works have already been completed so far. The USDA contributed K 2.5 million to be spent on the construction of the road. Members of the township USDA and the local people are to cooperate to pave the road with gravel and

build bridges.

Upon arrival at Hsinswe village, the Secretariat Member paid homage to Dhammacakka monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami and offered alms to the Sayadaw. Next, he met with the local people totalling 1300 from seven surrounding villages at the monastery. Afterwards, he accepted a total of 450 membership applications presented by village organizer U Hsan Win.

At Hsinswe village Basic Education High School, the Secretariat Member presented K 300,000, coils of plastic ropes, 100 textbooks and 50 dozen exercise books, magazines, and journals to officials concerned. During his stay in Ohnnout village, the Secretariat Member paid homage to Dhamikayon monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiddhi and offered alms to the

Sayadaw. At the monastery, he met with the local people totalling over 900 from eight villages and accepted a total of 550

membership applications.

Next, the Secretariat Member presented K 300,000 to be spent on the construction of a new school, 100 textbooks and 50 dozen exercise books, bars of

soap, magazines and journals to personnel concerned.

At Waryinchaing village No 33 BEPS, the Secretariat Member met with the local people totalling over 500 and made a speech on the occasion. Next, he presented exercise books for the school through officials concerned.

During his meeting with the local people, the Secretariat Member said the purpose

of his field trips down to the villages was to provide necessary assistance in the drive for rural development tasks. The USDA is implementing five rural development tasks, supplying electric power to villages and opening self-reliant libraries in every village. There were internal and external destructive organizations taking a dim view of the development image of the State. Internal and external destructive elements are

attempting to harm the regional development by using multilateral tools. Their destructive acts can delay the establishment of a democratic nation. Their attempts are of great danger.

Therefore, all the people joining hands with the State and the Tatmataw should participate not only in the nation-building endeavours but in the fight against the danger of the destructive elements.

MNA



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with local people at Wayinchaing Village in Htilin Township. — MNA



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes cash donation at Ohnnout Village to construct a school in the village. — MNA

## Jade sales continue at Myanmar Convention Centre

YANGON, 15 March — A total of 1417 jade lots were sold through the tender system at yesterday's sales of jade lots at the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium and 716 jade lots were sold this afternoon.

As merchants purchased 419 more jade lots yesterday evening, the number of jade lots of the yesterday's sales reached over 1,400.

A total of 3,399 merchants at home and abroad

gathered at the emporium at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township today.

The sales of jade lots will continue tomorrow as the fourth day.

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## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects...

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10 major crops, it is necessary to grow pepper and rubber to achieve remarkable success. Furthermore, cultivation of physic nut is to be carried out on a commercial scale. Moreover, he stressed the need to place emphasis on breeding domestic

chickens. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged departmental personnel to make field trips to the grass-roots level for undertaking five rural development tasks.

Next, they viewed progress of Ngayokkaung by car. Next, they inspected

Ngayokkaung Hospital and presented cash assistance for renovation of the hospital to an official.

At the police station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with police members and families and left necessary instructions.

MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo holds meeting with...

(from page 16)  
township levels, members of social organizations and the local people at the city hall of Dawei on 13 March and then made a speech on the occasion.

First, Chairman of Dawei District PDC U Nyunt Myint Than briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on location and area of Dawei township and development works and Head of District Land Records Department U Soe Tint on reclamation of farmlands with five ways of growing more monsoon paddy for 2007-2008.

Next, manager U Kyaw Hla of Myanma

Agriculture Service and officials briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on efforts made in regional agricultural services and ways to be sought for per acre yield.

After raising the queries, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion, saying that progress could be witnessed in the fields of agriculture and education in Taninthayi Division. Arrangements were necessary for the local people in order to participate in the cultivation of rubber earnestly. Officials are to carry out greening tasks in the district and to join hands

with the local people in the regional development drive. Vacant and virgin lands will be reclaimed in the interest of the local peasants. Arrangements will be made for increased per acre yield. Officials are to organize the local people to participate in the regional development tasks.

Dawei District has already cultivated 214,331 acres of monsoon paddy, 13,392 acres of summer paddy, 117 acres of peanuts, 490 sesame, 774 acres of sugarcane, over 80,000 acres of rubber and 26,554 acres of oil palm in 2006-2007.

MNA

## Commander inspects rehearsal of parade columns

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Chairman of Management Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the Work Committee for the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe inspected rehearsal of the parade columns at the parade ground here today.

Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung, Anawrahta Column, Kyansittha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Aungzayya Column, Hsinphyushin Column, Bandoola Column, Myawady Column, Parade Columns

of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services and Myanmar Red Cross Society are practising the drill.

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**Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects rehearsal of parade columns at the parade ground in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA**



## Minister oversees main and sub-power stations



**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects construction of 230/66/11 KV sub-power station in Athoat (Yekyi), Ayeyawady Division. — MNA**

YANGON, 14 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe and officials concerned, arrived at Ngathaingchaung jetty near Ngawun bridge in Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint heard reports presented by Director U Thein Hlaing of Electric Power Supply

Project (South). Next, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project tasks.

At Ngathaingchaung Township Engineer's Office, engineer U Than Htay briefed the minister on power supply tasks and availability of power. In response to the reports, the minister gave instructions on full distribution of power to the public.

Upon arrival at Yekyi main sub-power station, engineer U Thet Oo of

Patheingyi District briefed the minister on power supply tasks. Next, the minister and party proceeded to a construction site of Athoat (Yekyi) 230/66/11 KV sub-power station. Afterwards, manager U Saw Win Maung of Electric Power Supply Project (South) briefed the minister and party on progress in construction of Hlinethaya-Athoat (Yekyi) 230 KV Power Grid and sub-power station, and future tasks.

After inspecting the installation of Control Panels, 230 KV Bus Bar and Marsha Uing Kiosk Box, the minister gave instructions on tasks to be carried out to supply power to the public as soon as possible. — MNA

**Third New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency & Conservation Forum of ASEAN+3 in progress. — ENERGY**

## Third New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency & Conservation Forum of ASEAN+3 kicks off

YANGON, 15 March — Third New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency & Conservation Forum of ASEAN+3 meeting was opened today in Hline Campus here today.

The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Energy, ASEAN Centre for Energy-ACE, Institute of Energy Economic Energy Japan-IEEJ and Myanmar Engineering Association (MEA). Also present were departmental officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Executive Director Dr Weerawat Chantanakome of ACE, MS Rabiah Al Adawiyah of ASEAN Secretariat, representatives of China, Japan and Korea and officials concerned. Deputy Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department and Dr Weerawat Chantanakome made speeches on the occasion. After the opening ceremony, the representatives of ASEAN and its three partner countries read out the papers. The meeting will continue tomorrow. — MNA





## Cash and kind donated to women's organizations in Kachin State



President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win visits orphanage school in Myitkyina. — MCWA

YANGON, 15 March— Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Khin Khin Win and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha comforted the patients and provided cash and kind to them at the obstetric and paediatric ward of Myitkyina General Hospital on 8 March.

At the cash donation ceremony held at the hospital, the president presented K 300,000 donated by the MMCWA, and Chairperson of Kachin State MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Nu Nu Swe, K1.8 million to the hospital through the medical superintendent.

In meeting with members of Kachin State and district MCW Supervisory Committees and executives of township MCWAs at the Kachin State MCW Supervisory Committee, the president instructed them to raise health, education and social standards of women

irrespective of race and religion, and make field trips to rural areas in cooperation with congenial social organizations.

During the tour of Myitkyina Township MCWA, she presented medicines and medical equipment worth K 5.6 million, and Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, materials for construction of fly-proof latrines to the association through Kachin State MCWSC Joint-Secretary Dr Myint Myint Than. They also provided cash and foods for patients. They also inspected the labour room. They donated rice and edible oil to orphanages.

On 9 March, they presented toys to the children at the pre-primary school of Myitkyina Station. They visited the tailoring course and donated rice and edible oil to the nunnery and the altruistic centre.

On 10 March, they had a meeting with

chairpersons and executives of Injayan Township MCWA and branch associations in Injayan and gave instructions on the objectives of the association. They attended the ceremony to give talks on maternal and child health care and present cash donations at Bhamo.

Daw Khin Khin Win delivered a speech. Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha presented facts about the project. The chairperson presented K 5 million for the maternal and child health care centre project being implemented by the Department of Health, the MMCWA and the UNFPA. The secretary presented two bicycles and pamphlets provided by MMCWA to Kachin State MCWSC.

They inspected the chosen site for the project, Bhamo Home for the Aged and the delivery room of Bhamo Township MCWA.

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## Yangon Division WAO makes cash donation

YANGON, 15 March— The rehabilitation and re-integration and working group of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization made cash donation at the rehabilitation centre (Twantay) of Ministry of

Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Alanoak Village, Twantay Township, today. Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai handed over K 110,000 to Principal Daw Than Htay

of the rehabilitation centre.

Afterwards, Daw Mar Mar Wai also presented clothes, medicine and necessary assistance to the trainees and viewed trainees learning at vocational science.— MNA



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai presents nutritious refreshment, medicines and clothes to a trainee. — MNA

## Talks on Leader, Leadership and Global View given



Chairman Dr Nay Zin Latt of AMBO Co Ltd and AMBO Hotel Group speaks at Leader, Leadership and Global View Seminar. — MNA

YANGON, 15 March — Talks on Leader, Leadership and Global View was held at Parkroyal Hotel here on 10 March.

Chairman of AMBO Co Ltd and AMBO Hotel Group Dr Nay Zin Latt gave talks on leadership and management, effective leaders and

effective leadership and replied to the queries of those present.

The talks were arranged by CEO Economic and Management Magazine with the assistance of

Adam University and SMART Technical Services Co Ltd. After the talks, the books published by Today Publishing House were sold at 10% discount.

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## Turkey to host Mediterranean marine congress in April

ANKARA, 15 March — The 38th Congress of the International Commission for the Scientific Research of the Mediterranean Sea

(CIESM) will be held in Istanbul from 9 to 13, April the Turkish semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Tuesday.

The report said that more than 1,000 scientists from 40 countries will participate in the congress, which will be officially opened by Prince Albert II of Monaco.

MNA/Xinhua

### Corrigendum

Please read "There are 1919303 Islamic faiths" on page 5 column 3 under the sub-heading of Freedom of religion in this daily issued on 15-3-2007.—Ed

## Death of birds in Yangon Div unrelated to bird flu

YANGON, 15 March— The death of 24 crows, 13 pigeons and one sparrow was found in townships of Yangon Division from 10 March to date.

The death of six crows and three pigeons was found in Ahlon, Shwepyitha, Insein, Mingaladon, Pazundaung and Mayangon townships

on 10 March, five crows and four pigeons in Insein, Pazundaung, Kyimyindine, Pabedan, Thakayta, Hlinethaya and Hline townships on 11 March, three crows and pigeons each in Sangyoung, Hline, Thingangyun, Dawbon, Mayangon and Dagon Myothit townships on 12

March, three crows, two pigeons and one sparrow in Mayangon, Dagon Myothit, Mingaladon, Insein and Seikkyikhanaungto townships on 13 March, five crows in Pazundaung, Hmawby and Thakayta townships on 14 March and two crows and one pigeon in Insein Township today.

The majority death of birds in Yangon Division was due to heat stroke, chronic respiratory disease, enteritis, pigeon pox, injury and food poison, but unrelated to bird flu. The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department came to the conclusion that the number of death of birds declined.—MNA





A pigeon with a micro electrode implanted in its head is seen at a lab of the Robot Engineering Technology Research Centre of east China's Shandong University of Science and Technology in Qingdao, on 12 March, 2007. — INTERNET

## Scientists to study biological, genetic aspects of HIV/AIDS

BEIJING, 15 March — China launched a five-year research project Wednesday aimed at answering a number of HIV/AIDS-related puzzles such as why Chinese people are genetically predisposed to be more easily infected with the virus.

Led by Dr Zhang Linqi, director of AIDS Research Centre of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, the state-funded project will focus on eight research areas including how the HIV virus mutates and remains latent in the human body and why Chinese seem to be more easily infected with the virus through sexual contact.

According to the project, China will also bring together AIDS specialists from across the country to form its first team dedicated to systematic clinical research on the deadly disease.

China reported 183,733 HIV/AIDS cases in 2006, up 30 per cent from 2005. Experts from the Ministry of Health estimate there are actually 650,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in China. — MNA/Xinhua

## HK airport named world's best

HONG KONG, 15 March — Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) was named Wednesday as the world's best airport among facilities serving 40-million-plus air passengers annually in the Airports Council International's 2006 Airport Service Quality Awards.

HKIA ranked second overall in the awards, which surveyed more than 200,000 people at over 90 airports worldwide.

The surveys cover airport access and navigation; connectivity; airport services and facilities; security and immigration; airport environment; arrival services; value for money and overall satisfaction

with the airport and airline services.

"Delivering consistently high service levels day-in and day-out is a challenge for any airport. Maintaining those standards in the face of rapidly expanding passenger volumes is tougher still," Airport Authority Hong Kong Chief Executive Officer Stanley Hui said.

MNA/Xinhua

## UN predicts tripling of world's elderly by 2050

UNITED NATIONS, 15 March — The number of people 60 years and older may nearly triple to 2 billion by 2050, making up nearly a quarter of the expected global population of 9.2 billion, a UN report said on Tuesday.

The 2006 revision of "World Population Prospects" by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division predicts the global population will swell by 2.5 billion from the current 6.7 billion during the next 43 years.

"While the population at the global level is on track to surpass 9 billion by 2050 and hence continues to increase, that of the more developed regions is hardly changing and will age very markedly," the report said.

Most of the growth and youth in the world is expected to come from

poorer nations.

"Among the rest of the developing countries, rapid population aging is forecast," the report said.

Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, executive director of the UN Population Fund, said the world faces the challenge of meeting the needs of older people while looking after the young, particularly in developing countries.

"Population aging is a 20th-Century phenomenon resulting partly from improvements in life expectancy," she said.

The report said a prevailing trend in developed countries of not enough babies being born

to replace people dying would continue, while fertility in the least developed nations would decline but still remain higher than the rest of the world.

It predicted the population of the developed world was expected to remain almost unchanged during the next 43 years at 1.2 billion.

MNA/Reuters

## Two "JF-17 Thunder" fighter jets arrive in Pakistan for test

BEIJING, 15 March — Two JF-17 Thunder military aircraft have arrived in Pakistan for further flight tests and evaluation by the Pakistan Air Force, China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation (CATIC) said here Wednesday.

The JF-17 Thunder aircraft, an advanced multi-role Light Combat Aircraft, has been jointly developed by China and Pakistan.

The arrival ceremony of the aircraft was held at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex Kamra on 12 March, CATIC said.

The aircraft will make its debut in Islamabad on 23 March, it said.

Last May, the fourth prototype of JF-17 Thunder aircraft, equipped with exclusive avionics and weapons qualification systems, completed its first test flight in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The first prototype made its first test flight in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

## Flash floods, house collapses kill 12 in Kashmir

SRINAGAR (India), 15 March — Flash floods triggered by heavy snowfall have killed at least 12 people in Indian Kashmir, including several buried in their homes, police said on Wednesday.

Power was cut off in several areas and phones were not working.

Authorities have closed schools for a week as many roads, including the main highway that links the disputed Kashmir Valley to the rest of India, were blocked by snow and landslides.

Srinagar, the main city in the region, witnessed its heaviest snowfall in a decade for the month of March, a weather official said. — MNA/Reuters

## India bus crash kills 19 from wedding party

LUCKNOW (India), 15 March — Nineteen members of a wedding party were killed when the bus in which they were travelling plunged down a gorge and into a river in northern India, an official said on Tuesday.

More than two dozen were also injured late on Monday in Rudrapur District of the Himalayan State of Uttarakhand, about 300 kilometres (186 miles) from the state capital, Dehradun.

"The bus had to stop on account of ongoing work for widening of the road when its rear wheel sank in the soft debris, sending it into the Mandakini River," the official, who requested anonymity, said.

The bride and the bridegroom were not in the bus, he said. — MNA/Reuters

## India's satellite placed in intermediate orbit

BANGALORE, 15 March — In the first critical orbit raising manoeuvre, the country's telecommunication satellite INSAT-4B was Tuesday successfully placed in the intermediate orbit.

The 440 Newton Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM) on board the satellite was fired for 93 minutes by commanding the satellite from Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan in Karnataka.

With this LAM operation, INSAT-4B perigee has been raised to 14,244 kilometres and the apogee is at 35,75 kilometres, an Indian Space Research Organization statement said.

The present orbital period is 15 hours 21 minutes, it said.

INSAT-4B was successfully launched by Ariane 5 launch vehicle on 12 March from Kourou, French Guiana,

placing the satellite in the intended Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit with a perigee (closest point to the earth) of 250 kilometres and apogee (farthest point to the earth) of 35,886 kilometres.

MCF acquired the first signals on 12 March and conducted the initial phase operations on the spacecraft which had gone out of radio visibility of MCF at 2.04 pm (0834 GMT) Monday but came within its radio visibility again at 1 am (0730 GMT) Tuesday.

All systems on board the satellite were functioning normally, the statement said.

MNA/PTI

A pair of parrots kisses each other at a park in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 13 March, 2007. Parrots come to the estrus period between March and April every year. — INTERNET





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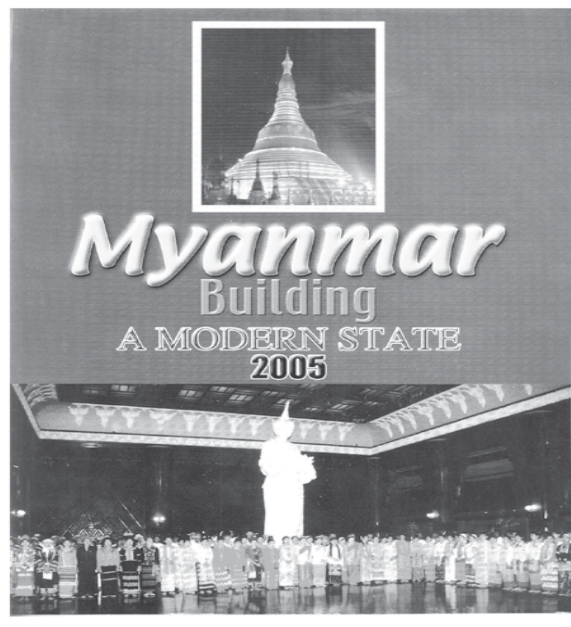
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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV GEE HONG VOY NO (705)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG VOY NO (705) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 16.3.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Uzbekistan condemns US human rights report**

ALMAATA, 14 March —Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday criticized the United States annual survey of human rights practices, saying the report was biased and made no sense.

The ministry said in a statement that Uzbekistan regretted that the report was a cliché, local media reported.

The government of Uzbekistan has repeatedly rejected US comments on the human rights situation in Uzbekistan. The ministry said that the report was politically motivated.

MNA/Xinhua



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Three year-old Paulina stands inside a large pink balloon which is part of the art installation "dots obsession" by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama in Munich's modern art gallery Haus der Kunst, on 12 March, 2007. The exhibition runs until 6 May, 2007.—XINHUA

## Bollywood's King Lear to pit cinema against stage

MUMBAI, 14 March — Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan will play King Lear in a new Bollywood film that attempts to examine the artistic rivalry between theatre and cinema, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Bachchan, 64, has acted in more than 150 films playing the angry rebel, the honest cop and the anti-hero in a career

spanning three decades, but says some of his best roles are coming his way only now.

His next film, tentatively called "The Last Lear" or "Curtain Call", he portrays a stage actor who plays King Lear.

"I'm a fading theatre actor who gets a film offer," Bachchan told the *Times of India*, referring

to his role in the film to be directed by art-house filmmaker Rituparno Ghosh.

"I like the subject. There has constantly been friendly friction between theatre and cinema."

Several top Indian theatre actors have found Bollywood fame playing character actors, and Bachchan says he envied those who strode both

arenas with equal ease.

"My character has to contend with going from theatre to cinema. This is the dilemma that Ritu wants to bring in."

Bachchan's latest film, "Eklavya", in which he plays an ageing royal guard, has drawn applause from British actor Ralph Fiennes as having a Shakespearean edge.

MNA/Reuters



Mexican singer Julieta Venegas performs during a concert in Spain's Canary Island of Gran Canaria on 11 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Southern California sizzles in record heat

LOS ANGELES, 14 March — Record-high heat waves which swept Southern California on Sunday are expected to continue on Monday, with some valley temperatures to approach the century mark, weather forecasts said.

Because of the heat, gusty winds and low humidity — below 10 per cent in some areas — a Red Flag Warning signifying a high risk of wildfire will be in effect until 7:00 Monday night in the mountains, forests and valleys of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.

The National Weather Service (NWS) said several records for a 11 March were set on Sunday, including in coastal, valley, desert and mountain areas of Los Angeles County, according to the NWS.

These included 94 in Long Beach, beating the 87 set in 1959; 93 in Pasadena, beating the 89 set in 1997; 82 in Lancaster, beating the 80 set in 1997; and 72 at Sandberg, beating the 67 set in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



Veterinarians help a new born baby elephant created by artificial insemination at an elephant conservation centre in Lampang Province north of Bangkok, on 8 March, 2007. — INTERNET

## Rapper Snoop Dogg arrested in Sweden for suspected drug use

STOCKHOLM, 14 March — Stockholm police arrested US rap star SnoopDogg and a woman in her early 20s early on Monday for suspected narcotics use, a police official said.

Snoop Dogg, 35, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, was detained at 1:25 am and released nearly four hours later, duty sergeant Mats Brannlund of Ostermalm police said.

"He was arrested for use of narcotics. It's illegal in Sweden to use them, even to have it in your system," he said.

"You can see that a person indicates that he has used narcotics in looking at his eyes or his movements.

(Police) suspected that he had taken drugs."

Snoop Dogg played Stockholm's Globe Arena on Sunday and was due to play the Oslo Spektrum later on Monday with fellow rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs as part of a joint European tour.

Oslo-based concert promoter Atomic Agency said Snoop Dogg was en route to the Norwegian capital.

Media representatives for the rapper were not immediately available for comment.

Brannlund said police took body samples from Snoop Dogg and the woman and sent these to a laboratory for tests.

MNA/Reuters

## Stolen valuable violins recovered in Paris

LOS ANGELES, 14 March — Two valuable violins stolen from the home of a Los Angeles Philharmonic musician have been recovered in Paris, where the alleged thief was trying to sell them, it was reported Monday.

There is no word on the condition of the instruments, with a combined value of nearly 300,000 US dollars, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

"Our fingers are crossed," Adam Crane,

director of public relations for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, told *The Times*. "We don't know the condition of the instruments at this point. But we're excited they were recovered. We will feel very happy when the violins are back in our possession."

A Los Angeles Police Department spokesman confirmed the recovery of the instruments Thursday in Paris, but said that no more information, including the name of the

alleged thief, would be released until a news conference to display the instruments could be scheduled, *The Times* reported.

A burglar stole the violins on 23 December from the home of Mark Kashper, who holds the seat of associate principal second violin in the Philharmonic. The more valuable violin, owned by the symphony, is an 18th century Tononi worth about 225,000 US dollars.

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# SPORTS

## Leverkusen beat Lens 3-0 to reach UEFA Cup last eight

LEVERKUSEN (Germany), 15 March — Bayer Leverkusen thumped Racing Lens 3-0 on Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the UEFA Cup on a 4-2 aggregate.

Leverkusen, 2-1 down from the first leg, edged ahead on the away goals rule when Andriy Voronin controlled the ball on his chest and swept a shot just inside the post from the edge of the area in the 36th minute.

The goal forced Lens out on the attack but they had little success and Sergej Barbarez tapped in 11 minutes into the second half to make it 2-0.

Brazilian defender Juan gave the home side some breathing space with a header from a corner with 20 minutes to go.—MNA/Reuters



Steed Malbranque scores the winner as Spurs seal a 3-2 win and a 6-4 win on aggregate to progress in Europe.—INTERNET

## Red Star, Partizan advance to Cup semifinals

BELGRADE, 15 March — Belgrade rivals Red Star and Partizan reached the Serbian Cup semifinals

with emphatic victories on Wednesday.

Champions and league leaders Red Star stayed on course for a 10th domestic double with a 2-0 win at Second-Division neighbours Cukaricki, while Partizan cruised to a 3-0 success at Mladost Apatin.

Vojvodina Novi Sad won 2-1 at Second Division Radnicki Pirot, while Banat Zrenjanin reached the last four with a 1-0 home win over Bezanija Belgrade. Looking to bounce back from a string of poor results, Red Star held on in a tense first half before Milan Purovic fired them ahead with a header from eight metres shortly after the hour.

Second-half substitute Aleksandar Trisovic sealed the match in the 80th minute, capping his dazzling solo run with a powerful shot from a tight angle.—MNA/Reuters

## Japan beat Malaysia 2-1 in Olympic qualifier

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 March — Japan beat Malaysia 2-1 on Wednesday to strengthen their position in Group B of the 2008 Beijing Olympic qualifying competition.

It was Japan's second victory after beating Hong Kong 3-0 away.

Sota Hirayama scored after 13 minutes and Tadanari Lee made it 2-0 in the 77th minute. Khyril Muhymeen pulled a goal back for Malaysia in the 81st minute.

Syria are the other side in the group. The top two teams advance to the third and final round of qualifying in June. Asia will have three representatives in Beijing, apart from hosts China.—MNA/Reuters



Japan's Sota Hirayama tips over by Malaysia's Mohd Sabre Mat Abu during the qualifying match for 2008 Beijing Olympic in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Wednesday, 14 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Woods receives 2006 Mark H McCormack award

ORLANDO (Florida), 15 March — Tiger Woods is the recipient of the 2006 Mark H McCormack Award after dominating last year's world rankings, Official World Golf Ranking's governing board said on Wednesday.

American Woods, who is seeking a fifth title in this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill, has claimed the honour nine times in a row since its inception in 1998. The award is presented annually to the player who holds the number one position in the official world rankings for the greatest number of weeks in each calendar year.

"Tiger provided us with another exciting year of watching him battle to be the best," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement.

"We congratulate him on another great season and on the accomplishment of continuing to dominate as the top-ranked player in the world."—MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's Richard Dunne, top centre, jumps for the ball over Chelsea's Ricardo Carvalho during their English Premier League soccer match at The City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester, England, on 14 March, 2007.—INTERNET

## Svindal wins final men's World Cup downhill

LENZERHEIDE (Switzerland), 15 March — Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway won the final men's downhill race of the Alpine Ski World Cup on Wednesday with a time of one minute 1:18.97 seconds.

Daniel Albrecht of Switzerland was second in 1:19.02 and Christoph Gruber of Austria finished third with 1:19.04.

Swiss Didier Cuche had already won the 2007 downhill World Cup title.

MNA/Reuters

## London 2012 names Lloyds TSB as first sponsor

LONDON, 15 March — Sebastian Coe, chairman of the 2012 Olympics organizing committee, welcomed British bank Lloyds TSB as the Games' first domestic sponsor on Wednesday.

Coe announced the news at a ceremony on the banks of the River Thames and pronounced himself "delighted to have achieved another milestone on the way to 2012."

British media said the agreement with Britain's fifth-biggest bank was worth about 80 million pounds (154.3 million US dollars) but Coe said no figures would be confirmed as organizers were still in the process of negotiating with other potential backers.

Coe, twice Olympic 1,500 metres champion but now the consummate politician, spoke against the backdrop of a gymnastics display by some of the young hopefuls for the Olympics in Britain's capital under crisp, blue skies. "I'm genuinely pleased and excited," he told Reuters. "It's a very big moment in the life of a host city, bringing the first big business part-

ner to the table and one that is such a great and trusted British brand."

Organizers have spent much of the last few weeks fighting a rearguard action in the face of media claims of a huge budget over-run for the Games, the first to be held in Britain since 1948, but Coe stressed again on Wednesday that operating costs -- as opposed to the bill for the regeneration of the Stratford area of east London -- remained pretty constant.

"I only ever talk about incomings because that's what our organization has been charged with doing," he said. "The cost of staging the games, narrowly defined as the operating budget, is pretty much as estimated and within that is the opportunity to draw income from the private sector.

MNA/Reuters



Vera Zvonareva, of Russia, bangs her racket down in frustration during her match against Na Li of China at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif, on 14 March, 2007.—INTERNET



China's Lin Zhu returns a shuttlecock to Singapore's Li Li, during the Badminton Swiss Open tournament in Basle, Switzerland, on 14 March, 2007.—INTERNET



## Uncensored VCDs seized

YANGON, 15 March — The uncensored VCDs were seized at Yuzana Plaza in Mingalataungnyunt Township, Yangon on 13 March. A shopkeeper has been arrested on a charge of the sales of the uncensored disks.

A combined team including members of Township Police Force

## Fires break out in Magway, Bago, Sagaing Divs

YANGON, 15 March — A fire that broke out in None Pin village of Shapin village-tract in Pakkoku Township in Magway Division at about 9 pm yesterday destroyed seven houses and left 37 people homeless.

Likewise, a house was gutted by the fire that broke out on Kyaungyitan Road in Kyauktangyi Ward of Okpho in Bago Division at 4 am yesterday.

In addition, a fire caused by lighted candle gutted two houses and left nine people homeless on Thabyay Road in Yadanabon Ward, Monywa Township in Sagaing Division.

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combed a shop No M-12 on the ground floor of the plaza at 10.30 am on that day and seized a total of 5,860 uncensored VCDs of foreign movies, VCDs of Myanmar songs and blue movies.

Actions are being taken against the shopkeeper named Thura Aung, who sold the uncensored disks by Mingalataungnyunt Township Police Force.

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## South Korea turns to pig poop for electric power

SEOUL, 15 March — South Korea has fired up a power plant that turns animal waste into electricity as a part of Seoul's plan to develop eco-friendly, reusable energy, the government said on Wednesday.

The plant is capable of burning about 20 tons of animal excrement a day generated by some 2,500 pigs to produce 30 kilowatts of electricity, which is enough to power about 100 households.

The Energy Ministry said it will cap any harmful emissions from the plant located southeast of Seoul

that will serve as a model to generate power from the 51 million tons of animal waste produced in the country every year.

On a national level, South Korea could eventually create the energy equivalent of 360,000 tons of oil a year from using animal waste, the ministry said.

"We plan to build three more cogeneration power plants of this type this year, and maybe even up to 20 new facilities by 2008," said Choi Byoengdal, an Energy Ministry official.

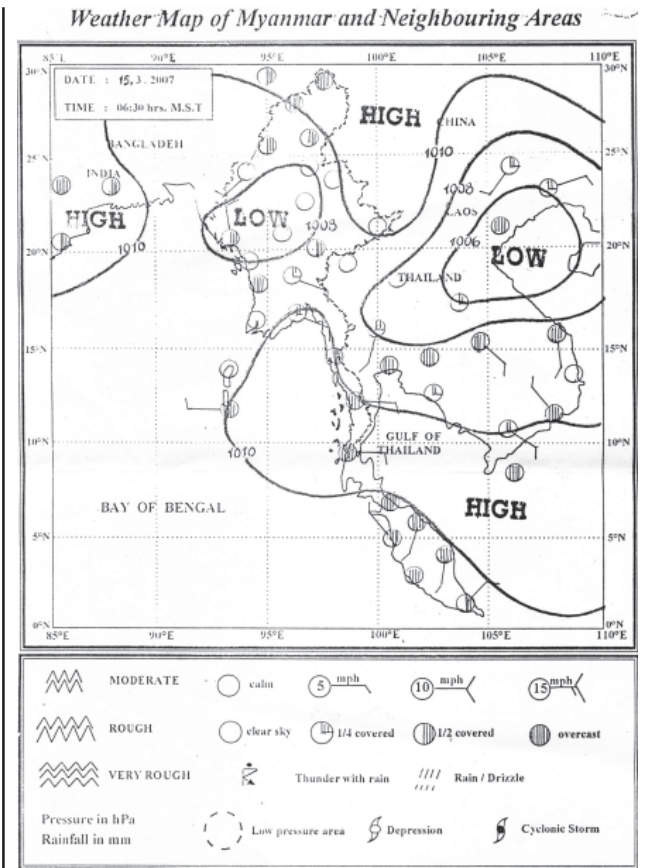
European countries such as Denmark and Germany have been successful in generating power from farm animal excrement, the ministry said.

MNA/Reuters



Performers on stilts dance during a firework display at the Cricket World Cup opening ceremony in Trelawny, Jamaica, on Sunday, 11 March, 2007.

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### WEATHER

Thursday, 15 March, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Magway and Minbu, (41°C) each, Nay Pyi Taw, Pyay, Thayawady and Hinthada (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 14-3-2007 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 15-3-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-3-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 14-3-2007 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 14-3-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 16-3-2007:** Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and 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 16-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-3-2007:** Partly cloudy.

### "Untimely Rainfall Warning"

Issued at (10:00) hours MST on 15th March 2007

According to the observation at (09:30) hrs MST today, under the influence of the Western Disturbances, light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Chin States and upper Sagaing Division within next (72) hours commencing noon today.



Friday, 16 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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am
- 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
- 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

- 8:15 am
- 8. (G) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
- 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm
- 6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:30 pm
- 7. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

- 5:45 pm
- 8. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုတေးများ (၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်)
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရင်
- 7:05 pm
- 12. ချင်းပြည်နယ်ရဲအလှူတစ်ပါး ဗားရိတ်တာ
- 7:15 pm
- 13. မဟာနိသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 7:30 pm
- 14. ကလေးများအတွက် ဝိုင်းဝန်းလို့ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ တိုက်ဖျက်ဖို့
- 7:45 pm
- 15. (G) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 20. The next day's programme



## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development of Ngayokkaung region in Patheingyi District

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, viewed villages, bridges and road sections in Shaukchaung, Hsinma and Thebyu village-tracts in Ngwehsaung, Patheingyi Township, by car on 13 March.

At mile post No 21 on Ngwehsaung-Hsinma-

Ngayokkaung road in Kanasoekon Village, they inspected the site for construction of 450-foot Thityaung Creek Bridge.

After viewing progress of villages along 32-mile Ngwehsaung-Ngayokkaung earth road, they arrived at Ngayokkaung. Next, they proceeded to Nanthapu Village-tract on Koyangyi Island and fulfilled the requirements of the region.

At Ngayokkaung Town General Administration Department, they met departmental personnel and local people. Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than heard reports on progress of the town by Administrator U Yin Htwe of the GAD, and attended to the needs.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that Ngayokkaung Village was upgraded to a town, and the government is fulfilling requirements of economic and social sectors including transport of the town. Local authorities and people are to take part in the implementation of the regional plan for gaining progress for the region and the nation. In addition to

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents cash assistance to a doctor of People's Hospital in Ngayokkaung to renovate it. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo holds meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations, local people



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meeting with departmental officials and members of social organizations at city hall in Dawei. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials of SPDC Office and departmental heads, held a meeting with departmental officials at district and

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## NLD relying too much on two foreign powers, while trying to undermine nation, people Self-seekers receiving international cash awards, with NLD as base, trying to gain party senior positions Two from Hlinethaya resign as NLD never serves interests of members and people

YANGON, 15 March — Chairman of Organizing Committee of Hlinethaya Township NLD in Yangon Division U Mya Maung and Treasurer Daw San Myint resigned from the party of own volition on 12 March.

The two dispatched a letter of resignation to

NLD headquarters and the respective local authorities.

In the letter of resignation they sent to the Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, the two said that politically, the NLD has been relying too much on two foreign pow-

ers; that the party has been hatching plots to harm the nation and the people; that self-seekers receiving international cash awards, with NLD as the base, are trying to gain senior positions in the party; that the NLD leadership is granting positions and privileges to self-seekers while

disregarding the members serving as the party base at risk from harming self-interest; and that they have no more trust in NLD leadership.

The letter also said that instead of providing support for government-sponsored national development endeavours, the

NLD is always trying to find fault in the government; that it has never served the interest of its members and the people.

As they have not any trust in and reliance on the NLD leadership, they resigned from the party and their party duties. — MNA

### INSIDE

The cottage industry has been running since their forefathers. We believe that it will continue to run till their future generations. What's more, the One Village, One Product project will help develop rural cottage industries and expand their markets.

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