

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

Secretary-1 attends opening of Royal PP Woven Bag Factory (Kyaukse), inspects cement, fertilizer plants in Mandalay, Magway Divisions

Full-capacity production of the plants contributes not only to economic development of the State but also to stability and bringing down commodity prices

Foundry shops, forging shops at industrial zones supplying machinery demands of factories to one space certain degree



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils signboard of Royal PP Woven Bag Factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to inaugurate Royal PP Woven Bag Factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning and inspected Hsinmin Cement Plant (Kyaukse) and the cement and fertilizer plants, factories and dam construction projects in Magway Division.

Accompanied by the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials of the SPDC Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw by air and arrived at Kyaukse at 8.15 am.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed

by SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officials.

The Secretary-1 and party attended the opening ceremony of Royal PP Woven Bag Factory (Kyaukse) together with local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Factory Manager Col Myo Win cut the ribbon to open the factory. The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the factory. Together with Lt-Gen Tin Aye and the commander, the Secretary-1 sprinkled scented water on the signboard of the factory.

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The PP Woven Bag Factory is located on 6.29 acres of plot in the compound of Hsinmin Cement Plant, eight miles east of Kyaukse. The factory was built with the aims of ensuring efficient use of pp woven bags as import-substitute product and creating jobs.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 19 March, 2007

Public participation in environmental conservation

Animals, plants, and other living things make up an essential feature of nature, and they contribute to the beauty and wonder of life. All living things including human beings need better environment for their long life. Every nation in the world therefore conserves the forests and maintains biodiversity using ways that cause least damage to the environment.

The National Commission for Environmental Affairs formed in 1990 carries out environmental conservation tasks.

The government needs to conserve some areas in their natural state and protect them for sustainable development. This is why the Ministry of Forestry conserves nearly 60,000 square miles of reserved forests and protected public forests, extending plantations, establishing natural wildlife sanctuaries widely under certain projects including Bago Yoma Greening Project and Greening Project in Arid Zone.

Khakaborazi National Park in Kachin State, Indawgyi Sanctuary, Natmataung National Park in Chin State and Mainmahlakyun Sanctuary in Ayeyawady Division have wide areas of land and a great variety of biodiversity.

Indawgyi Sanctuary is over 200 square miles wide and there are 200 species of fish and turtles and over 120 species of birds in the forests near the lake. Emphasis is to be placed on protection of endangered species such as elephants, rhinoceros and tigers that haunted near the lake. The chief goal of conservation is to ensure the survival of animal and plant species.

Every citizen has to conserve and safeguard water, land and natural resources of the country. It is necessary for all national people to participate in the environmental conservation tasks in cooperation with local authorities.

Fire destroys 18 houses in Pathein Township

YANGON, 18 March — A fire broke out in Panpinseik Village of Pathein Township at 2 pm yesterday.

The fire that started from the stove destroyed 18 houses and people from 25 households were rendered homeless due to the fire. The fire victims are being accommodated at the primary school and the monastery in the village. Officials provided necessary assistance to them. — MNA

Fire prevention is compulsory

Prevent outbreaks of fire

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

Information Minister and wife attend reordination of title holder Sayadaw

YANGON, 18 March — A ceremony to re-ordain Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title holder Sayadaw Bhaddanta Çatila of Aungzedi Sasana Beikman Monastery of Sawbwagyigon Ward in Insein Township was held at the monastery this morning.

The Sayadaw was re-ordained at Wiponlakari Ordination Hall. Next, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and wellwishers



Congregation led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw. — MNA



offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Head of Department Dr Bhaddanta Pavara of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.

Pro-Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta

Kumarabhivamsa of ITBMU gave Samodaniya Ovadakatha.

On behalf of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Çatila, the chairman of the laypersons committee accepted K 10 million donated by U Win Maw of Forever Group.

Next, U Win

Maw and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay, U Kye Seindaw Khin Khin Myint of Golden Shell, J Bon Coffee family and wellwishers donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of the wellwishers, the chairman of the laypersons committee presented K 1.2 mil-

lion to Funeral Welfare Service Association.

Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nandalabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to members of the Sangha.

MNA

Mandalay Association (Yangon) holds annual meeting

YANGON, 18 March — Mandalay Association (Yangon) held its 30th annual meeting and prize presentation ceremony at the Yadanabon hall of the association in Pabedan Township today.

First, U Mya Thuang (Jewel Hotel), Chairman of the association, delivered an address. Officials read out the annual reports and financial statements of the association.

The chairman handed over K 2 million to Chan Tha Gyi rice offering association of Mandalay through Joint-Secretary U San Thein and Executive Afterwards, prizes were awarded to the outstanding persons.



An executive of the Mandalay Association (Yangon) presents a gift to Daw Saw Mon Nyin. — H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China sure to meet energy saving targets by 2010

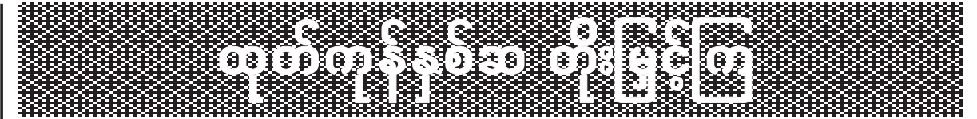
BEIJING, 17 March — China will definitely achieve its energy saving and emission reduction targets in the 2006 to 2010 period despite failing to meet last year's target, according to Xie Zhenhua, deputy director of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

The annual target for 2007 was omitted from the

government work report Premier Wen Jiabao delivered to this year's 12-day session of the National People's Congress, but China's resolution to meet its energy saving and emission reduction targets remained unchanged, said Xie.

It would take time for some measures, like economic restructuring, to take effect so it was difficult

to set an annual target, said Xie. The former director of the State Environmental Protection Administration, who resigned after accepting responsibility for the 2005 Songhua River pollution accident which disrupted water supplies to millions of people in northeast China, was appointed deputy director of the NDRC in January this year. — MNA/Xinhua



Performers dressed as ancient warriors parade on the street during the annual Lushan "Qingtian", a form of Nuo opera, in Lushan County of Ya'an, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 17 March 2006. — INTERNET

Protesters march to mark 4th anniversary of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 17 March — Thousands of protesters marched from Washington DC to the steps of Pentagon on the other side of the Potomac River Saturday, to mark the 4th anniversary of the Iraq war, which falls on 20 March.

Protesters were carrying such signs that read "US Out of Iraq Now" and "Stop Iraq War, No Iran War, Impeach," "Bring Our Troops Home", "Stop Occupation in Iraq" and so on. Some demonstrators were dressed like Guantanamo prisoners while a father whose son was killed in Iraq, drove his pick-up car with a coffin on the top of it.

Williams Tucker, a Vietnam War veteran from Kentucky, said politicians should bring US forces

home immediately instead of "playing politics with the troops."

"We should stop occupation of Iraq, and bringing peace back to the Middle East," he said.

Vivian Hampson, a grandmother from Pittsburgh, Penn., said Iraq war is a huge mistake and won't make the country safer as the Bush administration claimed.

"What they really want is to occupy the Middle East and control the oil resource. But we must not let them waste American money and lives on such a wrong cause," she said. — Internet

Timebomb of listeria in poisoned sandwiches

LONDON, 17 March — Thousands of sandwiches on sale in schools, hospitals, sports centres and council canteens throughout the South of England were at the centre of a food poisoning alert yesterday.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) issued a warning about the possible threat to human health because symptoms — fever, flu-like illness and diarrhoea — sometimes take two to three months to

become apparent.

Ready-made sandwiches sold under the Anchor Economy, Anchor Gourmet or Pomegranate labels may have been contaminated with the listeria bacterium for more than three weeks. Almost 250,000 packs could have been affected.

The Health Protection Agency said that the bug was particularly dangerous for pregnant women because infection can result in miscarriage, stillbirth or

severe illness in a newborn baby. Other groups at risk are the elderly, the very young and people receiving medical treatment that compromises the immune system, such as cancer patients having chemotherapy.

For most healthy adults the risk is low but severe cases can lead to fatal complications, including septicaemia and meningitis.

Public health chiefs are clearly nervous about the scale of the possible threat because many sandwiches were sold to hospitals and medical centres, although no illness has been reported.

Internet

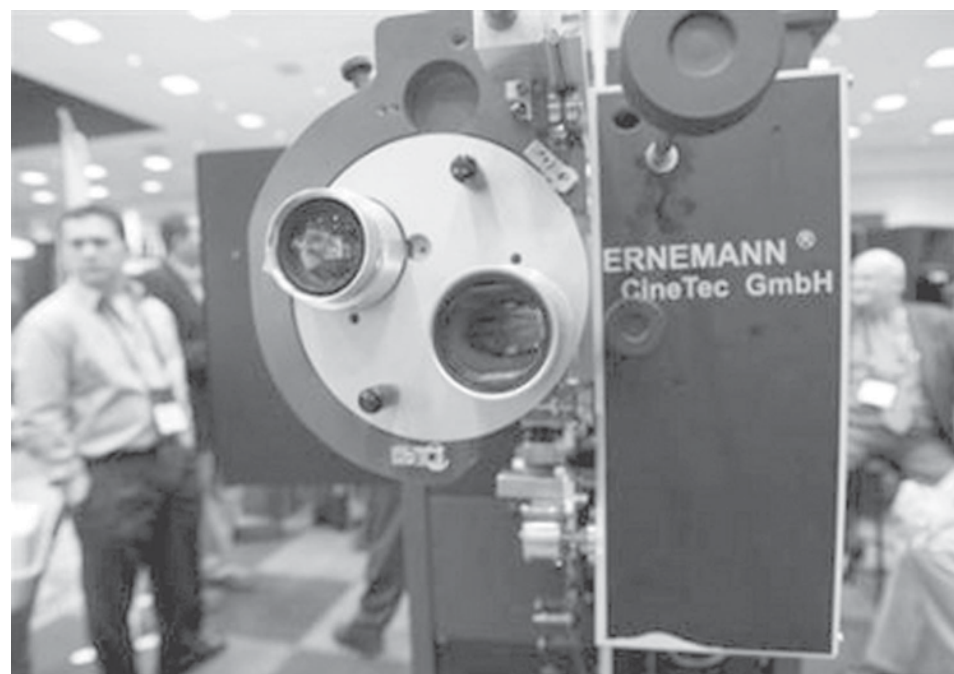
Six die in crash landing of Russian passenger plane

Moscow, 17 March — The number of people killed in the crash landing of a Russian passenger plane on Saturday in the western city of Samara has been revised to six from the previous toll of seven, officials said.

The *Interfax* news agency quoted Timur Khikmatov, a spokesman of the Russian Transportation Ministry, as confirming six people, four women and two men, killed in the crash landing of the *Tupolev Tu-134* aircraft. At least 26 people were injured, with six in serious condition.

The aircraft "landed roughly and one of the wings contacted the runway," Emergency Situation Ministry spokeswoman Irina Andrianova was quoted by *Interfax* as saying. The plane, which belonged to Russia's UTAir airlines, was flying from Surgut to Samara, a city on the Volga river, and its fuselage collapsed as it crash-landed at 9:40 am (0640 GMT) at the Samara airport.

Internet



A movie projection system is displayed at the 2007 ShoWest, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO), in Las Vegas, Nevada on 13 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Model displays Japanese designer Emiko Miki's bright orange high-neck dress with a matching pocket book embedded with her patented 'Chibivision,' a ubiquitous technology TV screen, during the 2007-2008 Autumn/Winter Collection at the Tokyo Fashion Week in Tokyo on 15 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Howard's plane makes emergency landing in Iraq

SYDNEY, 18 March — A plane carrying Australian Prime Minister John Howard was forced to make an emergency landing during a trip to southern Iraq on Saturday, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

Howard was not hurt in the incident, which occurred when the loading

bay of his military transport plane filled with smoke, it said.

Howard was flying to Baghdad on Saturday after visiting Australian troops serving in southern Iraq.

A burning smell seeped into the cockpit and Howard had to put on an emergency gas mask. The cause of the smoke was

not immediately obvious, the report said.

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircraft returned to the airstrip at Talil Airbase and Howard was rushed off the plane, accompanied by his bodyguards.

Asked how he felt as the plane landed, Howard said he was in very good hands.

"I'd rather be in the hands of the RAAF than anybody else in a situation

like that — that's my view," he said.

"Essentially the pilots, the crew reacted very well," said Australian Defence Force Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, who was travelling with Howard.

"They turned back immediately, followed the checklist procedures, did a landing and of course came to the end of the runway here and we evacuated the aircraft," Houston said.

MNA/Reuters

World may get greener, then wilt, due to warming

OSLO, 17 March — Global warming is expected to turn the planet a bit greener by spurring plant growth but crops and forests may wilt beyond mid-century if temperatures keep rising, according to a draft UN report.

Scientists have long disputed about how far higher temperatures might help or hamper plants — and farmers — overall. Plants absorb carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas, as they grow and release it when

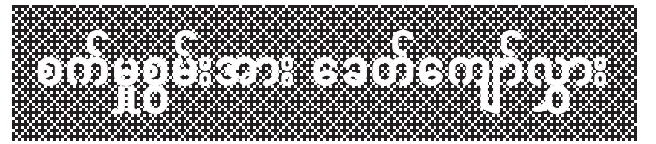
they rot.

"Global agricultural production potential is likely to increase with increases in global average temperature up to about 3 Celsius (5.4 Fahrenheit), but above this it is very likely to decrease," the draft said.

Plants in tropical and dry regions from Africa to Asia are set to suffer from even a small rise in temperatures, threatening more hunger linked to other threats such as desertification, drought and floods.

MNA/Reuters

Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako, accompanied by their daughter Princess Aiko, wave at wellwishers upon their arrival at Nagano train station for a rest in Japan's northern city of Nagano on 16 March, 2007. — XINHUA



Italy bans mobile phones in classrooms

ROME, 17 March — Italy has banned schoolchildren from using mobile phones in class in an attempt to stop ringtones disrupting lessons and prevent pupils messing about with video cameras.

The rules force schools to discipline children who persist in using their phones,

with punishments ranging from the confiscation of phones to excluding pupils from final exams.

The ban follows a series of incidents that have shocked Italians. In November, a video showing a disabled pupil being bullied by classmates,

filmed on a mobile phone, caused outcry after it was posted on the Internet. In another, pupils filmed each other sexually harassing a female teacher.

Education Minister Giuseppe Fioroni said strict sanctions should be applied "in cases of particular and

extreme seriousness" where violation of the rules has legal repercussions or endangers safety.

Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* said Italy was the first European country to impose a national ban on mobile phone use in schools. — MNA/Reuters

Hebron Museum to preserve four-legged chicken

HEBRON (West Bank), 17 March — A museum that displays animals with shocking physical abnormalities in a cave near the West Bank city of Hebron will be adding its newest exhibit this week: a four-legged chicken.

The founder of the museum, known as the Cave of Caves, said the unlikely quadruped is already dying because of its condition and it will be euthanized and stuffed by a local pharmacist.

"Misuse of hormones led to such abnormality," said Abdel Kareen Abu Znaid, the pharmacist who will be preserving the chicken.

The bird will be displayed in the cave alongside other unusual creatures, like a two-headed goat.

MNA/Xinhua

This aerial picture taken on 10 March, 2007 shows mud that oozed and covered some 600 hectares (1,482 acres), including many homes in the area of Porong, a district of Sidoarjo in East Java. A bid to plug an Indonesian "mud volcano" with concrete balls after its toxic flow displaced 15,000 people is to use thousands more of them than planned, an official said on Thursday. — INTERNET



Two men look at an oil-on-linen entitled 'GirlChild' by Richard Phillips that is part of the 'Pretty Baby' exhibit at the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, the United States recently.

INTERNET

Bolivia might ban use of "coca" in brand names

LAPAZ, 17 March — Companies such as Coca-Cola Co could be barred from using the word "coca" in their brand names under a measure endorsed by a panel that is helping rewrite the Bolivian Constitution.

The Coca Committee of the assembly that is overhauling the Constitution has accepted a proposal by coca leaf farmers introducing language that bans foreign

companies from "using the name of the sacred leaf in their products".

Coca is the main ingredient of cocaine, but Bolivians have used it for centuries as a mild stimulant that reduces hunger pangs and altitude sickness. Bolivian indigenous groups also use the leaves in religious ceremonies.

The bid to recognize coca as something inherently Bolivian is

similar to measures that restrict the use of names such as champagne, tequila, feta and parmesan outside of certain regions.

Margarita Teran, head of the Coca Committee, told daily newspaper *La Razon* she was dismayed that Coca-Cola can sell soft drinks worldwide without restrictions while Bolivia is barred from exporting products made with coca.

MNA/Reuters



ECONOMIC NEWS

China refutes US accusation over stealing Hi-tech as groundless

BEIJING, 17 March — China on Thursday refuted the US accusation of Chinese companies for stealing its Hi-tech as “groundless”, saying such accusation is unacceptable to China.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks at a regular Press conference when asked to comment on an accusation by the

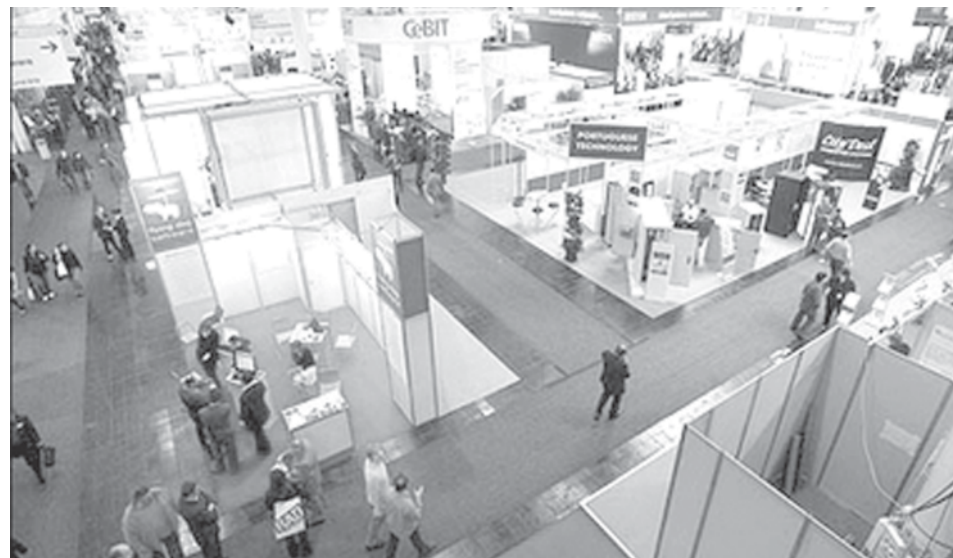
FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) criticizing Chinese companies for stealing advanced technologies in the United States through various means.

Qin said he was “astonished” at this accusation, saying someone who always regards others as a threat or even thieves is actually harbouring a “fragile”

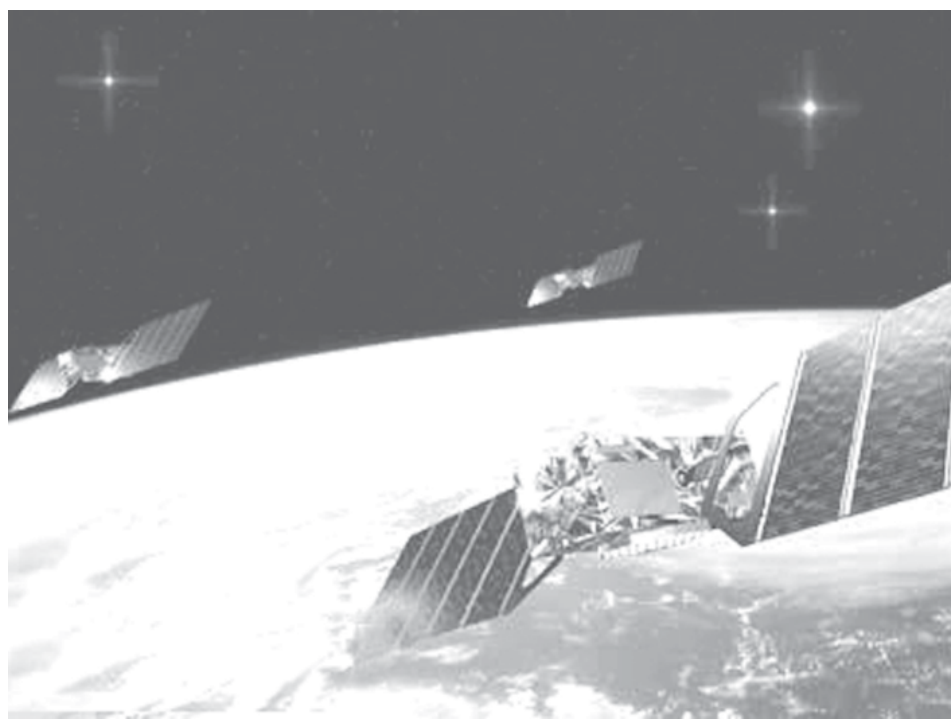
psychology.

Qin pointed out that the cooperation between China and other countries, including that with the United States, is based on mutual benefit and win-win principle, adding that the Chinese companies conduct their business in the United States in compliance with local laws.

MNA/Xinhua



General view of the fair grounds in Hanover during the CeBIT, digital IT and telecommunications fair recently. Europe is laying the groundwork to roll out mobile TV services and hopes to have a system up and running in time for the European football championship in 2008.— INTERNET



Development of the Galileo satellite navigation system has stalled because of questions among private contractors over the project's profitability. — XINHUA

Sinopec discovers major gas field in S-W China

BEIJING, 17 March — Oil giant Sinopec has announced its discovery of a huge gas field in southwest China's Sichuan Province, *China Securities Journal* reported on Friday.

Since the gas field is still under exploration, the company will not reveal its estimated gas reserves, the newspaper said.

However, according to local media reports, the

natural gas reserve of the field is very likely to exceed that of Puguang, a gas field also in Sichuan Province with proven reserves expected to reach 500 billion cubic metres by 2008.

The company will build a pipeline to supply natural gas from Sichuan to Shanghai, the country's financial hub in east China.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan's former Internet entrepreneur found guilty

TOKYO, 17 March — Japan's high-profile former Internet entrepreneur Takafumi Horie was found guilty and sentenced two and a half years in prison on Friday by the Tokyo District Court, public broadcaster NHK said.

The founder and former president of Internet firm Livedoor was charged with accounting fraud and other securities law violations.

MNA/Xinhua

China becomes Volkswagen's fastest growing market in 2006

BEIJING, 17 March — Sales of Volkswagen vehicles soared 24.3 percent to 711,000 units in China in 2006, allowing the country to become the German automaker's fastest growing market in the world, said sources with Volkswagen China on Friday.

Second came South America and South Africa, with sales both growing 14.9 percent last year, while sales rose 7.3 percent in Germany.

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vehicles around the world last year, up 9.4 percent, notching up profits of 4.4 billion euros on a record turnover of 104.8 billion euros.

Volkswagen AG is among the first foreign automakers to set up factories in China. It is also one of the most successful foreign automakers in the Chinese market.

Shanghai Volkswagen, established in 1985 as

China's first joint venture automaker, became the country's first carmaker with an accumulated production of over three million units in 2005.

The Shanghai-based company and the Jilin-based FAW Volkswagen sold 352,000 and 350,000 vehicles respectively last year, both among the top three leaders in the passenger vehicle market.

Internet

Neste Oil, Stora Enso to jointly develop biofuels

HELSINKI, 17 March — Finnish Neste Oil Corporation signed an agreement on Friday with Stora Enso, an integrated paper, packaging and forest product company, to jointly develop biofuel technology. Seeing a growing biofuel market in Europe as opportunities, Neste Oil and Stora Enso intend to produce new-generation biofuels from wood residues to replace fossil fuels and thus cut greenhouse gas emissions.

A demonstration plant will be set up at Stora Enso's Varkaus Mill in Finland.

The plant, owned on a 50-50 basis by the two companies, is expected to start up in 2008 and will produce heat and electricity for use locally and crude biodiesel to be refined into commercial fuel at Neste Oil's refinery in Porvoo. The 14-million-euro (18.6-million-US-dollar) demonstration plant will be integrated into the energy infrastructure of the Varkaus Mill. The gas produced can provide heating for 4,300 households and will help cut local carbon dioxide emissions significantly.

MNA/Xinhua



Models wearing creations by British label River Island pose on a podium in Singapore's Orchard Road shopping strip on 17 March, 2007. The Singapore Fashion Festival will run from 24 March to 1 April. — INTERNET



A pedestrian braves snow and frozen rain while walking past a store window featuring spring and summer fashions in the Harvard Square neighbourhood of Cambridge, Mass, on 16 March, 2007. Snow began falling on Friday afternoon at what could be the beginning of a storm capable of dumping a foot of snow on some areas of New England. —INTERNET

Coroner says British “friendly fire” death in Iraq unlawful

LONDON, 17 March — A British soldier who died in a US “friendly fire” attack in Iraq was unlawfully killed, a British coroner ruled on Friday.

In delivering his verdict during an inquest for the killing, Oxfordshire assistant deputy coroner Andrew Walker said that the incident which killed Lance Corporal Matty Hull, 25, in 2003 amounted to a criminal act.

“I find there was no lawful authority to fire on the convoy. The attack on the convoy therefore amounted to an assault. It was unlawful because there was no lawful reason for it and in that respect it was

criminal,” said he, adding that the death was “entirely avoidable”.

Speaking after the verdict, widow Susan Hull said, “I think all of our family feel it was the right verdict. It was what we’d waited four years to hear.”

According to the BBC, no American witnesses gave evidence at the inquest and the coroner was critical of the failure of the US authorities to cooperate.

In early February, Britain’s biggest-selling tabloid, The Sun, revealed a videotape, showing how a US A-10 tankbuster opened “friendly fire” on a British convoy in Iraq in

which a British soldier was killed.

MNA/Xinhua

Ahmadinejad says Iran will not give up nuclear work

TEHERAN, 17 March — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Friday that his country would not give up its nuclear fuel cycle work, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad’s remarks came just one day after six world powers reached agreement on a draft UN Security Council resolution, imposing tougher sanctions against Teheran on its unyielding nuclear ambitions.

“We have possessed the nuclear fuel cycle and will not give it up under pressure,” Ahmadinejad told a rally in the central Iranian town of Khatam.

“You (the West) cannot block the Iranian nation’s path by holding those

meetings,” the Iranian President asserted. “Those who think they have power and capabilities and intend to impose their hegemony on other nations through bullying and selfishness are making a mistake,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

British adventurer lands in Russia to resume trek

Moscow, 17 March — British walker Karl Bushby has returned to Russia’s Arctic region of Chukotka to resume his trek around the world from a desolate village

where he was detained nearly a year ago, his father said on Friday.

A Russian court last year ordered former paratrooper Bushby and his temporary companion

American Dimitri Kieffer to leave Russia because they crossed the border illegally after walking from Alaska across the treacherous ice of the Bering Straits.

But they won on appeal, enabling Bushby to restart his 60,000-kilometre (36,000-mile) trek from the bottom tip of South America back home to Britain.

From Chukotka’s capital Anadyr, Bushby and Kieffer will travel to the village of Uelen where they were detained, Keith Bushby told Reuters by telephone from Britain.

“They are in Anadyr trying to sort out things,” he said. “I won’t hear anything unless there’s something dramatic because they have got lots to do.” Bushby began his trek in 1998 expecting it to take at least 12 years.

MNA/Reuters



Visitors walk near the remains of ancient buildings in Kuelap Fortress, 3,000 metres (9840 feet) above sea level, in the Andean region of Chachapollas, Peru on 16 March, 2007. The archaeological site of Kuelap, constructed by the Chachapollas pre-Inca culture in about 800 AD, is a massive exterior of stone walls that rise up to 19 metres (62 feet) and contains more than four hundred buildings. —INTERNET

HK official: Food may contain natural toxins

HONG KONG, 17 March — Hong Kong Food Safety Centre Consultant Ho Yuk-yin urges people on Saturday to exercise extra care when consuming food products as some of them may contain natural toxins.

Speaking on a radio talk show Saturday morning, Ho said although natural toxins can be found in some plants, post-harvest processing and thorough cooking can destroy some natural toxins, or greatly reduce their toxicity.

When consuming food products, people should pay attention to their cooking or handling method and the intake amount to prevent poisoning.

For flaxseeds that are usually eaten raw, people should limit the intake to small amounts, Ho said. To prevent toxicological effects, people can cook them thoroughly in boiling water. This method can reduce more than 90 percent of cyanogenic glycosides in flaxseeds. Baking is a less effective detoxifying method because it can only reduce 10 percent of cyanogenic glycosides. — Internet

Military-style jet crashes in Florida Airshow, pilot killed

WASHINGTON, 17 March — A military-style jet crashed Friday afternoon during the Tico Warbird Airshow in Titusville, Florida, and the pilot was killed.

The plane, described as a fighter jet, was doing a loop when the crash occurred, according to reports of local media.

Tom Erikson, a viewer at the airshow, said it looked like the pilot was trying to pull out of it but he was too low to the ground.

The airshow announcer

asked viewers to bring any home video to the announcer’s stage so authorities could determine what happened.

Emergency crews, already at the airshow as a precautionary measure, rushed to the wreckage immediately after the crash. — MNA/Xinhua

An anti-war protester participates in a rally denouncing the US-led invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan in central Seoul on 17 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Why has Tatmadaw Government come into existence amid national requirements and historical trend?

A Lawyer

The readers are requested to answer this question without any bias.

Frankly, I am not a writer. The reasonable facts featured in the article by Ngar Min Swe inspired me to write this article.

The eyewitnesses from their points of views have been making comments on the very ugly unrest that occurred in Myanmar in 1988. As a matter of fact, the unrest resulted from poor administrative views of local policemen and mistaken procedures of members of the ward council who handled the conflict between some students of Rangoon Institute of Technology and some local young men. Due to the instigation of unscrupulous people, the unrest spread rapidly throughout the country, and in the end, the administrative machinery of the nation slowed down to a halt. I learnt that the unrest was too terrible that there was a situation in which the then Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services had to seek permission from U Tin Oo, who was chosen to be a leader by the strike leaders, for obtaining fuel for the regiments and units. And the rivalry between the strike groups for leadership led to anarchic acts, which were later uncontrollable. When the anarchy reached its peak and the people were helpless without any one capable of remedying the deteriorating situation. However, due to the right decision of visionary Tatmadaw leaders, the people could breathe a sigh of relief. The unrest was so anarchic that a leader of bandits active in the countryside came to the urban area and took the position of a strike leader in Mawlamyine. Similar cases took place in many regions across the nation.

In the unrest, the naive and artless people were stuffed with wrong views. At first they chanted a slogan "All right if democracy is granted, fight if not granted", and then it was later changed to "Fight even though democracy is granted or not". Indeed, not everyone understood what the word "democracy" meant. Even certain persons who called themselves as democracy veterans, have not realized nor practised the essence of democracy. They failed to admit their position.

And the majority of the people did not understand well the word "multi-party system", for which they took part in the mass demonstration. Even if they did, they did not know how to apply it. Myanma Socialist Programme Party Chairman U Ne Win in his speech asked if the people liked the multi-party system or the one-party system. That made the people become aware of it.

When the Tatmadaw took up the State duties, ward and village Law and Order Restoration Councils were formed. Those who had witnessed the anarchic acts were unwilling to join the councils. So, many opportunists ready

to defect from one party to another were appointed as chairmen and members of the councils. However, they backed the hard-cores of the strike groups instead of being responsible to the government.

The Tatmadaw Government allowed legal formation of political parties. Over 200 political parties including the NLD, that took advantage of the reputation of Bogyoke Aung San, were formed. The objectives of many of the parties formed in Yangon were seeking opportunities from the government such as permission to purchase petrol from the government and to get telephones. These facts were not known to the people in the countryside. The government released an order for government employees not to get involved in party politics. On the trips to the regions in the countryside, senior military officers did not greet those who used to be their colleagues in the past. That was my true story. Nonetheless, the majority of government employees and members of ward LORCs were loyal to political parties instead of being responsible to the government.

In that regard, I would like to present some facts about democracy. If the ruling government took action against the law breakers in accordance with the democratic process, built a jail in every village and put them behind bars, the jails would not be able to hold the prisoners. All those who are today speaking ill of the government know best that they have violated the law one way or another to earn their living.

Here, I would like to present an example of democracy practice in a big democratic country. In that country, the government allows the people to hold guns legally, and the number of private-owned small guns is about 220 million, accounting for the rate of about a small gun a citizen. Some school children brought their parents' guns into the school compounds and fired indiscriminately like cowboys, and many teachers, students and civilians thus fell victim to the incidents consequently. According to a statement in that country, about one million gun-firing cases took place, and about 20,000 people were shot annually. And more than 10,000 people committed suicide with the use of private-owned guns. Myanmar has never seen similar cases. It is impossible to copy such acts. The people have to be able to distinguish between good and bad. What I mean is that democracy cannot be imported.

In 1990, the government declared that it would hold free and fair elections in the nation, attracting the criticism of certain major parties. Then, qualified candidates stood for elections. The majority of those who stood for elections were self-seekers. This, they knew the best. I also stood for election in a constituency. I foresaw that I would not win in the election.

I had to make an investment of money gained through the sale of three ticals of gold of my good lady. I would like

to explain why I stood for election even though I guessed I would not win. Two constituencies were designated for that township. The township chairman of the powerful party of the township stood for election in the constituency (1). I was friendly to him, so I urged him to choose a local candidate for constituency (2). He said he had no power to do so, and the central committee of that party would make a decision in that regard. However, he was not a native of that township. I thought it was not appropriate that there was no local candidate who would run for election in constituency (2), and got registered as independent representative. At that time, there was no one registered for that constituency. Then, the popular party persuaded another party to nominate one of its representatives to that constituency. Organized by my friends, I ran for election as a representative of a political party. That party organized me to meet the required number of three constituencies. As soon as the election was over, I resigned from that party.

The popular party resorted to various means in the constituency before, during and after the election and violated the electoral law. However, responsible persons showed benevolent attitude to that party.

I would like to present some points concerning the word "mandate" for public knowledge. During the run-up to the election, the party threatened the people that the latter would face similar acts in the unrest if it did not win votes. In a village, that party's signboard was lost at night the same day the party erected it. So, the party filed a lawsuit in the police station. The head of the police station said that he would take action against the offender when the case was exposed. In some places, the signboards of that party were erected in the morning and removed in the evening. In some polling booths, responsible persons of respective ward LORCs and assistants for the election had to protect the polling booths using signs and symbols of that party. In a word, that party resorted to various means to win in the election. However, a national race party narrowly won in the election. The responsible persons of that party put blame on me for their defeat. I did not commit any lawless acts, so they were not able to harm me for that.

In reality, the party could win in that election definitely. It was not satisfied with its defeat, and sent an objection a letter of objection to the election commission and had its case heard. The defeat was because of its disregard for the people, but it immediately objected to the result.

Due to its influence, it would win the majority of seats even if it used some objects instead of human beings as its candidates in the election. It was because the people at that time were not mature enough in the political sector, the public jealousy to the authorities, incompetent members of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party were chosen as leaders, rivalry between administrative bodies and the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, and incompetence in handling legal cases.

The emergence of the Tatmadaw Government amid national requirements and the historical trend was to save the people living in a state of alarm due to the breakdown of the administrative machinery followed by anarchy in the unrest, to make sure that the nation will never see similar incident and to help form a discipline-flourishing democratic government. At such a time of emergency, the Tatmadaw is duty-bound to serve as a government according to the national requirements and historical trend.

(I admit that I am not a Tatmadaw member. I write this article of my own volition, not under the persuasion of any individual or organization. And the points I have presented are mitigated than as they really are.)

Translation: MS

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They viewed the scale model of the factory, sample pp woven bags and production units.

Plant Manager U Soe Tin also reported on operating of Hsinmin-1 Cement Plant that can produce 400 tons of cement daily and

gas and electricity and encouragement for boosting production.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo submitted reports on generating of power from Hsedawgyi Dam and supply of water to farmlands.

Minister for

and Candy Factory from Kyaukse Industrial Region.

At 11.30 am, they proceeded to No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise in Pakokku by helicopter. They were

machine parts to be repaired soonest to manufacture products at full capacity.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed some machine parts innovated at the plant and stockpile of machine parts imported.

At No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale) in Chauk Township, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on purchase of machine parts for repairing the plant, installation of machine parts, strength of the plant, design capacity and manufacturing of fertilizer.

After attending to the needs, the Secretary-1 inspected production process of the plant. In his instructions, the Secretary-1 said that they arrived at the plant fulfill the production requirements of in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. They also inspected Hsinmin-2 Cement Plant in Kyaukse



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Buywa Dam in Sedoktara Township. — MNA

The Secretary-1 presented a fruit basket to technicians from Lohia Starlinger Ltd of India which exported machinery for the factory to Myanmar.

The PP Woven Bag factory is located on 6.29 acres of plot in the compound of Hsinmin Cement Plant, eight miles east of Kyaukse. The factory was built with the aims of ensuring efficient use of pp woven bags as import-substitute product and creating jobs. The factory can produce 17 million pp woven bags a year. The 50-kg-capacity bag is 19 inch by 28 inch.

Next, they inspected progress of Hsinmin-2 Cement Plant. Lt-Gen Tin Aye reported on production capacity of the plant.

Hsinmin-2 Cement Plant, 700 tons of cement daily, investments in the factories, monthly production in 2006-07, supply of natural gas and

briefed the Secretary-1 on functions of power stations near Kyaukse Industrial Region and efforts being made for supply of power to

Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on production of natural gas from production blocks and supply of natural gas to factories.

welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Kyeoahn-kyeewa Dam Project in Pwintbyu Township. — MNA

electricity and strength of workers. Lt-Gen Tin Aye gave a supplementary report on supply of natural

Hsinmin Cement Plants and other factories in Kyaukse Industrial Region.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions.

At Cement Plant (Kyaukse) of Myanma Ceramics Industries, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang reported on production of cements from the plant, completion of eight factories including the Cement Plant (Kyaukse) built by the Ministry of Industry-1 and production of each factory.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed products of Sewing Machine Factory, Bicycle Factory, Vest Factory, Footwear Factory, Plastic Factory

Pakokku Station and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe.

At the briefing hall of the plant, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported that the fertilizer plant was built in 1971 and it is located on 230 acres of plot.

The minister continued his reports on production methods, purchase of machinery for the plant, repairing of machine parts, strength of employees, design capacity and manufacturing of fertilizer.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions on

and heard reports related to Cement Plant (Kyaukse) of the Ministry of Industry-1. Furthermore, they inspected No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) in Pakokku Township.

He added that cement is essential for construction of roads, bridges, dams and housing for development of the State. Hence, operating of cement plants at full capacity is an important drive for progress of the nation. Likewise, production of fertilizer plants contributes to the food security of the people and (See page 9)



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Factory Manager Col Myo Win cut the ribbon of the Royal Woven Bag Factory in Kyaukse. — MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening of Royal PP Woven Factory...

(from page 8)
economic growth of the State. Myanmar is an agricultural country, and the agricultural sector plays a key role of the State economy. Development of the agricultural sector reflects progress of other sectors.

The Secretary-1 noted that the government has been constructing dams and river water pumping stations in the respective areas for development of the agricultural sector. Hence, groups of dams and river water pumping stations can be seen in Magway Division. In addition, assistance is being provided for enabling the farmers to utilize quality high-yield strains of crops and apply correct cultivation methods. As the government has fulfilled the requirements of operating the fertilizer plants at full capacity, officials are to strive for repairing their plants as soon as possi-

ble to manufacture respective products.

He asserted that full-capacity production of the plants will contribute not only to economic development of the State but also to stability and curbing of commodity prices. Therefore, all the employees are to place emphasis on boosting production of the plants with goodwill after realizing that they are performing their tasks to fulfill the basic needs of the people.

The Secretary-1 urged officials to coordinate manufacturing of machine parts to be used at the plants. Foundry shops and forging shops at the industrial zones are supplying machinery demands of the factories to a certain degree. Moreover, factories under the Ministry of Industry-2 and the Ministry of Rail Transportation are able to manufacture heavy machinery. Hence, the Sec-

retary-1 urged officials to strive for supplying of machinery demands of the factories by taking innovative measures and coordinating tasks among industrial zones and ministries concerned.

He stressed the need to supervise minimizing loss and wastage at the worksites and prevention against undesirable cases. In conclusion, the Secretary urged them to always perform maintenance of the machines for their durability.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected manufacturing of urea fertilizers, packaging and storage of products at No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale).

Next, they flew over progress of Upper Buywa Dam Project site in Sedoktara Township. On arrival at Buywa Dam Project being implemented by Construction-8 of Irrigation Department on Mone Creek near Bu Village in Sedoktara

Township, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo submitted reports that Monechaung Multi-purpose Dam Project has been implemented in Sedoktara Township. Buywa Dam Project, Upper Buywa Dam Project and Kyeoehn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project are being implemented. The projects are aimed at generating an average of 195 million kwh yearly from Buywa Dam Project, generating 70 million kwh yearly in addition to the earlier schedule of power production from Monechaung Dam Project, and generating 120 million kwh yearly in addition to the original schedule from Kyeoehn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project. He continued his reports on progress of the projects.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions on con-

servation of watershed forest and viewed implementation of the project.

An earth embankment measuring 2,310 feet by 205 feet is under construction on Mone Creek. On completion, two 21-megawatt generators of the dam will produce 42 megawatt.

After inspecting tasks of Buywa Dam Project, the Secretary-1 and party left for Kyeoehn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project site in Pwintbyu Township. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on 50 per cent completion of the project.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint submitted reports on arrangements for installation of power lines from Monechaung Project to Kyeoehn-kyeewa project and Minister U Aung Thaung on supply of cement to the project.

They inspected construction tasks of the project and the spillway.

Kyeoehn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project is being implemented on Mone Creek, five miles upstream of Mezali Diversion Dam in Pwintbyu Township. Kyeoehn-kyeewa Dam will irrigate over 96,000 acres of farmlands and generate 74 megawatt.

After viewing progress of the dam, the Secretary-1 and party went to Magway by helicopter.

In the evening, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo met with secretaries, joint secretaries, executives and members of Division, District and Township USDAs at Magway Division USDA Office in Magway.

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Commander attends conclusion ceremony of basic physical training course

YANGON, 18 March — Organized by Mon State and Thaton District Union Solidarity and Development Associations, the basic physical training course No 2 concluded at Thuwunna hall of Thaton on 15 March morning, attended by Patron of Mon State USDA Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win.

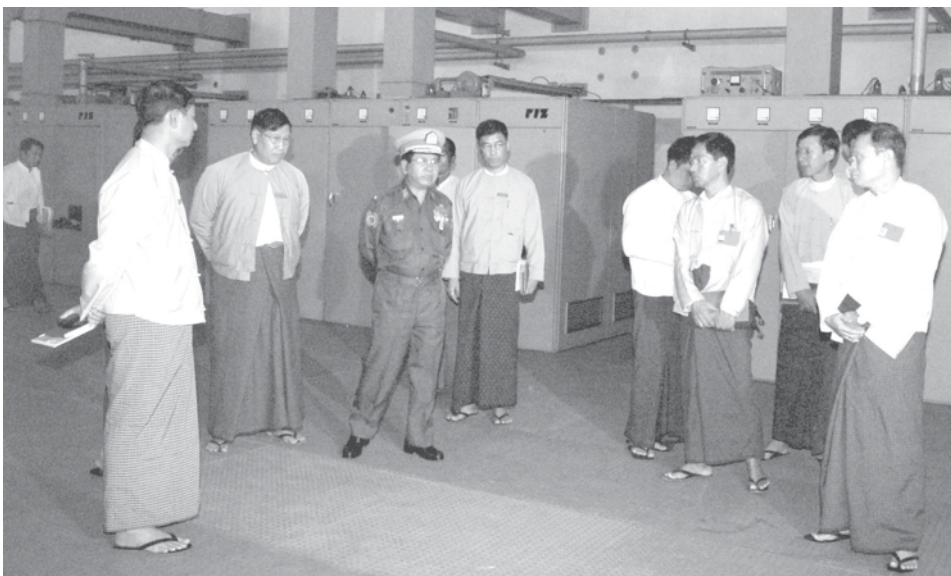
The commander presented the first prize to Maung Tun Tun Lin of Thaton Township USDA, the second

to Ma Khin Thuza Lwin of Paung Township USDA and the third to Maung Aung Win Than of Bilin Township USDA. Secretary U Tin Soe Moe Naing of Mon State USDA gave completion certificates to the trainees.

Next, the commander and party cordially greeted 150 trainees of USDA members, executives of Mon State USDA and secretaries and executives of four townships of Thaton District USDA.

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Yegu Transmitter inspected



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects Yegu Transmitter in Mayangon Township.—MNA

YANGON, 18 March — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspected Yegu Transmitter of Myanmar Radio and Television in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

The minister, accompanied by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV and Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise was welcomed by officials of MRTV at the station.

At the meeting hall of the station, the minister heard reports on transmission of radio programmes, security and fire preventive measures, cultivation on manageable scale at the station, installation of air-condition-

ers by Chief Engineer U Tin Wan, and the director-general gave a supplementary report.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan held discussion on tasks to cover all programmes of Radio Myanmar from the station throughout the nation.

The minister called for the issue of orders for fire preventive measures, extension of cultivation in vacant lands and fish breeding in the two ponds of the station.

The minister later inspected radio transmitting room, vegetable plantations and digging of fish ponds, and gave instructions to the officials.

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Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution System held at Supreme Court (Yangon)

YANGON, 18 March — The Seminar on Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) System was held at the meeting hall-2 of the Supreme Court (Yangon) today. Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe gave a speech at the morning session of the seminar and Supreme Court Judge U Khin Myint at the afternoon session.

Assistant Director Daw Thawda

Sein, Staff Officer Daw Aye Aye Hlaing and Staff Officer U Thaung Htwe read their papers and replied to the queries raised by those present.

A similar seminar was held at Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) on 21 February. The seminars were held with a view to solving the problems through negotiation, mediation, conciliation and arbitration methods. — MNA



Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe speaks at Seminar on Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) System.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of Sagaing-Katha-Myitkyina district-to-district road No 3

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the departmental officials, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence left Shwegu and inspected extension of Myohla-Hsinbo section of Sagaing-Katha-Myitkyina district-to-district road No 3 on 15 March.

At Basic Education Middle School in Peinkhunyan Village of Shwegu Township, they met with local people and presented clothes for the people, cash assistance for the school and cash to the funds of rural health care centre to officials.

Near mile post No



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects progress of Myohla-Hsinbo section of No 3 district-to-district road. — MNA

82/1 of the district-to-district road, they inspected the site for construction of a bridge at the border of Shwegu and Myitkyina Townships.

At the rural health care centre in Mankin Village, Col Thet Wai of the

local station reported on progress of Katha-Myohla-Hsinbo section of the No 3 district-to-district road. Next, they viewed the site for construction of a bridge on Myintha Creek near Myintha Village.

They inspected construction of Hsinbo Hospital in Hsinbo and Mankin rural health care centre in Mankin Village.

At the office of Hsinbo Township General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people, and explained regional development.

Next, they inspected BEHS in Hsinbo and gave necessary instructions.

At the local battalion

in Hsinbo Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed servicemen to maintain the diversion dam near Nantyin Creek for supplying water to cultivation of perennial crops and paddy plantations.

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3,345 jade lots sold at Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 18 March — Patron of Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by Secretary Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members viewed sale of jade lots through competitive bidding at the 44th

Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this evening. The minister cordially greeted the gem merchants.

A total of 56 jade lots were sold through competitive bidding yesterday.

Forty-eight lots of the remaining jade were

sold through competitive bidding today. The remaining jade lots were to be sold in the evening.

From 13 March to date, 3,345 lots of jade have been sold through tender and competitive bidding system. The sale of jade lots will continue for the seventh day tomorrow.

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Sale of jade lots in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre. — MNA

Farmers urged to raise paddy production



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin views fertilizer scattering on summer paddy plantation in Pyinmana. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — A ceremony to broadcast fertilizer in summer paddy plantations for 2006-2007 in Pyinmana Township was held at the paddy plantations near Thitlaylone and Natthaye villages this morning.

Local farmers along with members of Union Solidarity and Development Association broad-

cast fertilizer in 138 acres of summer paddy plantation in Thitlaylone village and in 178 acres of summer paddy plantation of Natthaye village.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and local authorities encouraged the farmers, and attended to the needs.

The commander called for efforts to pro-

duce more summer paddy and environmental conservation tasks.

So far, a total of 8,805 acres of summer paddy have been cultivated for the year 2006-2007 and efforts are being made to meet targeted acres.—MNA

Don't smoke

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, on 16 March, inspected physic nut saplings nurtured at the nursery on Kengtung-Tachilek road and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At the hall of the local battalion in Mongphyat, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met state and district level departmental officials. At the meeting, Senior Engineer U Thaung Htay of Shan State (East) reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party on progress in construction of roads and bridges by public works and companies and future plans. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on timely completion of works meeting set standards and worksite safety.

In March 1988, there were only 706 miles of earth, tarred and gravel road in Shan State (East) built by public works, but in March 2006, the number has increased up to 821 miles and thus 115 miles of road have been built.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions to officials on works to be completed before monsoon and durability of roads and bridges.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence inspects the site for construction of a bailey bridge on Nanpang Creek in Wanyan Village, Mongphyat Township. — MNA



inspected the site chosen to build 80 feet long Bailey bridge on Nanpang Creek on Mongphyat-Mongkhot road section near Wanyan Village in Mongphyat Township.

The senior engineer of public works reported matters relating to construction of the bridge. The commander made supplementary reports. After hearing

the report, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended to the needs.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also met with locals of Wanyan Village.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party proceeded to Kengtung. Along Tachilek-Mongphyat-Kengtung road, they inspected thriving summer paddy fields and situation of roads and bridges. — MNA

IPRD works inspected in NyaungU, Pyawbwe, Yamethin

YANGON, 18 March — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspected Wall Magazine at the NyaungU District Information and Public Relations Department on 13 March.

The minister inspected display of books, magazines and daily newspapers at the office and met service personnel of District IPRD.

The minister and party went to Pyawbwe Township IPRD office and met Chairman of Yamethin District Peace and Development Council U Soe Naing and members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and IPRD staff.

The minister observed documentary photos on national development at the Yamethin District IPRD office.

In his address, the minister said the service personnel are to carry out the tasks dutifully. He spoke of the need to strive for durability of the rural libraries in accord with the five tasks laid down.

He told the officials to organize novel, poem, essay and cartoon contests in cooperation with basic education schools, USDA and local authorities.

Service personnel are to study current political situations, he said. Now internal and external destructive elements and organizations under the control of the imperialists are attacking the country in various aspects.

He spoke of the need to crush the acts of destructionists relying on external elements through the media.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with Yamethin District PDC chairman and members, townsenders and employees of Pyawbwe Township IPRD. — MNA

Missing European skiers safe in Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, 18 March — Three European skiers who went missing as they flew by helicopter to a remote area of Indian Kashmir are safe and back at their hotel in the region's summer capital, a senior official said on Saturday.

"All the three skiers have reached the hotel," Farooq Ahmad Shah, director of Kashmir's tourism department, told Reuters. "They are in good health."

The helicopter carrying Sylvain Saudan and Diane Isabelle Schlegel of Switzerland and Julien Escoubas from France went missing on Friday in Sonamarg, a mountainous area 86 kilometres (55 miles) northeast of Srinagar, Kashmir's main city.

Saudan, who has been leading so-called extreme skiing trips in the area since the mid-1990s, said the helicopter had crashed at an altitude of over 13,400 feet (4,000 metres).

"We tried to land on the top, and the helicopter hit the ice. We have been very lucky," he told reporters in Srinagar.

"We left the pilot there with some warm clothes and skied down. He was in good health."

An Indian Army spokesman said rescuers were looking for the pilot, identified as Lucien Brassier, also from France.

Over 3,000 foreign tourists, mostly skiers and snowboarders have visited Kashmir this winter, despite a Muslim insurgency in the restive scenic region.

Last month an avalanche killed an Australian while he was skiing at a popular mountain resort of Gulmarg, west of Srinagar. — MNA/Reuters

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**COMESA head advises
member states to try
nuclear energy**

LUSAKA, 17 March — The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) member countries should consider using nuclear energy in the face of looming power deficits in the region, head of one of Africa's largest economic bloc has said.

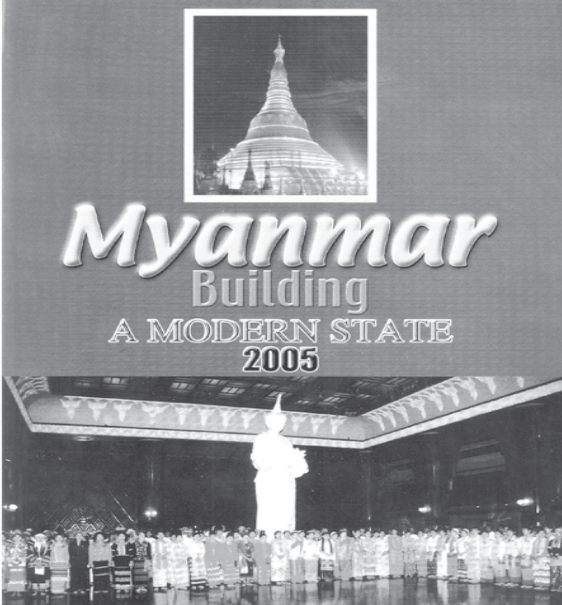
COMESA Secretary-General Erastus Mwencha told Press Thursday that most countries in the region would face electricity shortages hence the need to consider nuclear power options.

"COMESA and indeed Africa should have the option to examine the usage of nuclear energy not for war purposes but as an alternative to the power deficits that the region is facing," Mwencha was cited by Friday's *Times of Zambia* as saying.

He noted that there had never been any new power generation capacities in most countries in the last three years despite the increase in demand for electricity arising from enhanced economic activities.

Mwencha said some countries in the region had uranium deposits which could be used to generate nuclear power. He further pointed out that COMESA region faced various challenges such as floods, droughts and other adverse weather conditions that made hydroelectric power unsustainable.

COMESA is one of the continent's largest economic grouping bloc that boasts a total population of close to 400 million. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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World Bank says money alone cannot fight malaria

MAWITWA (South Africa), 17 March — The World Bank president urged donors on Thursday to step up the fight against malaria — one of the world's deadliest diseases — but cautioned funds should not be thrown at a problem plagued by corruption. "I certainly agree we shouldn't just throw money around. It's too valuable, it's too precious and there are lives at stake, literally," Paul Wolfowitz told reporters after visiting a malaria control centre in northern South Africa.

"It's a false choice to

say we should just ignore money being stolen because some of it gets to the right place. We need to insist all of it gets to the right place."

Wolfowitz launched a report from Britain's All-Party Parliamentary Malaria Group in South Africa calling for more cash and initiatives to fight malaria, including a possible global subsidy scheme to help cut the cost of a new generation medications in Africa.

Malaria, caused by a parasite carried by mosquitoes, kills at up to 3 million people a year

worldwide and makes 300 million seriously ill. Ninety percent of deaths are in Africa south of the Sahara, mostly among young children. Many of those lives could be saved with modern artemisinin combination therapy (ACT) drugs, which are far more effective than older treatments like chloroquine, to which resistance is now common.

Western drugmakers Novartis and Sanofi-Aventis have reduced the cost of treatment with ACT medicines to around one US dollars, but that is still about 10 times more than chloroquine.

To help bridge the gap, international donors have started to consider a subsidy scheme for poor countries, under an initiative pioneered by the Netherlands.

MNA/Reuters

Six killed in Brazilian airplane crashes

BRASILIA, 17 March — Six people were killed in two separate airplane crashes in Brazil on Wednesday night and Thursday, police said.

Four were killed when an airplane hired by the Petrolina money transport company crashed Wednesday night in the eastern state of Bahia.

The plane was carrying 5.5 million reales (2.6 million US dollars) when it crashed 50 kilometres from its destination, the capital of Bahia.

Police suspected that looters had arrived at the site of the crash first, as they found most of the money on the plane was

gone.

Only some 110,000 reales (53,000 dollars) were recovered from the single engine plane. After a tip off, police found another 81,700 reales (39,000 dollars) in an abandoned house.

Witnesses who asked to be anonymous said that between 40 and 50 locals had smashed open the plane's safes and fled.

In another accident, another single engine plane fell down Thursday morning in the state of Sao Paulo, killing two people aboard.

The plane, which took off from a flying school in the town of Sao Jose dos Campos, in the countryside of the state,

fell on an auto repair shop.

Surrounding areas were evacuated due to the risk of explosion.

MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter with three foreign skiers missing in Kashmir

SRINAGAR (India), 17 March — A helicopter carrying three foreign skiers went missing on Friday in the Himalayan Region of Kashmir, an official said.

"The helicopter was on way to Sonamarg area with three foreign skiers. We alerted the Indian Air Force after it went missing," Farooq Ahmad Shah, director of

Kashmir's tourism department, told *Reuters*. "We are trying to establish the identity of the foreigners."

An Army helicopter has been sent to the area for the search, he added.

Sonamarg, a mountainous area, lies 86 kilometres (55 miles) northeast of Srinagar, Kashmir's summer capital. — *MNA/Reuters*

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Tree bark extract might help treat rare eye cancer

CHICAGO, 17 March — An extract from the bark of a South American tree might lead to better treatments for a rare but deadly childhood eye cancer called retinoblastoma, US researchers reported on Friday.

Retinoblastoma affects one in 15,000 children, causing about 3 per cent of all cancers in children. It forms when developing cells in the retina — the eye's main light sensor — go haywire

and start reproducing out of control.

"The great majority of the cases exist in the developing world, where it is a fatal disease," said Dr Joan O'Brien of the University of California, San Francisco, who led the study.

The cancer usually develops in children under age of 6 and kills within two to four years after diagnosis if not treated.

If detected early and treated with a combination

of chemotherapy agents or radiation, 90 to 95 per cent of children live. But conventional treatment has significant side effects.

Combination chemotherapy can cause hearing loss, kidney failure and leukaemia. Radiation therapy, which is now less commonly used, disfigures the child.

In children who have the cancer in only one eye, the eyeball is sometimes replaced with an implant.

MNA/Reuters



Workers fumigate an area against the *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, the vector of the dengue fever, in the outskirts of Montevideo, on 16 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Art world looks to Asia for painters and patrons

LONDON, 17 March — Art collectors, dealers and auction houses are increasingly looking East for inspiration and investment opportunities, eyeing the rising stars of Asian painting as well as the region's super-rich patrons.

Britain's Charles Saatchi, one of the world's

most influential collectors, has set up a Chinese-language version of a successful website on which artists showcase their work.

Two leading Indian collectors are opening a gallery in London on Friday which will specialize in contemporary Asian and Indian

art, while Christie's auctioneer holds its first London auction dedicated solely to India in May.

"I would say that in the last year or so we've sensed a real increase in interest among non-Indian buyers, especially for younger contemporary (Indian) artists we will show in this space," said Prajit Dutta, co-founder of the Aicon Gallery.

"There were some Western collectors who had got into contemporary Chinese art which has seen a gigantic runup in the last year or two.

"Some were saying 'What's next?', and contemporary Indian art seems to represent a certain value opportunity and creatively a certain strength," he told Reuters.

Asian art's ascendancy in recent years has been spectacular, with contemporary artists seeing prices for their work soar.

China has led the way with artists like Zhang Xiaogang, Wang Guangyi and Yue Minjun catching the eye of wealthy buyers, including Saatchi who has bought works by all three.

Zhang's painting "Tiananmen Square", for example, fetched a record 2.3 million US dollars at auction last year.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters



Grounds crews blow snow from an Airtran jet during a storm at Boston's Logan Airport on 16 March, 2007. Snow and sleet pelted the metro area on Friday, interrupting travel plans for thousands, as hundreds of flights were cancelled by airlines including JetBlue, American, Northwest and Delta. — INTERNET

Russian "Progress" cargo craft corrects "ISS" orbit

Moscow 17, March — A Russian Progress cargo craft has corrected the orbit of the International Space Station (ISS) for its upcoming docking with a Soyuz spacecraft slated in April, the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said on Friday.

During a two-minute correction operation, the Progress M-58 raised the ISS by about five kilometres to the maximal altitude of about 327 kilometres, said the ground control.

"The ISS orbit was raised by several kilometres to ensure the best conditions for April's docking of Russia's Soyuz

TMA-10 manned spaceship with the station and a Soyuz TMA-9 spaceship's landing in a designated

area," Nikolai Kryuchkov, spokesman for the centre, was quoted by the Interfax as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

Panda burning joss stick. Li Jun, maker of the notorious computer virus "Xiongmao Shaoxiang", or "Panda burning joss stick", was arrested on Thursday 15 March, 2007 with the approval of Xiantao City procuratorate in central China's Hubei Province. — XINHUA



Computer virus maker arrested in central China

WUHAN, 17 March — Li Jun, maker of the notorious computer virus "Xiongmao Shaoxiang", or "Panda burning joss stick", was arrested on Thursday with the approval of Xiantao City procuratorate in central China's Hubei Province.

The virus, which infects programme files and flashes a picture of a panda holding three joss sticks, has been spreading through the Internet since December last year. It has infected millions of computers nationwide.

The virus, which can also steal the account names and passwords of online game players and popular chat sites, was listed as the worst computer virus last year by Chinese anti-virus company Rising.

Li and seven other people were detained by the police on 12 February.

An anti-virus programme written by Li, who repented of his act, has been released on the Internet.

SPORTS

Sir Alex confirms Neville blow

LONDON, 17 March—Gary Neville will miss England's upcoming Euro 2008 qualifiers against Israel and Andorra after damaging ankle ligaments against Bolton.

The Manchester United captain was injured in a challenge from Gary Speed after just eight minutes of the 4-1 victory.

Speaking after the win, Red Devils boss Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed he expects Neville to be out for around three weeks.

"Gary sustained ligament damage and is likely to be out for three weeks," Ferguson told PremPlus.

"It is a blow. There is no question of that."

Steve McClaren's side play Israel on 24th March and Andorra four days later.

Neville's replacement for England will likely be Micah Richards, although the Manchester City stopper limped off against Middlesbrough. —Internet



Oka Nikolov of Eintracht Frankfurt saves a ball ahead of Roy Makaay during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match against Bayern Munich in Frankfurt, on 17 March, 2007. Frankfurt won the game 1-0. — INTERNET

No stopping Ronaldo as Man United crush Bolton

LONDON, 18 March — Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo set up three goals and South Korea's Park Ji-sung scored two of them as Premier League leaders Manchester United romped to a 4-1 win over Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

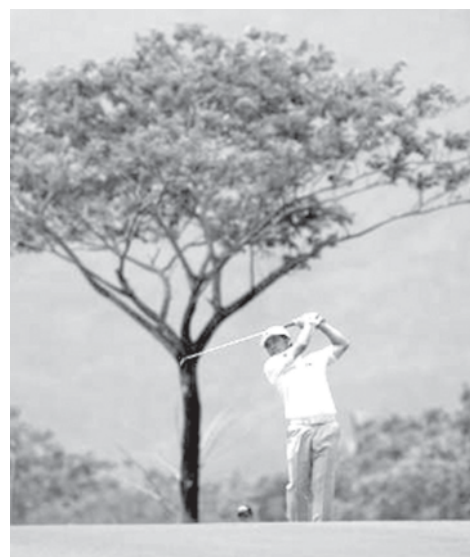
Ronaldo provided the cut-back for Park to score United's first after 14 minutes, put Wayne Rooney through for their second and then hit a shot which keeper Jussi Jaaskelainen spilled and Park

tucked home in the 25th minute.

Ronaldo got a standing ovation from the Old Trafford crowd in the 70th minute when he was replaced by Alan Smith, who promptly set up Rooney for his second of the afternoon on the break.

Gary Speed scored Bolton's consolation goal from the penalty spot three minutes from the end as United notched their sixth consecutive league win.

MNA/Reuters



Taichi Teshima from Japan hits a shot on the second fairway during the TCL Classic golf tournament in Sanya at China's Hainan Province on 17 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Telli free kick sinks leaders Porto

LISBON, 18 March — A free kick by Chilean Rodrigo Telli earned Sporting a 1-0 victory at leaders Porto on Saturday to throw the Portuguese Premier League title race wide open with eight games left.

Porto stayed top with 52 points from 22 matches ahead of Benfica on 48 and Sporting on 46. Benfica travel to Amadora on Monday to play their game in hand.

MNA/Reuters

Lyon recapture winning ways to crush Nancy

PARIS, 18 March — Olympique Lyon recaptured their winning ways with a 3-0 victory at lowly Nancy on Saturday that sent them 16 points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

Lyon, set to become the first side from a major European league to win six consecutive titles, moved on 65 points from 29 games, with second-placed Racing Lens on 49 before visiting Auxerre on Sunday.

Czech striker Milan Baros opened the scoring against the run of play on 36 minutes, scoring with his thigh from a header by defender Sebastien Squillaci. Sweden midfielder Kim Kallstrom doubled the advantage with a powerful angled shot from just inside the box on 77 minutes and Brazil striker Fred wrapped it up with a diving header four minutes later. — MNA/Reuters

Keane criticizes FAI

LONDON, 17 March—Roy Keane has openly criticized the Football Association of Ireland after three members of his Sunderland side were left out of the latest Republic of Ireland squad.



Roy Keane

Keane described the situation as a 'disgrace' and believes one of the players involved, Liam Miller, has been omitted because of prejudice against his hometown.

David Connolly and Daryl Murphy were also overlooked, and Keane, who walked out on his country during the 2002 World Cup, believes the players deserve to be included.

"These lads should be in the squad," he said. "It's a disgrace."

"Connolly had a fall-out a few years ago. What's holding Liam Miller back

is that he's from Cork, without a doubt.

"People think I'm crazy for saying that, but I'm not. They don't know the FAI as well as I do."

The former Manchester United man also claimed that managing Ireland would be a step down for him. He added: "Sunderland is a bigger challenge and a bigger job than Ireland, especially when I make my own decisions and I'm not being influenced by anyone. No need to complicate it." — Internet

Eto'o's double gives Barcelona 3 point lead

MADRID, 18 March — Two goals from Samuel Eto'o helped put Barcelona three points clear at the top of the Primera Liga after crushing Recreativo Huelva 4-0 on Saturday. The Cameroon striker looked back to his best after injury, scoring either side of a Gianluca Zambrotta goal in the first half. Lionel Messi added a fourth at the end as Barca cruised to their first away league win in eight attempts.

The champions have 53 points from 27 games, three ahead of second-placed Sevilla who host Celta Vigo on Sunday.

Valencia's title challenge suffered a setback after a 2-0 home defeat by Racing Santander left them third on 47 points.

Racing's Nikola Zigic nodded down for Pedro Munitis to acrobatically volley the opener after 20 minutes against a Valencia side off the pace throughout.

Defender Oriol's header from a second-half corner sealed the win for Racing, who climbed to eighth on 40 points. Real Madrid, fourth with 45, host relegation-threatened Gimnastic at the Bernabeu on Sunday when fifth-placed Real Zaragoza also entertain Atletico Madrid, who are sixth. — MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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World Champion McLaren Formula One driver Fernando Alonso (L) of Spain, eight-times world champion surfer Kelly Slater of Australia (2nd L), McLaren Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton (R) of Britain and Australian cricketer Shane Warne pose for pictures before the start of the second day practice session in Melbourne on 17 March, 2007. The first race of the F1 Grand Prix season held on Sunday at the Melbourne Grand Prix circuit. — XINHUA

Romario scores hat-trick, takes tally to 998

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 March — Former Brazil striker Romario took his career tally, according to his own records, to 998 goals on Saturday after scoring his third hat-trick of the year.

Romario's goals came in a 20-minute spell in the second half as he helped Vasco da Gama beat modest opponents Boavista 6-2 in the Carioca (Rio de Janeiro state) championship.

The irrepressible 41-year-old former Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven player scored with a header, a penalty and a left-foot shot to drag Vasco from 2-1 down to 4-2 ahead. — MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh deploys troops to sell foodstuffs

DHAKA, 18 March — Bangladesh's Army-backed interim government, which has launched a crackdown on corruption, has called in paramilitary troops to sell food and other essentials in an effort to curb prices.

A large number of residents have been queuing in makeshift shops set up by the Bangladesh Rifles in the capital Dhaka to buy pulses, potatoes, onions, garlic and ginger at fixed prices.

"Sale of goods by the troops has already made an impact in the markets, where prices of some stuffs have started declining over the last two days," said Shamsul Islam, a resident. — MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Spanish midfielder, Xabi Alonso, right, battles for the ball with Aston Villa's Gavin McCann during their English Premier League soccer match at Villa Park, Birmingham, England, on Sunday, 18 March, 2007. Liverpool 0 - Aston Villa 0.

INTERNET

Barclays Premiership Table

18 March 2007

		P	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	30	50	75
2	Chelsea	30	35	69
3	Arsenal	29	27	55
4	Liverpool	30	24	54
5	Bolton	30	-3	47
6	Everton	30	12	46
7	Tottenham	30	-1	45
8	Reading	30	5	44
9	Portsmouth	30	5	42
10	Blackburn	30	-5	40
11	Newcastle	30	-5	37
12	Middlesbrough	30	-4	36
13	Aston Villa	30	-6	34
14	Fulham	30	-13	34
15	Man City	29	-12	33
16	Wigan	30	-14	33
17	Sheff Utd	30	-19	31
18	Charlton	30	-21	27
19	West Ham	30	-28	23
20	Watford	30	-27	20

Internet

Charlton 2-0 Newcastle: Zheng boosts Addicks

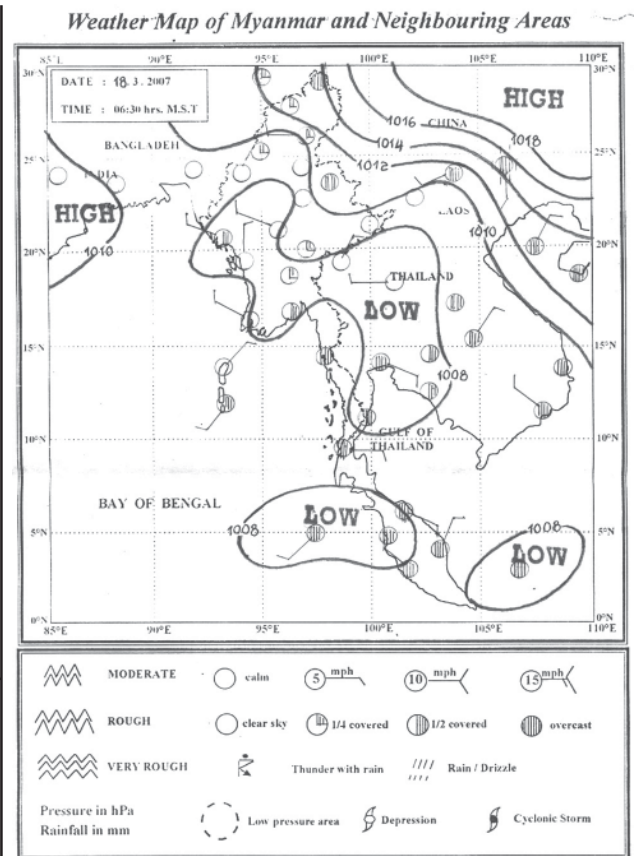
LONDON, 18 March — Zheng Zhi used his head to dramatically improve Charlton's chances of staying in the Premiership with a 2-0 win over Newcastle.

The Chinese international midfielder headed a 54th-minute goal and won an 88th-minute penalty which Jerome Thomas converted to turn Addicks' home into Happy Valley again.

Zheng, on loan for the rest of the season from Shandong Luneng, was on the spot to coolly head into an empty net after Darren Bent's clever free-kick had bounced down off the bar nine minutes after half-time.

Then as Charlton hung on to their hard-earned advantage, Zheng went down in the box after a nudge by Nolberto Solano and Thomas sealed all three points from the spot.

It means Charlton are now just four points behind 17th-placed Sheffield United, having picked up seven points from their last three games. — Internet



WEATHER

Sunday, 18 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) below normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk, Pyay and Thayawady (39°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 17-3-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 18-3-2007 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-3-2007 was 60.5%. Total sunshine hours on 17-3-2007 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-3-2007 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 (8) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 17-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-3-2007: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay 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 slight decrease of day temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-3-2007: Generally fair.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-3-2007: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 19 March
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- Song of national races

8:05 am

- Cute little dancers

8:15 am

- (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ်(ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

- Dance variety

5:00 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm

- Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:30 pm

- Dance of national races

5:40 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)

6:50 pm

- "ချစ်လွန်းလို့" (မိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးဝင်း၊ မျိုးမျိုးနိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

- "ခိုင်(၁၀၀၀)ခရီးရှည် စက်ဘီးစီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:10 pm

- (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:20 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သစ္စာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)
- The next day's programme



Monday, 19 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Digging your love
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Gotta tell you
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Giddy up
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: Flying without wings
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Let it be me -Kiss from a rose
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on a star -Ronan Keating
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:30 pm Vocal gems -Walking in the air
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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MMCWA donates cash to construction of Maternal and Child Health Care in Bhamo

MMCWA President presents cash assistance to older persons of Home for the Aged



President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win addresses cash donation ceremony to set up Maternal and Child Health Care Centre of Bhamo District MCWA.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated cash to the funds for construction of the Maternal and Child Health Care Centre of Bhamo District MCWA at the hall of Nurses Training School in Bhamo on 10 March afternoon.

Present on the occasion were President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, Chairperson of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Nu Nu Swe, members and guests.

Chairperson of Bhamo

District MCWA Daw Khin San Wai reported on tasks of the association.

President Daw Khin Khin Win explained facts about health and social affairs.

Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha also explained matters related to Maternal and Child Health Care Project and presented K 5 million for opening the Maternal and Child Health Care Centre to Chairperson Daw Nu Nu Swe. Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha gave posters on health knowledge and two bicycles to the Chairperson of Bhamo District MCWA and the Head of

Kachin State Health Department.

After greeting those present, President Daw Khin Khin Win inspected the site for construction of Maternal and Child Health Care Centre.

In the afternoon, they viewed health care service being provided by specialists to older persons at the Home for the Aged in Paukkon Ward of Bhamo. They donated glasses to the older persons with eye complaint and K 3,000 each, medicines and refreshments to 40 older persons.

The President of MMCWA donated K 100,000 for the Home

and the chairperson of Bhamo District MCWA K 120,000 for a day meal to officials.

Afterwards, they inspected the delivery

room of Bhamo District MCWA in Nyaungbin Ward and the site for construction of District/Township MCWA Office. Secretary Dr Daw

Wai Wai Tha presented cash assistance for purchasing the water tank to Chairperson of Bhamo District MCWA Daw Khin San Wai. — MNA

Five members resign from Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 18 March — Five members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy namely Taungyin Village Organizer U Maw Taw, U Aung Than, U Win Swe, Daw Nwe Nwe Win and Daw Cho Cho Win resigned from the NLD of their own accord and send their letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 22 February.

In the letter sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission they said the reason why they quit the NLD was that they lost interest and no longer wished to discharge the duties of the party. Therefore, they said, they resigned from the NLD. — MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win, President of MMCWA, donates glasses to older persons of Home for the Aged in Bhamo. — MNA

INSIDE

- * The emergence of the Tatmadaw Government amid national requirements and the historical trend was to save the people living in a state of alarm due to the breakdown of the administrative machinery followed by anarchy in the unrest, to make sure that the nation will never see similar incident and to help form a discipline-flourishing democratic government.
- * At such a time of emergency, the Tatmadaw is duty-bound to serve as a government according to the national requirements and historical trend.