

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Military Attache Col Richard Q Lagrana PA (GSC) of the Philippines to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March —

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Colonel Richard Q Lagrana PA(GSC), Military Attache of the Republic of the Philippines to Myanmar, at Bayintnaung

Yeiktha here today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets Colonel Richard Q Lagrana PA(GSC), Military Attache of the Republic of the Philippines to Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 20 March, 2007

Strive for full-capacity production of factories and mills

Nowadays, the government is striving for the development of the industrial sector. In this regard, it is taking all possible steps such as setting up industrial zones, building new factories and mills and ensuring development of import-substitute production.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is engaged in producing and distributing goods. It is trying its best to meet the production target of factories and produce more items in high demand.

Sewing machine factory, bicycle factory, vest factory, footwear factory, plastic factory and candy factory under the Ministry of Industry-1 were set up in Kyaukse Industrial Region.

With the aim of ensuring adequate supply use of pp woven bags as import-substitute products and creating jobs, Royal PP Woven Bag Factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division was opened on 17 March.

As the factory will be able to produce 17 million pp woven bags each holding 50 kilogrammes a year, it will contribute much to packaging and transporting sectors.

It is required for the factories and mills to produce more quality items in accord with the market and public demand.

At present, a large number of foodstuff and personal goods factories and other modern factories and mills were established in different industrial regions of the nation. We firmly believe that the full-capacity production of those factories and mills will be able to contribute a great deal to national development and fulfil the requirements of the people.

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People's Desire

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

Minister receives Senior Advisor of MEASAT Satellite System Co



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Senior Advisor Mr Dato Hj Ainuddin Noordin of MEASAT Satellite System Co.— MNA

YANGON, 19 March— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Dato Hj Ainuddin Noordin, Senior Advisor of MEASAT Satellite System Co, at the Myanmar Radio and Television

on Pyay Road here today. Also present at the call were departmental officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.— MNA

MWJA, brother associations, meet WIPO experts

YANGON, 19 March— Organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, a meeting of MWJA and its brother associations and experts of WIPO was held at the hall of the association on Merchant street here this morning.

First, Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) of MWJA extended greetings on the occasion and CEC member U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) introduced members of MWJA and brother associations to those present.

Next, Mr Darusman of WIPO and Mr Ang

Kwee Tiang of the International Confederation of Authors and Composers Societies-CISAC gave introductory speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, expert U Kyaw Zaw Naing read out the time table of the seminars. Experts of WIPO will meet MWJA, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Library Association and Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association.

After they have studied copyright functions in Myanmar, they will present a report to WIPO. — MNA

Daewoo colour TV introduced

YANGON, 19 March — Daewoo brand Colour TV was introduced by OK Myanmar Co., Ltd at the Traders Hotel on 16

March. Managing Director of the company U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing explained the distribution of

the Daewoo brand electronic items in the market. Daewoo brand TVs are designed using advanced technology with

200 channels. The new products are also equipped with RF studio system, AV PIP system, Auto Volume Limited System and Tele Test System.

More information is available at the head office of the company Ph (01-392 986-87-97), Sales Room on Pansodan Street (Ph 01-241077/387644), Sales Room on Maha Bandoola Road (Ph 01-376997/384748) and Sales Room in Pyinmana (Ph 067-22953). — MNA



Sales agents view Daewoo brand colour TVs to be distributed in market. NLM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2010 deadline to stamp out poverty in the country

GEORGE TOWN, 18 March—The government hopes to eliminate poverty by 2010, Second Finance Minister Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop said yesterday.

“We intend to fast-track the narrowing of the poverty gap among the different income groups in the country before the year 2020,” he said at a Press conference after opening the Pusat Bina Insan Al Minsar in Jelutong.

“This can be achieved through the inculcation of knowledge economy in all Malaysians through the channel of information communications technology.”

Nor Mohamed said the quest to eliminate poverty started 50 years ago, when half the population was living in poverty.

Japanese protesters shout slogans against war in Iraq during a rally in Tokyo, on 18 March, 2007.
INTERNET

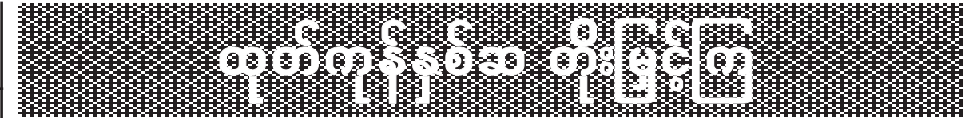
Today, six per cent of the population lives in poverty.

He said the Pintar (Promoting Intelligence, Nurturing Talent, Advocating Responsibility) project, launched in Penang under the aegis of the Finance Ministry, would be expanded to all states, starting from the new school semester next year. The project provides tuition classes, individual

mentor programmes and other facilities to students from low-income families.

A total of 42 primary and secondary schools in the state were adopted by 17 government-linked companies (GLCs), including Media Prima Berhad, under the project.

Seven more schools in Seberang Prai and three GLCs will join the project soon.—Internet



Members of the Sheila Tully School of Irish Dance perform on 17 March, 2007 in Chicago. — INTERNET

Large Iraq war protests across Spain

MADRID, 18 March — Tens of thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched in Spanish cities on Saturday in what organizers said were Europe's biggest protests to mark four years of conflict in Iraq.

The largest demonstration was in Madrid

where organizers estimated around 400,000 protesters, though city authorities put the total in the tens of thousands. It was one of around 100 anti-war demonstrations across Spain involving cities including Barcelona, Valencia and Seville.

Left-wing political leaders and Spanish celebrities like film director Pedro Almodovar marched in Madrid behind a banner reading “End the occupation in Iraq, shut down Guantanamo”.

Protesters walked to a memorial for the 191 people killed in 11 March, 2004 train bombings by Islamist radicals.

MNA/Reuters

Some construction machines stand in front of the National Museum in downtown Beijing on 17 March, 2007. The National Museum with new buildings will be completed in 2009 and it will cover a land space of 70,000 square meters and 40.3 metres high.

XINHUA

MNA/Reuters

Germany cautions US not to split Europe with shield

BERLIN, 18 March — Germany sent a thinly veiled warning to the United States on Saturday not to try to split Europe into “old” and “new” with its plans to deploy parts of an anti-missile defence system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

In some of the strongest German rhetoric to date

on the issue, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said it was important not to let the US project spark a new arms race in Europe nearly two decades after the end of the Cold War.

“A missile defence system should be neither a cause or pretext for a new arms race,” Steinmeier

wrote in a contribution to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*.

“Our top priority remains disarmament and not an arms buildup. We don't want a new arms race in Europe,” he said in remarks provided to Reuters ahead of publication on Sunday.

Steinmeier, who is due to meet US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday in Washington to discuss transatlantic ties, has been one of the strongest European critics of Washington's handling of the missile shield plan.

Last month he delivered an unusual public rebuke to Washington, faulting it for not consulting Russia on a project Moscow sees as an encroachment on its former sphere of influence and an attempt to shift the

post-Cold War balance of power. US officials say extensive talks with Russia took place and the shield would counter threats from what it calls “rogue states” such as Iran and not pose a threat to Moscow.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian Navy ships rescue 18 students

JAKARTA, 18 March — The Indonesian Navy Saturday sent two warships to tow a boat that had encountered engine failure since Thursday and rescued 18 students onboard in the waters of the eastern province of Maluku.

The boat, owned by a local high school specializing in fishery business, was powerlessly floating on the Buru Strait after breaking its propeller, Navy officer Colonel Toto Harjanto was quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying.

“After getting permit to deploy the warships, we rescued all passengers and towed the boat ashore,” he said. All the students were safe and in good condition when they arrived at the local port. — MNA/Xinhua



Chest presses, not breaths, help CPR

WASHINGTON, 19 March— Chest compression—not mouth-to-mouth resuscitation— seems to be the key in helping someone recover from cardiac arrest, according to new research that further bolsters advice from heart experts.

A study in Japan showed that people were more likely to recover without brain damage if rescuers focused on chest compressions rather than rescue breaths, and some experts advised dropping the mouth-to-mouth part of CPR altogether. The

study was published in Friday’s issue of the medical journal The Lancet.

More than a year ago, the American Heart Association revised CPR guidelines to put more emphasis on chest presses, urging 30 instead of 15 for every two breaths given. Stopping chest compressions to blow air into the lungs of someone who is unresponsive detracts

from the more important task of keeping blood moving to provide oxygen and nourishment to the brain and heart.

Another big advantage to dropping the rescue breaths: It could make bystanders more willing to provide CPR in the first place. Many are unwilling to do the mouth-to-mouth part and become flummoxed and fearful of getting the ratio right in an

emergency.

Sudden cardiac arrest— when the heart suddenly stops beating— can occur after a heart attack or as a result of electrocution or near-drowning. It’s most often caused by an abnormal heart rhythm. The person experiencing it collapses, is unresponsive to gentle shaking and stops normal breathing.

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Julia Jurevic, 17, waves to the photographers after being crowned Miss Bulgaria 2007 during a national beauty contest in the city of Plovdiv, some 120 km (75 miles) east of the capital Sofia, on 16 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Cadets perform during a graduation ceremony at the National Defence Academy of Japan in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, on 18 March, 2007.

INTERNET



Seven-year-old boy stabs woman during row

LONDON, 18 March — A seven-year-old boy repeatedly stabbed a woman as she argued with his mother, police said on Friday.

The woman was taken to hospital with stab wounds to her buttocks and arms after the attack in Liverpool on Thursday. Her condition is not life-threatening.

“It is believed there had been an argument between two women,” a Merseyside Police spokeswoman said. “During that argument the seven-year-old son of one of the women did stab the victim a number of times to the buttocks and arms.” The child is below the age of criminal responsibility and cannot be arrested, she added. The two women are understood to be friends who had fallen out after an argument.— MNA/Reuters

Hot air balloon crashes in Egypt, injuring nine

CAIRO, 18 March— Four French, three Americans and two Egyptians were injured on Friday when their hot balloon crashed in Luxor, some 680 kilometres south of the Egyptian capital Cairo, MNA

news agency reported.

High winds was to blame for the accident, local police said. Eight of the injured left Luxor hospital after treatment, while one is still receiving treatment, said MNA.

Luxor, located on the eastern bank of the Nile River, is famous for its many ancient Egyptian historical sites, including the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Karnak.

MNA/Reuters



James Arnold Taylor, who voices the character Leonardo in the animated film “TMNT” (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles), poses at the premiere of the film in Los Angeles on 17 March, 2007.— INTERNET

Two plead guilty in US Internet gambling case

NEW YORK, 18 March — A Miami executive and his wife pleaded guilty to participating in a 3.3-billion-US-dollar illegal Internet sports gambling operation in New York on Friday, the Queens District Attorney’s office said.

Daniel Clarin, 32, and his wife Melissa Clarin, 31, pleaded guilty in court to enterprise corruption and conspiracy charges for

taking part in the operation that ran over a 28-month period, according to a news release.

Sentencing was set for 26 April.

The operation took

bets on sports including horse-racing, football, baseball, basketball, hockey, NASCAR races, PGA golf and professional tennis, the release said.

MNA/Reuters

Snowstorm hits eastern Canada

OTTAWA, 19 March — A winter storm hit eastern Canada Friday and

continues to dump snow, ice rain and ice pellets Saturday, causing traffic accidents and flight delays.

Much of Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces were covered by the late winter storm, with some areas expecting as much as 25 centimetres of snow. The storm created slippery roadways on some of the nation’s busiest highways. In Ontario, 20 cars slid off roads after hitting black ice, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

Man smuggles grenade in pot of honey in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 18 March — Border guards in Kazakhstan have arrested a man for trying to smuggle a home-made grenade in a pot of honey, local media reported on Friday.

The man, a Russian citizen, was travelling by train from the Russian town of Omsk.

“The pot seemed too heavy so it had to be checked,” a senior Kazakh border official told the Kazakhstan Today news agency.

The man told police he did not know it was a grenade and that his wife had given it to him as a present for her relatives in Kazakhstan.—MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

Importing palm oil for bio-diesel production under consideration

BANGKOK, 18 March — The government may allow imports of palm oil to produce bio-diesel due to a shortage of palm oil in Thailand, said Energy Minister Piyasvasti Amranand.

Local production of palm oil for use in the manufacturing of the alternative fuel may be insufficient this year, he said, so the Energy Ministry may ask the Commerce Ministry to allow palm oil imports to refine into biodiesel.

The importers must ensure that their bio-diesel price must not

exceed market price, Mr Piyasvasti said.

Thailand's government-sponsored Oil Fund may have initiate incentives to encourage palm oil planters to grow more trees here, Mr Piyasvasti said.

Imports of palm oil may have to be made carefully as they may pose a negative impact on the biodiesel production plan by Thai Oleochemicals, a subsidiary of PTT Chemical Pcl, scheduled to start late this year with a production capacity is 600,000 litres daily.

In an attempt to encourage more motorists to switch to using bio-diesel, Mr Piyasvasti said his ministry had a clear policy to further increase the price spread of bio-diesel B5 formula lower than diesel price by more than Bt1 per litre compared to just over Bt0 70 a litre now.

He said a feasibility study is being conducted on having only bio-diesel B5 available in the Thai market, which will auto-matically help boost sales of alternative energy.

Internet



Wang Xiaochun (C), chairman and CEO of Tongjitang Chinese Medicines Company, the first Chinese medicine company listed on the Wall Street stock exchange, talks with traders in New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, on 16 March, 2006.
XINHUA

Uganda's honey to enter EU market

KAMPALA, 18 March — Uganda's honey has been selected to be the African flag-carrier to the European Union (EU) market, the Uganda Exports Promotions Board's Executive Director Florence Kata has said.

"As a result, Uganda is required to supply 60 metric tons of Ambar (Gold) honey. The consignment is to be launched in London in May," Kata was quoted by state-owned *New Vision* as saying on Friday.

She said the honey would be availed to supermarkets through a network of buyers across Europe.

"However, we have a problem of failure to exploit trade opportunities with the right product and good quality. Some companies export thrice and the fourth time, they fail and change address," Kata said at the opening of a workshop for the members of the Uganda National Apiary Development Organization.

The international price for honey is 1,600 Ugandan shillings (about 91.9 US cents). The firm proposed to offer 1,800 shillings (1.04 dollars) at farmgate level.

MNA/Xinhua

Earthmen rule against moon real estate bid

BEIJING, 18 March — A Chinese appeals court has upheld a ban on a company from selling land on the moon, ruling that "celestial bodies" could not be anyone's property, state media said on Saturday.

Lunar Embassy to China, a Beijing-based company that sold plots of lunar land to individuals, sued the Beijing Administration of Industry and Commerce which revoked its business licence and fined it 50,000 yuan (6,500 US dollars) in October 2005.

Haidian District People's Court ruled against the company in November 2005.

On Friday, the Beijing First Intermediate People's Court upheld that

decision, *Xinhua* news agency said.

The court cited an international treaty that China signed in 1983.

"The treaty states that outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by other means... The exploration and use of outer space shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries," *Xinhua* said.

MNA/Reuters



A forest official harnesses a 3-year-old panther cub to a rope to pull him out after he fell into a 35-foot deep dry well on the outskirts of Jaipur, India, on 16 March, 2007. The cub was first tranquilized and then rescued after a three-hour long joint operation by forest officials and police, according to a news agency. — INTERNET

A train passes over a bridge over the Whangaehu River at the scene of the historic Tangiwai Rail disaster after a mud flow from the crater lake of Mount Ruapehu, in the central North Island, New Zealand, on 18 March, 2007.—INTERNET



Ivory Coast launches free trade zone for "IT" industry

ABIDJAN, 18 March — Ivory Coast's President Laurent Gbagbo has laid the foundation stone for free trade zone dedicated to biotechnology and new information technologies at Grand-Bassam, 40 kilometres southeast of Abidjan.

The zone, known as the Mahatma Gandhi Park, will be built on an area of 600 hectares. It is estimated to cost more than 200 billion CFA francs (400 million US dollars), attract about 100

companies and create more than 20,000 employment opportunities by 2015, Gbagbo announced on Thursday.

Companies operating in the zone will not be charged corporate tax during the first five years of operations and will be allowed to import raw materials or semi-finished goods without paying duty. Starting from the sixth year, the companies will pay 1 per cent corporate tax in addition to a 2.5-per-cent royalty

on turnover.

Companies are free to choose whom to employ, however, if 75 per cent of the staff of a company is made up of people from Ivory coast, the company could enjoy a reduction in tax of up to 50 per cent.

"The free trade zone presents Ivory Coast with an exceptional opportunity to give a new boost and diversify its economic foundation," declared Kragbe Gadou Vincent, general commissioner for the park. — MNA/Xinhua

US says 350 ill from chlorine bombs in Iraq

FALLUJA, (Iraq), 18 March — Two suicide bombings involving toxic chlorine gas made 350 people ill in Fallujah on Friday, the US military said on Saturday, and another smaller bomb attack near Ramadi also released chlorine gas.

Hospital sources said earlier eight people were killed and dozens were became ill after chlorine gas was released in the two bombings in Fallujah, in the western province of Anbar. The attacks appeared to mark a stepped-up campaign by armed groups to use unconventional weapons, after two bombings involving chlorine killed eight people earlier this year.

The US military said they discovered an al-Qaeda car bomb factory last month near Fallujah that was constructing bombs with chlorine. The gas causes severe burns when breathed in and can cause death.

Friday's two bombs in Fallujah occurred within the space of 40 minutes in the early evening and both involved suicide bombers driving dumper trucks. In the first, near the town of Amiriya, two

Iraqi police were killed and up to 100 Iraqis showed signs of chlorine exposure, with symptoms ranging from minor skin and lung irritation to vomiting, the US statement said.

Soon afterwards a suicide bomber detonated a dumper truck containing a 200-gallon (900-litre)

chlorine tank rigged with explosives around 5 kilometres (3 miles) south of Fallujah. "Coalition Forces responded to the attack and found approximately 250 local civilians suffering from symptoms related to chlorine exposure," the US statement said.

MNA/Reuters



People test cyberspace devices at CeBIT computer fair in the northern German town of Hanover on 17 March , 2007. The world's largest computer and information technology fair CeBIT runs till 21 March , 2007. — INTERNET

Death toll of bird flu in Indonesia reaches 65

JAKARTA, 18 March — A 32-year-old Indonesian man, who died on Thursday, was tested positive of avian influenza, putting the fatality of the disease to 65 out of 86 cases in the country, the Indonesian Health Ministry said Friday.

The man from eastern Jakarta had been sick since Sunday and

admitted to a hospital on 13 March, and a day later, he was transferred to a designed-bird flu hospital of Persahabatan in eastern Jakarta, said Joko Suyono, an official of the anti-bird flu centre of the ministry.

"He died on Thursday morning at the Persahabatan, and the results of two laboratory tests all positive," he told Xinhua. It was not clear whether the man had history of contact with bird flu-infected animal, as he looked after birds in his house, said the official.

The number of bird flu cases in Indonesia has increased recently after months of absence of new cases.

MNA/Xinhua



Karen Love, a member of the Enterprise, Ala, chapter of the Sweet Potato Queens, celebrates after finishing the St Paddy's Day parade in Jackson, Miss, on 17 March , 2007. — INTERNET

Flights cancelled as snow hits northeast US

NEW YORK, 18 March — Winter returned to the northeastern United States on Friday after a period of spring-like weather with snowstorms forcing airlines to cancel hundreds of flights.

Snow and rain halted ground transportation at New York's LaGuardia Airport and Philadelphia International, with many airports from Washington to Boston experiencing delays.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning covering most of the territory over states from Pennsylvania to Maine with heavy snow warnings for some areas.

The Weather Channel forecast 1 to 2 feet (30 to 60 centimetres) of snow in some areas.

JetBlue Airways Corp cancelled 235 flights, aiming to avoid its troubles of a month ago when passengers were trapped in grounded aircraft for up to 10 hours because of the weather.

US Airways Group Inc. cancelled 150 flights, mostly because of the backup at Philadelphia and LaGuardia, a spokesman said. Delta Air Lines

Inc announced on Thursday it was cancelling 250 flights, and a spokesman for American Airlines, part of AMR Corp, said the airline cancelled 120 flights.

MNA/Reuters

Tanzania bus lorry crash kills 12

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 March — A road accident killed 12 people in central Tanzania when a bus and a goods truck collided head-on, police said on Friday.

The crash took place on Thursday between the administrative capital Dodoma and Morogoro, a town 180 kilometres (110 miles) west of the commercial capital Dar-es-Salaam. "Of the dead, five are women and seven are men. Forty-three people were injured," Samuel Mpasa, acting regional police commander for the region, said by telephone.

Fatal traffic accidents are common across East Africa, where roads and vehicles are often badly maintained, drivers poorly trained and speeding common. —MNA/Reuters

South Korean protesters shout slogan during a rally against South Korea and US joint military exercise in front of the at Daegu air base, south of Seoul, on 18 March, 2007.— INTERNET



From One Village, One Product to One Village, Many Products

U Ngwe Thein (Companies Guide)

It is said that one village, one product (OVOP) project was initiated by Dr Morihiko Hiramatsu in Japan in 1979. Actually, the country that exercised the project first in the world is Myanmar. Since the times of Myanmar monarchs, Myanmar has practised an OVOP-like process. We Myanmar people have profound evidences of villages named after their specific products. For example, a village housing a large number of smithies was named Panbe village (Smithy village) and a village which made pottery was called Oh village (Pottery village). So, it is fair to say that the OVOP practice originated in Myanmar.

But Myanmar failed to integrate scattering small-scale family businesses of a village into a compact and strong production force. Besides, it also lacked technical know-how concerning quality control and market research. Those were the major causes behind the failure of Myanmar to advertise rural brands commercially and produce finished rural goods on a large scale.

In the past, Ywalut Brand tobacco-pipe manufactured at Ywalut Village in Chaungson Township, Mon State, Myanmar, gained a foothold in the international market.

Practical implementation of the OVOP project calls for harmonious cooperation of shareholders, manufacturers, raw material suppliers, regular customers and rivals who will have to do their bit in harmony in the drive.

The OVOP project is aimed at national development. So, it will be unwise if it is implemented individually. In implementing the project, many entrepreneurs should harmoniously weld their small-scale enterprises into a commercial-scale one and enjoy the fair share of the profits.

Boosting commodity production and trade of the products through the OVOP project, rural folks will enjoy better per capita income and that will contribute towards national economic growth. Business plans in this regard are to be laid down for ensuring sustainable

competition between one village and another and between one state or one division and another to improve the quality of the products. If so, domestic products produced under the OVOP project will be in demand in international markets and the nation will be able to earn more foreign exchange.

For effective implementation of these steps, it is required to seek critical success factors, broaden the horizon of the people in the economic sector, constantly conduct courses in various fields, establish constant learning societies, find out regional sources, and stockpile

ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

progress through effective use of manpower, investments and raw materials. Myanmar is rich in natural resources. So, the natural resources are to be efficiently harnessed and used as raw materials in the long-term interests of the nation and the people.

Now, the five rural development tasks are being implemented in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State for national economic development. These tasks are aimed at national economic development, which helps ensure harmonious implementation of other sectors. The nation will enjoy all-round development in the near future if the OVOP project is implemented systematically.

In the process, it is needed to form supervisory organizations at state and division levels, to create healthy

raw materials for uninterrupted supply.

Here, a notable point is to make sure that necessary raw materials to produce the items are available at home or not. Otherwise, the producer has to import raw materials that are available domestically. It is also required to exert perseverance, tenacity and self-motivation and manufacture value-added products. Originally, Myanmar people have high intellectual power. It is undeniable that if advanced technical know-how is within their reach, Myanmar national entrepreneurs will be able to keep abreast of the international level.

One village, one product project will soon be transformed into one village, many products project in the nation if concerted efforts are exerted in harmony under the guidance of the Head of State in a bid to achieve the drive for national development. Myanmar will be able to enjoy all-round development soon if all Myanmar people work hard with altruistic spirit.

Translation: MS

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Report says global warming boosts Arctic shipping, oil

HANOVER (New Hampshire), 19 March — Global warming, blamed for melting polar bears' icy Arctic habitat, could be a boon to the shipping and oil industries in the far north, according to a new US report.

The dramatic decrease in sea ice above the Arctic Circle means formerly impenetrable shipping routes are now or soon could be open for much of the year, the US Arctic Research Commission said in a report released last week at a summit of Arctic scientists in Hanover.

"Diminishing sea ice conditions in the Arctic Ocean are changing ecosystems, most conspicuously for polar bears," said the commission's report, prepared for President George W Bush and Congress.

"This also creates unprecedented access for ships that will bring people to the north, and will significantly shorten global marine transportation routes," it said.

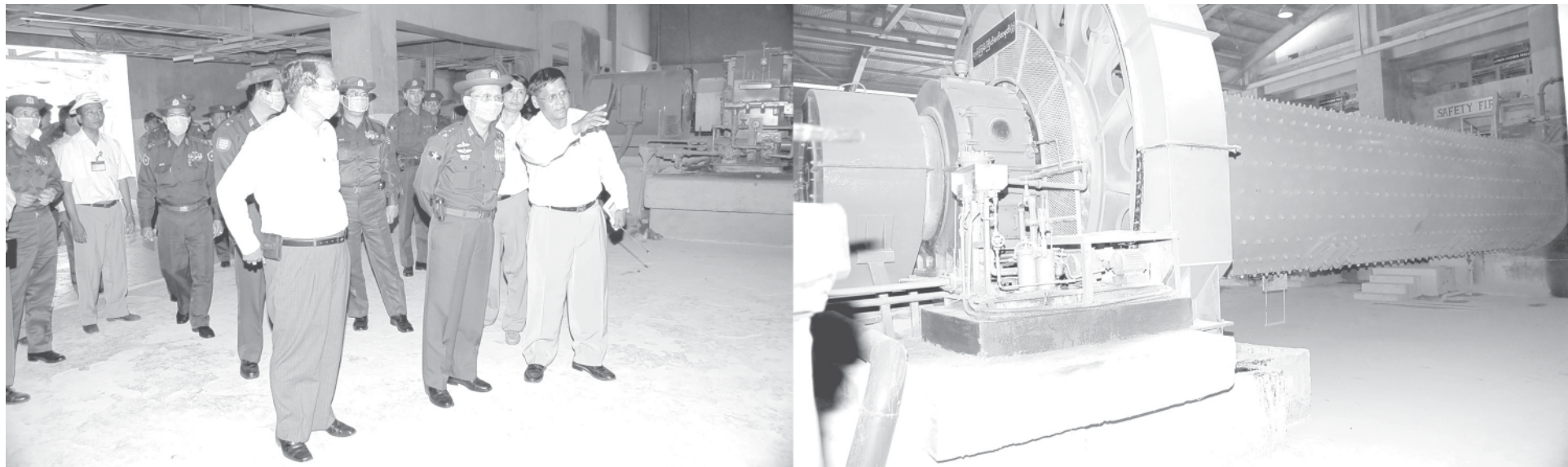
The cost difference is dramatic, according to Mead Treadwell, the

commission chairman. The estimated cost of transporting a shipping container between northern Europe and Alaska's Aleutian Islands is about 500 US dollars he said; moving the same container between Europe and the port of Yokohama, through the Suez Canal, costs about 1,500 US dollars. The biennial report is meant to chart a course for the next two years, coinciding with a global scientific undertaking known as the International Polar Year.

MNA/Reuters



A member from the army band speaks on a mobile phone during the Ghodejatra festival in Kathmandu on 18 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Thayet Cement Plant.— MNA

Some nations turning blind...

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Turning a blind eye to prevailing conditions in Myanmar, some big countries accused Myanmar of posing a threat to international and regional peace and security and tried to adopt the resolution against Myanmar at the United Nations Security Council.

As the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation vetoed the resolution, the unilateral action of some big countries was in vain. However, they will be trying to carry a resolution for peace and stability of the country, the improvement of the living standard of the people.

Seventeen armed

has laid down the short-term economic plans, and is implementing them, the country's economy has grown year by year. The per capital income of the country has increased from four digits before the agro-based one. Therefore, respective administrative bodies and personnel are to provide assistance to farmers for success of their agricultural work. Public cooperation will also contribute towards the agricultural development, he added.

He said the government has been providing necessary assistance for the harmonious development of the respective sectors and it spent a large sum of money on dam projects. High-ranking officials fulfilled the requirements on their tour of inspection of cement and fertilizer plants, he said.

If all the national people work hard taking advantages of the infrastructures built by the government, the nation and the living standard of the people will improve, he said.

Development of human resources is necessary for national development. The government has created educational opportunities for turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia in the region.

Teachers are to study their respective subjects continuously to be proficient in them and thereby nurturing the students to become brilliant ones on whom the State can rely.

In the health sector, the government has facilitated dispensaries, hospitals, specialist hospitals in the various regions including rural areas.

The Secretary-1 urged the health personnel not only to treat the people but to educate them widely.

He said administrative bodies are formed systematically in accord with the forthcoming State constitution. Officials of administrative bodies at different levels are to carry out their functions efficiently in accord with the rules and regulations, avoiding bullying the people.

He also urged them to try to be qualified administrative bodies.

He said over 100 national races have been residing in Myanmar for

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Fertilizer Plant (Kyawswa) in Aunglan Township.— MNA

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years countable by the thousand. He spoke of the need for them to safeguard the country with genuine Union Spirit in order to stand tall among the nations of the world.

During inspection of the cement plant in Thayet, the Secretary-1 heard a report on production capacity, fuel requirement, distribution of cement to major projects and staff strength, presented by an official.

Minister U Aung Thaung then explained efforts being made to run the plant at full capacity.

The Secretary-1 said that thanks to the maintenance conducted by the staff, the old factory still has high production capacity. Staff should strive to run the factory at full capacity, he said, adding, supervision at

different levels is required. He inspected the gas burner and the plant. The plant has four kilns with a total production capacity of 1,100 tons daily.

In Aunglan, the Secretary-1 visited Fertilizer Factory (Kyawzwa), where Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay presented a report on the factory that was opened in 1985, its daily production that is 600 tons, staff strength, and arrangements to produce fertilizers at full capacity.

After giving instructions, the Secretary-1 observed production, distribution and storage of fertilizer.

On arrival at the cement plant in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials.

At the briefing hall, the Secretary-1 and party heard salient points of the plant. Brig-Gen Than Htay and Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on power supply to the plant.

Minister U Aung Thaung said that of the cement plants of the ministry, Kyangin Cement Plant produces the largest amount of quality cement. The plant will produce more cement if power and gas supply to it can be increased.

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung explained plans to supply raw materials. The Secretary-1 inspected the production sector and machines invented by the factory staff.

The cement plant was completed in 1975-76 with a daily production capacity of 800 tons. In 1985-86, two more 400 tons capacity production machines were added to the plant.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived here in the evening. — MNA

Foreign Minister back from ASEAN-EU meeting



German Foreign Minister Dr Frank Walter Steinmeier (L) welcomes Foreign Minister of Myanmar U Nyan Win. FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here this morning after attending 16th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) held in Nuremberg, Federal Republic of Germany, from 14 to 15 March.

During his stay in Germany, the minister attended the welcoming reception and participated in the working dinner. At the working dinner, ASEAN and EU Foreign Ministers exchanged views on international and global issues such as Middle East, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, non-proliferation nuclear arms and Korean Peninsula.

The minister also attended the plenary session of the 16th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting, held at Nuremberg Convention Centre. The ministers reviewed and discussed the thirty years of ASEAN-EU partnership and its future perspectives, recent developments

of ASEAN and EU and the developments in Asia-Pacific region.

At the plenary session, Minister U Nyan Win discussed the government's endeavours to achieve peace and stability in the country, status of peace negotiations with ethnic armed groups, progress of the National Convention, implementation of the seven-step Road Map, the recent general amnesty granted by the government, efforts to promote socio-economic development, human resources and development in Myanmar-EU relations.

The minister also led discussions on ASEAN's relations with other regional organizations especially with Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

At the conclusion of the 16th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting, the Foreign Ministers adopted the Nuremberg Declaration on an Enhanced ASEAN-EU partnership. The ministers also agreed to develop a Plan of Action to implement the Declaration.

Minister U Nyan Win also met with the Austrian Head of Delegation and State Secretary, Dr Hans Winkler and exchanged views on recent developments in the international affairs.

The minister also met with Ambassador of Myanmar to The Federal Republic of Germany U Tin Win and embassy staff and explained latest political and socio-economic developments in Myanmar and gave instructions on promotion of bilateral relations between Myanmar and Germany.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Director-General U Phae Thann Oo of MOFA, Police Colonel Sit Aye of Myanmar Police Force, Deputy Director U Aung Htoo and Assistant Director U Win Zeya Tun of MOFA also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA

Singaporean prof visits MMCWA



Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye (R) gives a souvenir to Dr Khoo Kim Choo. — MMCWA

YANGON, 19 March— Professor Dr Khoo Kim Choo of Singapore Volunteers Overseas Programme of the Sunbird Child Development Centre and party, accompanied by officials of Social Welfare Department, arrived at Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning. They were welcomed by Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA and CEC members. They explained educational services of the association to the guests.

Next, the guests visited all round for children development centre at MMCWA and cordially greeted the children. — MNA

Education Minister inspects examination centres in Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana

YANGON, 19 March— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department and officials inspected examination centres in Nay Pyi Taw and Pyinmana on 17 March.

The minister and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw No 1 Basic Education High School where officials concerned reported on the examination. The minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party also visited examination centres at Pyinmana Nos 1 and 3 BEHSs and Nay Pyi Taw No 6 BEHS. — MNA



Delegates to 16th EU-ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting in Nuremberg, Germany, pose for documentary photos. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Improvement of media works through creation and efforts stressed



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses 61st Founding Anniversary of Myanmar Radio and Television.— MNA

YANGON, 19 March — A ceremony to mark the 61st Founding Anniversary of Myanmar Radio and Television was held at Studio-A of MRTV on Pyay Road

here this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan who presented prizes to outstanding service personnel. Present on the oc-

casion were heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, advisers, general manager, directors, participants in the functions of MRTV, chairmen and officials of

Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon and service personnel. First, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech on the occasion, saying that annual days of the departments and enterprises under the ministry are held with two purposes.

The first is to give instructions to the service personnel to be able to carry out the tasks with high efficiency in coming year after a review of accomplishment of tasks given by the departments and enterprises previous year. The second is to present prizes to the outstanding service personnel to be proficient in their



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to an outstanding person.— MNA

3,419 jade lots sold at Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 19 March — Patron of Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint 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 morning .

A total of 72 jade lots were sold through competitive bidding yesterday. Fifty lots of the remaining jade were sold through competitive bidding today. The remaining jade lots were to be sold in the evening.

Officials of the central committee of MGE presented gifts and certificates to one gem merchant who attended the emporium 20 times, three who attended 15 times and ten who attended the emporium ten times.

A total of 3,420 merchants—2,068 from 13 countries and 1,352 local merchants attended the emporium.

From 13 March to date 3,419 lots of jade have been sold through tender and competitive bidding system. The sale of jade lots will continue for the eighth day tomorrow.—MNA



An official of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium presents certificate of honour and a gift to a gem merchant.— MNA

Objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- * To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- * To strive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map of the State with genuine Union Spirit
- * To crush every danger posed to stability and development of the State hand in hand with the people
- * To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

respective fields.

The MRTV managed to successfully implement almost all seven objectives in 2005-2006. The minister urged the service personnel to serve the duties to hit the target this year. Triumph of a department depends on active participation, creation and cooperation of all service personnel. Therefore, the service personnel are to make efforts to have high efficiency individually and the department is to take cooperative measures vividly, added the minister.

If media works are done in a typical form, we will miss an effective track of victory. Concerted efforts are to be made for better improvement of media works. Nine objectives have been designated to MRTV for 2007-2008. Measures are to be taken to meet these objectives. The prize winners and all

service personnel are to make efforts in media works, urged the minister.

Next, the minister presented cash awards to musicians U Maung Maung Latt, Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Mya Maung, U Sein Hla Myaing, Daw Tin Tin Mya, U Thein Han, Daw Kyi Kyi (a) Daw Hinth Kyi and U Thein Hsaung.

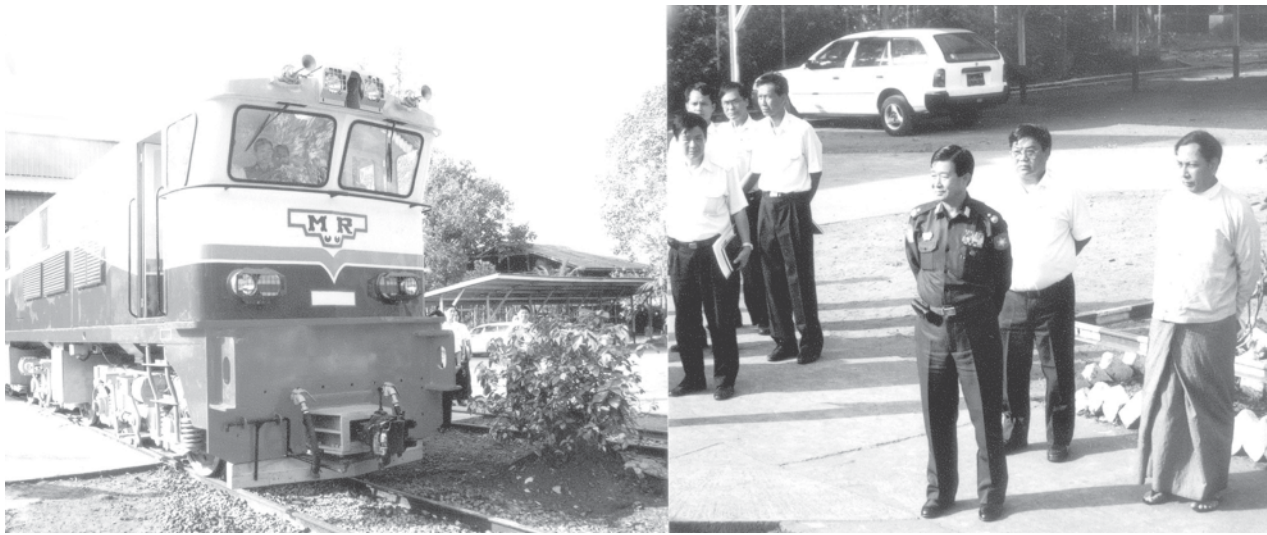
Afterwards, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV handed cash awards to Daw Tin Tin Myat, U Chan Tha, Daw Khin Nan Yu Htwe, Daw Khine Wa. Next, he gave away prizes to the outstanding service personnel. On behalf of the outstanding service personnel, musician and literati U Maung Maung Latt spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, the minister presented souvenirs to musicians and guests and cordially greeted them.

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Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV awards an outstanding person.— MNA

Minister visits Insein Locomotive Shed



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects a new engine at Locomotive Shed (Insein). — RAILWAYS

YANGON, 18 March — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin arrived at Insein Locomotive Shed in Insein Township yesterday morning and inspected construction of a locomotive.

At the briefing hall, the minister met with General Manger U Saw Valentine and employees, and stressed the need to boost passenger and cargo transportation

and to expand the repairing of locomotives. The minister inspected test-running of the locomotives and functions of the locomotive shed.

On his tour inspection, the minister visited carriages to be run along the railroad from Nay Pyi Taw to Mawlamyine at the diesel locomotive shed and left necessary instructions of the task.

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Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards, stipends and Pakokku Library Book Awards presented

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—A ceremony to present prizes for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards, stipends and Pakokku Library Book Awards was held at the Pyi Tha Yar Hall in Pakokku, Magway Division on 17 March.

Member of Panel of Patrons for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Funds Supervisory Committee Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein made a speech on the occasion, saying that during 14 years, prizes for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards were presented to 186 persons whose manuscripts and works have been turned into over 100 books by Sarpay Beikman. The stipends presented by U Ohn Pe have proved to be a driving factor for new generation youths who try their best to be outstanding in their studies.

He added that in the process of globalization, efforts are to be made to

keep abreast of the global nations and keep pace with the advancement of science and technology. In this regard, the education sector needs to produce qualified human resources in different regions. Thus, all the literati are to strive for the success of the drive by doing their bit.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for all the literati to contribute their shares in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, to write literature capable of serving

the national interest and urged students to learn informative and entertaining literature to widen their scope of knowledge and to take part in the drive for development of Myanmar society.

Next, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein presented prizes to winners.

Chairman of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Supervisory Committee U Tint Swe, on behalf of wellwisher

U Ohn Pe, spoke words of thanks and presented prizes for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards.

Next, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Life Time Achievement Award Winner writer Daw Khin Swe Oo expressed thanks, and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, those present on the occasion had a documentary photo taken together with wellwisher U Ohn Pe.

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Managing Director U Aung Nyein awards Daw Khin Swe Oo. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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At the place where a bridge will be built on Kaukkwe creek, they observed the current of the waterbody and made arrangements to facilitate the work in constructing the bridge.

They met with local people at Tweyayan village on the road, saying that the road will help improve transport of the people of the area who will soon enjoy better economic, health, education and social conditions. Natives of the region should harmoniously take part in ensuring smooth and secure transport, they said. They then presented gifts to education staff of the village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also held a meeting with native people at Panhsam village.

Along Hsinbo-Hopin road, they observed forest conservation and the situation of the facility.

At Lamainhgon briefing hall of the road construction project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party heard a report on the road construction project. They also inspected crop cultivation in the area.

Later, they inspected the durability of a wooden bridge on Nanyin creek and the current of the watercourse. The bridge built in 2006 is 195 feet long and 13 feet wide. Its load-bearing capacity is 13 tons. — MNA

Preventive measures against DHF, diarrhoea taken

YANGON, 18 March— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win arrived at Kamayut Township General Administration Department yesterday. The commander called on participation of the people in prevention against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever and diarrhoea and carrying out of sanitation in the division.

Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division Health Department and the officials briefed the commander on organizing educative talks, prevention against DHF and diarrhoea and sanitation work.

While in Kamayut, the commander attended the educative talks at No 15 Basic Education Primary School and viewed carrying out of sanitation tasks along the Baho Road.

The commander visited carrying out of sanitation tasks for prevention of dengue fever and diarrhoea in Insein Township.— MNA

Minister inspects Shwepaukkan Tsp Electrical Engineer's Office

YANGON, 19 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint called for systematic supply of power to the public on his inspection tour of Shwepaukkan Township Electrical Engineer's Office yesterday.

At the meeting with the employees at the office, Electrical Engineer U Zaw Win reported to the minister on power supply from Hlawga sub-power station to the township power station which supplies power to eleven wards, offices and industrial zones through 66 transformers.

Chairman of Yangon Electric Power Supply Board Col Khin Maung Soe and Chief Engineer U Tun Aye reported on installation of 33 KV cable from Hlawga sub-power station to Shwepaukkan.

After hearing the report, the minister gave necessary instructions.— MNA

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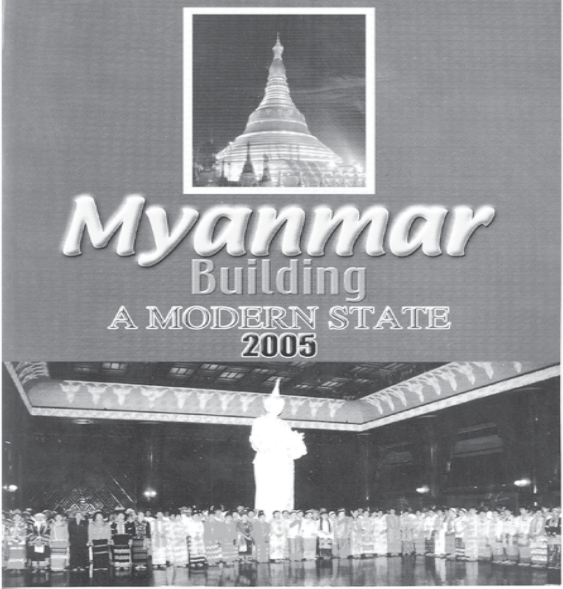
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US soldier guilty of lesser charges in Iraq deaths

CHICAGO, 18 March —
A US soldier was found guilty of lesser charges of negligent homicide in the killing of three Iraqi detainees who were let loose and told to run before being shot, officials at Fort Campbell in Kentucky said on Friday.
Sergeant Raymond Girouard, 24, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, had been charged with premeditated murder and other offences that could have drawn a life sentence.
He was acquitted of those charges and found guilty of three counts of negligent homicide as well as obstruction of justice and other charges, which could result in a sentence of 20 or more years, although that remained to be determined, a base spokesman said.
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“Happy Birthday to Prof Dr Nai Pan Hla”
On your auspicious 84th Birthday-20th Mar 2007, we cordially wish you all the best for your health and your continued success in your distinguished academic career forever.

Beloved daughter - Mi Khin Khin Hla-Dr. M. Soe Myint (Pyi Road, Yangon).

Beloved sons - Min Aye Chan- Mi Tin Tin Sein, Min May Chan-Mi Thit Thit.
- Min Hlaing Htaw-Mi Kyi Kyi San, Min Aye Cho-Mi HninSi,
- Min Hlaing Soon (GoldenValley Avenue)

Beloved grandchildren - Min Kun Htaw-Mi Hnin Phyu Pyar Han, Mi May Soe Mon (Bsc. (Hons.) Physics), Min Hla Htaw (B.C.Sc-Hons),
Min Htaw Mon (Gran' Bird Co.,Ltd-Tokyo), Mi May Hlaing Kyi (Assistant Accountant, Smile Telecommunication Co., Ltd, UK), Min Bannya Htaw (Sr. Deck Cadet, Five Star Line),
Mi Ohnmar Chan (Cooperative Bank), Mi Ei Mon Chan (2nd Year- English for Professional Purposes),
Min Tin Oo Cho (2nd Year- MP GTC, Thanlyin).

Beloved great grandchild- Mi Sukha Sran Htaw.

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Trojan horse strategy kills drug-resistant bacteria

LOS ANGELES, 17 March — The Trojan horse strategy has been successfully applied to defeat drug-resistant bacteria, according to a new study.

This new antimicrobial approach can kill bacteria in laboratory experiments and eliminate life-threatening infections in mice by interfering with a key bacterial nutrient, according to the study by scientists at the University of Washington (UW), the University of Iowa and the University of Cincinnati.

This is the result of longtime efforts by scientists to find new antibiotic compounds as bacteria are increasingly resistant to antibiotics, and existing drugs work poorly against chronic infections like those that occur in wounds, on medical devices and in the lungs of people with cystic fibrosis.

In this study, researchers took a different approach. Rather than trying to find agents that best killed bacteria in test tubes, they sought to intensify the stress imposed on microbes by one of the body's own defense mechanisms.

"The competition for iron is critical in the

struggle between bacteria and host," explained the study's senior author, Pradeep Singh, associate professor of medicine and microbiology at the UW.

The body has potent defense mechanisms to keep iron away from infecting organisms, and invaders must steal some if they are to survive."

Iron is critical for the growth of bacteria and for their ability to form biofilms, slime-encased colonies of microbes that cause many chronic infections. "Because iron is so important in infection, we thought infecting bacteria might be vulnerable to interventions that target iron," explained Yukihiro Kaneko, senior fellow in microbiology at the UW and the study's lead author.

To accomplish this, the researchers used gallium, a metal very similar to iron. "Gallium acts as a Trojan horse to iron-seeking bacteria," said Singh. "Because gallium looks like iron,

invading bacteria are tricked, in a way, into taking it up. Unfortunately for the bacteria, gallium can't function like iron once it's inside bacterial cells."

The study showed that gallium killed microbes, and prevented the formation of biofilms.

Importantly, gallium's action was intensified in low iron condition, like those that exist in the human body.

Gallium was even effective against strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* from cystic fibrosis patients that were resistant to multiple antibiotics.

In mice, gallium treatment blocked both chronic and acute infections caused by this bacterium. The joint study will be featured in the 2 April issue of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.

Internet



A volcanologist observeS Indonesia's Mount Semeru volcano spewing smoke in southeast of Surabaya, the capital of East Java on 18 March , 2007. Indonesia is a vast archipelago of some 17,000 islands that lies along the geologically active "Pacific Ring of Fire" and has more than 100 active volcanoes. — INTERNET

Older TB vaccines 'work better'

Paris, 18 March — Older versions of the BCG vaccine may be better at preventing cases of tuberculosis than more commonly used modern vaccines, say French scientists.



BCG is a vaccine which protects against TB

Genetic changes in strains over the years have rendered newer vaccines less effective, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences report.

The researchers at the Institut Pasteur say clinical trials should be done to retest the older strains.

Modern BCG vaccine strains are used in two-thirds of immunisations worldwide.

The BCG vaccine was originally developed by French scientists in 1908 who managed to make a strain of tuberculosis (TB) less potent by growing it in a glycerin-potato mixture.—*Internet*

Rift valley fever kills over 600 livestock in northern Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 19 March — The Rift Valley Fever (RVF) has so far killed 629 livestock in the region of Arusha in northern Tanzania since the outbreak of the viral disease in the country.

More than 4,000 livestock, mainly cattle,

have miscarried because of illnesses associated with the RVF, according to Saturday's edition of *The Citizen*, an English tabloid.

The newspaper quoted Arusha regional officials as briefing Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete currently on an inspection tour of the region that most

of the deaths of livestock had been reported from the Ngorongoro, Monduli and Longido districts in the region that borders Kenya where the disease first broke out late last year.

The Arusha Region has got 53,600 doses of RVF vaccines and has so far vaccinated 53,463 heads

of livestock.

The region, however, has 1.5 million heads of cattle, 952,307 heads of goats, 655,000 heads of sheep, 17,054 heads of pigs, 72,051 heads of donkeys and 177 heads of camels. The viral disease of RVF mainly affects cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats.—*MNA/Xinhua*

University of Georgia forest entomologist Tom Coleman examines a branch of hemlock infested with woolly adelgid at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga, on 13 March , 2007. Like a bloodsucking mosquito, the hemlock woolly adelgid plunges its needle-like mouth deep into the branches of hemlock trees and slowly sucks out the nutrients and kills the plant. — INTERNET



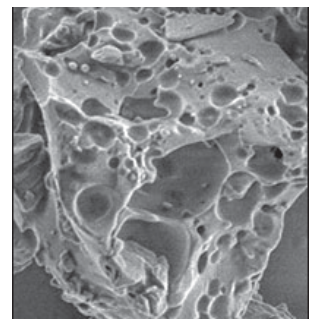
Lunar dust 'may harm astronauts'

HOUSTON, 18 March — Scientists are investigating the possible threat posed to astronauts by inhaling lunar dust.

A study suggests the smallest particles in lunar dust might be toxic, if comparisons with dust inhalation cases on Earth apply.

Teams hope to carry out experiments on mice to determine whether this is the case or not.

NASA has set up a working group to look



Lunar dust brought back to Earth from the Apollo 17 mission

into the matter ahead of its planned return to the Moon by 2020.

A team at the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville is also looking at ways of using magnets to filter dust from the living environments of lunar bases and spacecraft.

Internet

SPORTS

Late Johnson goal gives Everton win over Arsenal

LONDON, 19 March — Andy Johnson struck in injury time to give Everton a 1-0 win over Arsenal that hauled them into the top six of the Premier League on Sunday.

It was another disappointing day for Arsenal, who lost in three cup competitions in the last three weeks, and it allowed Liverpool to close to within a point in the battle for third after they drew 0-0 at Aston Villa.

At Goodison Park Everton hit the post twice — through Lee Carsley after 26 minutes and Leon Osman after 73 — but in between Arsenal forced several half-chances.

Substitute Tomas Rosicky set up Jeremie Aliadiere for the best of them but the stand-in striker fired over the bar.

The game seemed to be heading for stalemate until Johnson showed his striker's instinct in added time to fire home from 12 metres following a corner and boost Everton's hopes of a UEFA Cup spot.

There was precious little goalmouth action at Villa Park, where the home side would have been happy with a point to

edge them further from the relegation zone.

Manchester United, 4-1 winners over Bolton Wanderers, lead the way on 75 points, six clear of Chelsea, who beat Sheffield United 3-0.

Arsenal remain third on 55 points, one ahead of Liverpool, who have played a game more.

Everton climb to sixth on 46 while Villa are now seven points clear of the drop zone on 34.

MNA/Reuters



Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova holds her trophy after defeating Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in the finals at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on 17 March, 2007. Hantuchova won the match 6-3, 6-4. — XINHUA

Marquez outpoints Barrera to lift WBC crown

LAS VEGAS, 19 March — Juan Manuel Marquez won the World Boxing Council super feather-weight championship with a hard-fought unanimous decision over fellow Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera in Las Vegas on Saturday.

After a tense start by both boxers, in which the action simmered without ever catching alight, the bout came to life in a dramatic seventh round.

Marquez, who had been slowly taking control of the contest with a varied, two-fisted attack, landed a left hook and straight right hand that appeared to hurt Barrera.

A series of right and left hands had Barrera in trouble and seemingly on the verge of defeat, but

as Marquez threw a big right hand seconds before the bell, the champion landed a short counter right to the jaw and the challenger went down.

Referee Jay Nady, however, did not see the punch and ruled it a slip, before deducting a point from Barrera for throwing a punch at Marquez when he was on the canvas.

Energized by the turn of events, Barrera had perhaps his best round of the fight in the eighth but Marquez wasted little time regaining control.

He landed a solid right hand and left hook towards the end of the eighth round, and followed up with a huge right hand and a pair of big left hooks in the ninth.

MNA/Reuters

Real struggle past 10-man Gimnastic to go third

MADRID, 19 March — Real Madrid made hard work of beating second-bottom Gimnastic 2-0 at home despite playing 85 minutes against 10 men in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

The visitors had defender Cesar Navas sent off at the start but denied Real until substitute Robinho scored early in the second half. Raul's header deflected off Nastic's David Garcia near the end to secure the win.

Real climbed to third on 48 points, five adrift of leaders Barcelona, who thumped Recreativo Huelva 4-0 away on Saturday.

Second-placed Sevilla have 50 points and host Celta Vigo in Sunday's late game. Valencia slip to fourth on 47 after their title challenge was dented with a 2-0 home defeat by Racing Santander on Saturday.

Diego Milito's first-half goal was enough to give fifth-placed Real Zaragoza a 1-0 home win over Atletico Madrid. The Argentine striker outstripped the Atletico defence in the 20th minute to score his 18th goal of the season in an evenly fought clash with a direct rival.

MNA/Reuters

PSG near relegation with fourth defeat in a row

PARIS, 19 March — Paris St. Germain moved closer to relegation when they lost 1-0 at Stade Rennes in Ligue 1 on Sunday, suffering their fourth consecutive defeat.

The capital club, who have never left the top flight since joining it in 1974, stay second from bottom, just one point ahead of Sedan. Two-times champions PSG put up a brave performance until striker Jimmy Briand headed home the winner for the home side on 76 minutes.

The Parisians came close to equalizing when defender Sammy Traore hit the crossbar with a header a minute from time.

The visitors were then reduced to 10 men in added time when defender Bernard Mendy was sent off for a tackle from behind on Briand. Second-placed Racing Lens lost ground on leaders Olympique Lyon with a 1-0 defeat at Auxerre earlier on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters



Team Japan's Mari Motohashi, center, watches as teammates Sakurako Terada, left, and Mayo Yamaura sweep the path during their first round of the World Women's Curling Championships against Russia in Aomori, northern Japan, on 18 March, 2007. — INTERNET



Bronx native Maureen 'The Real Million Dollar Baby' Shea, left, delivers a left hand against Mexico's Eva Lidia 'La Nortenita' Silva during their bout at Erin Go Brawl at Madison Square Garden on 16 March, 2007 in New York. Shea, whose family hails from County Kerry, Ireland, won by TKO in the third round. — INTERNET

Ibrahimovic strikes twice as Inter extend lead

ROME, 19 March — Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice to guide Inter Milan to a 2-1 win at Ascoli on Sunday and extend their lead at the top of Serie A to 18 points.

The Swede's goals, which took his tally to five in his last five league games, gave Inter 76 points from 28 matches. Second-placed AS Roma lost ground after being held 0-0 at Fiorentina.

Palermo are third on 47 points after a 1-1 draw at Sampdoria on Saturday.

Inter's city rivals AC Milan also won, beating Atalanta 1-0 thanks to a header by midfielder Massimo Ambrosini.

The result lifted Milan to fifth on 43 points, three behind fourth-placed Lazio, who host Empoli later.

More than 50 points separated Inter from Ascoli, who have spent most of this season anchored to the bottom of the division.

The Italian champions, however, struggled to find a way through the home side's defence until the 65th minute, when Adriano crossed from the right for Ibrahimovic to volley past keeper Dimitrios Eleftheropoulos.

Adriano also set up Ibrahimovic's second goal, dribbling round two defenders before sliding the ball forward for the Swedish striker to fire in a shot between Eleftheropoulos's legs.

Ascoli's consolation goal, which Massimo Bonanni scored from the penalty spot after Walter Samuel fouled Sasa Bjelanovic, arrived in stoppage time — too late to give the hosts a chance to snatch a point.

MNA/Reuters

Portugal midfielder Deco to have surgery on right hand

MADRID, 19 March — Barcelona's Portugal midfielder Deco will have surgery on his right hand and could miss his country's Euro 2008 qualifiers against Belgium and Serbia.

Deco was substituted in the second half of Saturday's 4-0 Primera Liga win over Recreativo Huelva after injuring the third finger on his hand in a challenge.

He will have the operation on Monday, the club said on their website www.fcbarcelona.com.

It will not be known how long the player will be out until after the surgery, but Press reports said it could be around three weeks. Portugal are fourth in Group A and face Belgium in Lisbon on 24 March, and Serbia in Belgrade four days later. — MNA/Reuters

Hungarians hold torchlight anti-war demonstrations

BUDAPEST, 19 March — Some 2,000 Hungarians held anti-war demonstrations in and outside Budapest on Saturday evening, *MTI* reported.

The demonstrators, carrying torches, were protesting against nuclear weapons and Iraq war, report said.

The gatherings coincided with similar demonstrations in 70 other places across the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek people launch anti-war rallies

ATHENS, 19 March — Anti-war demonstrations were staged Saturday in central Athens and Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece, marking World Action Day against war, as well as the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

A rally was held in central downtown of Athens, which was followed by a march to the US Embassy in the city. Demonstrators chanted

slogans such as “Stop the wars and occupations” and “Foreign armies must be removed from the Middle East”, and also called for money to be channelled to education and health instead of armaments.

A concert was also staged, with anti-war songs, while brief greetings to the demonstrators were addressed by representatives of the participating organizations and movements.

Athens News Agency reported that in Thessaloniki, the protesters condemned the “invasion and occupation” of Iraq, demanding “an end to the war and withdrawal of the occupation forces”.

MNA/Xinhua

Hundreds demonstrate in Cyprus against US occupation of Iraq

NICOSIA, 19 March — Hundreds of demonstrators marched on Saturday to the American Embassy in Nicosia to protest against the US occupation of Iraq.

The anti-war demonstration was organized by the Pancyprian Council of Peace and delegates of the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Left-wing Parties also took part in, the state television reported.

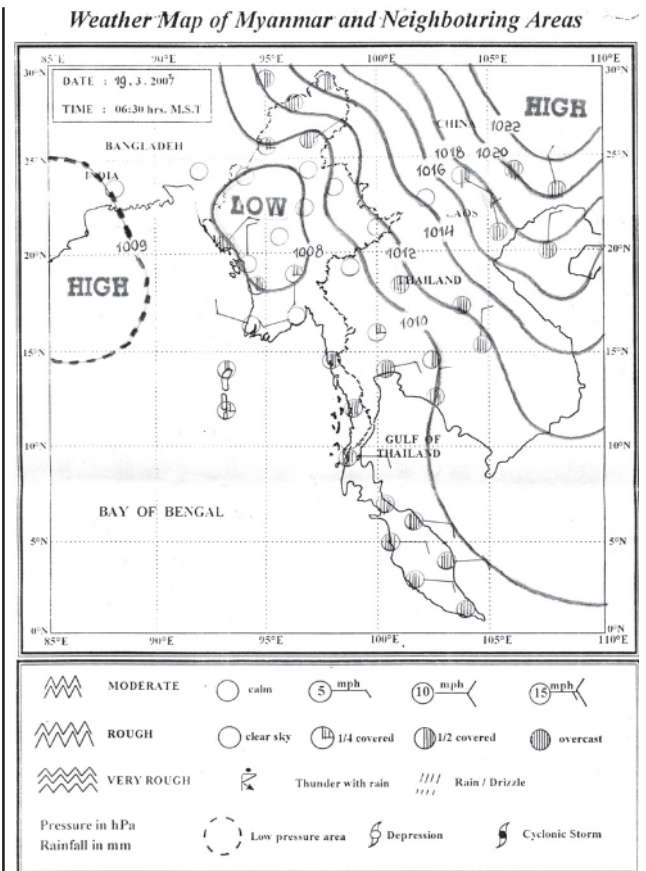
Participants first gathered at the downtown

Eleftheria Square and marched about three kilometres to the US Embassy, holding banners and chanting slogans against “US imperialism”.

General Secretary of Cyprus’ Left-wing coalition partner AKEL, Demetris Christofias, who

is also the Parliament Speaker, said in his speech that terrorism should be combated “through the collective action of the international community, on the basis of the principles of the international law and within the UN framework”.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 19 March, 2007

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

Maximum temperature on 18-3-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 19-3-2007 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-3-2007 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 18-3-2007 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-3-2007 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 (6) mph from Northeast at (13:30) hours MST on 18-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20-3-2007: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Northern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin States and Yangon Division 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 increase of day temperatures in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-3-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-3-2007: Fair weather.



Tuesday, 20 March
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

- Song of yesteryear

8:10 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

- (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:25 am

- ချင်းပြည်နယ်ရှိ အလှတစ်ပါး ဗားရိတ်တား

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Let's go

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for everyday use

4:40 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

4:45 pm

- Dance of national races

5:10 pm

- ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်

5:20 pm

- “စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ” (လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှကူးမယ်)

5:25 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)

5:30 pm

- Sing and enjoy

5:55 pm

- “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင့်ချန်သံ

6:50 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

7:00 pm

- (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

- News

18. International news

19. Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၃၃)

21. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 20 March
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Love U more

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Love fool

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-We like to party

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-My love is real

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:

-Sailing

-Time

9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level () Unit ()

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Weekly sport reel

9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure:

-Still

-Forever

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

**Some nations turning blind eye to country's prevailing conditions
accuse Myanmar of posing threat to int'l regional peace, security**

**Secretary-1 urges staff to run factories at full capacity
in meeting with departmental officials in Magway**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with departmental officials, social organizations in Magway. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with departmental officials at the city hall in Magway yesterday and briefed them on prevailing conditions in Maynmar.

First, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe reported to the Secretary-1 on irrigation sector, agricultural production, growing of physic nut plants, farming sector, development of industry zones and education and health sectors in Magway Division.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, members of social organizations

and townselders.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said he was there to inspect and assist the running of cement and fertiliser factories in Mandalay Division at full capacity.

On his tour, he also inspected dams and reservoirs in Mandalay and Mangway Divisions and fulfilled the requirements, he said.

Regarding the political situation in Myanmar, he said although peace, tranquillity and law and order prevail across the country, internal and external destructive elements who were jealous of the development of Myanmar voiced fabricated news in the media saying there was no security and peace and stability in the country.

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Armed Forces Day Exhibition from 26 March to 4 April

YANGON, 19 March — The exhibition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day will be opened to the public at the Defence Services Museum from 26 March to 4 April free of charge.

The ministries, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Office, Chief of Armed Forces Training's Office, Ministry of Defence, commands, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee, Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute will stage booths in the exhibition. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Hsinbo-Hopin road in Kachin State



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects condition of wooden bridge across Nanyin Creek in Mohnyin. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected a five-acre physic nut plantation of the regional battalion in Hsinbo, Myitkyina District, Kachin State on 16 March.

Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also visited a rubber plantation. He pointed out the need to systematically keep a record of the success in growing rubber and edible crops.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials observed an earth road to Peinkhunyan and the sections of Hsinbo-Hopin road.

During their meeting with local people, they urged them to collectively maintain Hsinbo-Hopin road for its long-term existence.

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