

Sacrifice lives for the people and the nation

We have taken noble oaths to sacrifice our lives for the people and the nation. We have vowed on the conviction that there is no greater honour than sacrificing one's life for one's own country. Therefore, if you are confronted with an enemy or in need of providing security and safeguarding the life and property of the people or in consolidating the sovereignty of the state, you must show your courage, conviction and bravery according to the motto, "boldly advance, boldly attack and boldly annihilate the enemy."

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From address at the graduation parade of 49th Intake of Defence Services Academy)



Curriculum Vitae of Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

YANGON, 21 March—His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone was born on 6 March 1936 in Attapeu Province, Laos. He attended the Political School for High Ranking Cadres situated in Vietnam in 1964, and in 1978 attended the Military Academy in the Soviet Union. He also studied at the Political and Administrative School in Vietnam in 1993.

He joined the Lao Revolutionary movement in 1954 and became a member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party in 1955. From 1955 to 1956, he participated in the defense of the revolutionary bases and liberated zones and became a Deputy Chief of unit in 1959. In 1962, he served as an officer for political affairs of the 5th Battalion and in 1964 was promoted to Commander of the 2nd Battalion. From 1968 to 1975, he served as Chief of Joint Staff in

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Mr Choummaly Sayasone



Major Keosaychay Sayasone.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends inauguration of Pyapon Bridge

Better transportation brings about both development of regions and better education, health, social and economic foundations



Newly opened Pyapon Bridge in Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

YANGON, 20 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of Pyapon Bridge in Pyapon today and unveiled the plaque of the bridge.

The bridge was constructed by the Bridge Construction Special Group-7 of Public Works was opened today hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 21 March, 2007

Uphold Our Three Main National Causes, protect people's lives and property

Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty—is the concept, in which the Tatmadaw believes unwaveringly, as well as the national duty to be performed by the entire national people.

The Tatmadaw has been brilliantly crushing internal and external destructive elements harming Our Three Main National Cause, while sacrificing a lot of lives, blood and sweat of its members for ensuring perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty of the nation.

Now, all countries, developed and developing alike, are promoting their armed power. Thus, the Tatmadaw is transforming itself into a strong, capable, modern and patriotic one to protect the motherland from any forms of danger.

The Tatmadaw in perpetual service of the nation and the people is discharging its three primary duties—nation-defence duty, training duty and public welfare duty.

It is also carrying out nation-building tasks, while safeguarding the people and their property. Furthermore, it is exerting efforts with might and main in implementing the projects for building roads, railroads, irrigation facilities and bridges.

Equipped with nationalistic fervour, patriotic spirit and aspiration to serve the interests of the people, the Tatmadaw has been able to devote itself to the national development projects with heart and soul. It is believed that preserving a fine tradition of making sacrifices in the interests of the nation and the people and upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the Tatmadaw will be always able to shoulder national defence duties for ensuring secure life of the entire people.

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

Curriculum Vitae of Mr Choummaly Sayasone, ...

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Xieng Khuang Region and in 1975, he backed the Liberation of the whole country for the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as Chief of Joint Staff in Xieng Khuang Region.

From 1980 to 1982, he was appointed as Deputy Chief of the General Staff Department of the Ministry of National Defense. He was elected as a Member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee (LPRPCC) at the 3rd Party Congress held in 1982 and in 1986 he was elected as an Alternate Politburo Member of the LPRPCC at the 4th Party Congress and also appointed as First Vice-Minister at the Ministry of National Defense.

In 1991, he was elected as a Politburo Member at the 5th Party Congress and appointed as Minister of National Defense. At the 6th Party Congress held in 1996, he was re-elected as a Politburo Member and also re-appointed as Minister of National Defense. In 2001, he was re-elected as Politburo Member at the 7th Party Congress and appointed as Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. He was elected as General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee at the 8th Party Congress and then appointed as President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at the preliminary session of the 6th Legislative of the National Assembly.

His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone is married to Major Keosaychay Sayasone and they have three sons and five daughters.

MNA

Cash donated for renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda

YANGON, 20 March— The second cash donation ceremony for the Fourth Renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda was held in conjunction with the meeting of the Leading Committee for the Fourth All-round Renovation of the Pagoda yesterday at the pagoda in Pazundaung Township, here. Chairman of the Leading Committee Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association In-charge of Pazundaung Township Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepted donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

The cash donation ceremony was held at the new Dhammayon of the pagoda. The minister and congregation recited Namo Tassa three times to open the ceremony.

Minister Brig-



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

Gen Kyaw Hsan briefed on benefits of the renovation of religious buildings and the five tasks carried out for the fourth renovation of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, members of the Leading Committee, departmental heads and Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin accepted K

25,774,000 donated by 68 wellwishers including State Ovdacariya Abhidaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sobhana, Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Shwebontha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Varama and

Myatheindan Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kesara.

After the cash donation ceremony the meeting of the Leading Committee for Fourth All-round Renovation of the Pagoda was held.

Chairman and officials of the respective sub-committees presented work done and future plans. After attending to the needs, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan stressed the need to complete the renovation tasks before monsoon for the convenience of pilgrims, ensure worksite safety and renovate the pagoda without damaging the original style. After the meeting, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan paid homage to the pagoda strolling clockwise and inspected renovation tasks. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Mrs Hosokawa of Japan and party at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, on 20 March 2007. — MNA

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sudan's Defence Minister slams Blair over Darfur comment

KHARTOUM, 19 March —Sudanese Defence Minister Abdelrahim Mohamed Hussein has blasted British Prime Minister Tony Blair for calling to adopt tougher line against the Sudanese Government over the Darfur crisis, the semi-official Sudanese Media Centre reported on Saturday.

The Sudanese Defence Minister strongly rejected statements by Blair in which he said the struggle in Darfur should be seen as part of the international war on terror and extremists.

Hussein said that the Sudanese Government stood by its position

against international forces entering the region because their agenda would not lead to peace.

He said that Blair's statements regarding terrorism in Darfur were lies and fabrications, adding that this was another type of Western pressure to enforce UN Resolution 1706, which, calling for the deployment of international peace-keeping force in Darfur, has been rejected by the government.

"They lied before in Iraq and claimed there were weapons of mass destruction but these were never found," Hussein said, adding "they want to repeat the same scenario

in Darfur."

He stressed that the government would not allow this, saying that "there is neither terrorism nor terrorists in Darfur, because people of the region know each other and any foreign entity in the region would be obvious to everyone".

"We do not want Darfur to become another Iraq with international troops getting involved," he said. Hussein said he had witnessed a noticeable improvement in Darfur since the beginning of the year, and that there had been no confrontations between the Armed Forces and rebels.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia says US must engage Iran in Iraq solution

Moscow, 19 March—A collective solution involving all major powers plus Iran is the only way to stop the sectarian violence tearing Iraq apart, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Saturday.

Lavrov said there was "a need to draw up a new

strategy and this time on a collective basis to correct the situation in Iraq and in the Middle East as a whole".

"It is possible to realize the potential of moderate political forces in Iraq and move that country in the right direction. It can only be done by involving Iran

but not going over its head".

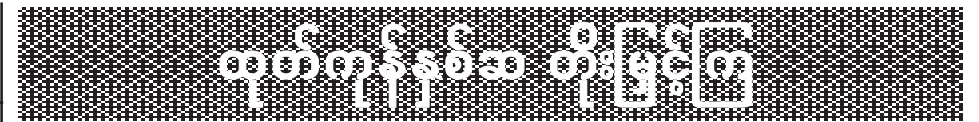
Russian President Vladimir Putin has severely criticized US policies in Iraq, saying they have destabilized the Middle East. Russia's protests were ignored when the United States invaded Iraq in 2003.

Russia had a number of lucrative oil deals with the government of Saddam Hussein before it was overthrown in 2003, and Moscow hopes to revive them in negotiations with the new government.

MNA/Reuters



Medics provide medical help to a victim of a methane explosion at a hospital in Russia's Siberian city of Novokuznetsk in this 19 March, 2007 frame grab. Seventy-five people were killed when a methane gas explosion ripped through Ulyanovskaya mine. —INTERNET



Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of the Republic of Singapore (centre L) speaks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2nd R) during a bilateral meeting at the premier's official residence in Tokyo on 19 March, 2007. — INTERNET

US embassy convoy in Afghanistan attacked

KABUL, (Afghanistan) 19 March—A suicide car bomber attacked a convoy of vehicles carrying United States embassy officials on a busy road in Kabul today, seriously injuring an American security guard who was travelling in one of the vehicles. A 14-year-old Afghan boy was killed; witnesses said there were

other civilian injuries as well.

Joe Mellott, a spokesman for the embassy, said the guard had been hospitalized.

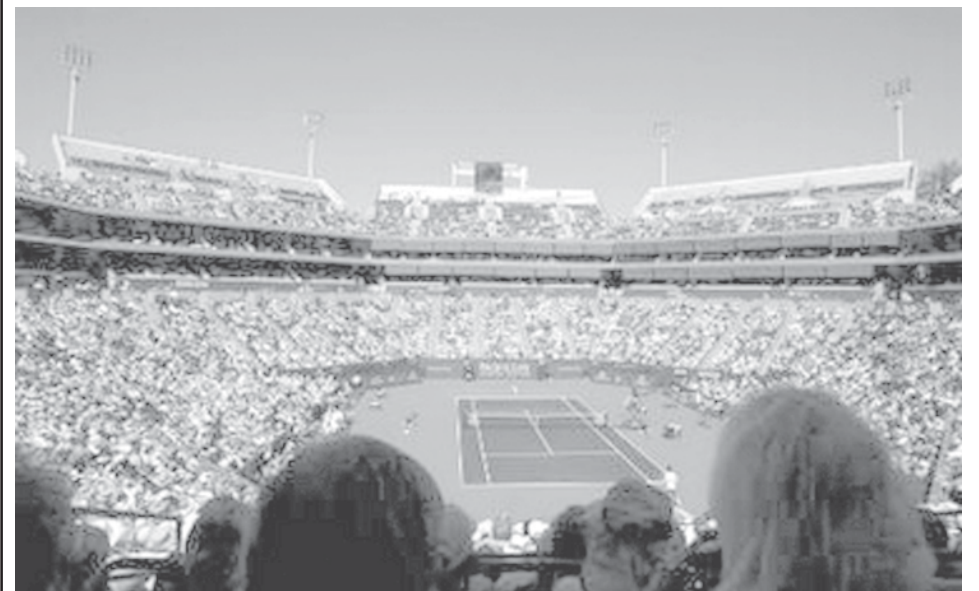
"His condition is stable," Mr Mellott said.

The bombing, the first suicide attack recorded in Kabul this year, took place on the Jalalabad Road, a busy route out of Kabul

that is regularly used by embassy and military vehicles. The site was about two miles from the embassy.

The convoy was made up of four sport-utility vehicles, the embassy said; the suicide bomber's car struck the first vehicle in the convoy, pushing it across the road.

Internet



A general view shows the stadium court at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden as Spain's Rafael Nadal serves to Serbia's Novak Djokovic during the final of the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 18 March, 2007.

INTERNET

Dozens arrested in NY, San Francisco Iraq protests

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 March—Police arrested several dozen Iraq war protesters in San Francisco and New York City on Monday as the nation marked the fourth anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq.

Uniformed police outnumbered the fewer than 100 protesters outside the stock exchange building at the corner of Broad and Wall streets in New York's historic financial district.

"Stop the money, stop the war,"

demonstrators chanted as police hauled away limp-bodied protesters.

A police spokesman said 44 were arrested.

Demonstrators said they were directing their protest at major defence contractors Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Halliburton, General Electric and others. There protest had no impact on the stock exchange's trading.— MNA/Reuters



Malaysia's King Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin inspects an honour guard during the opening of the parliament sitting in Kuala Lumpur on 19 March, 2007. — INTERNET

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Czech village rejects possible US radar station

PRAGUE, 19 March — Residents of the tiny Czech village of Trokavec have voted overwhelmingly against hosting a radar station as part of a proposed US missile defence shield, local media reported on Sunday.

Trokavec, some 60 kilometres (40 miles) west of Prague, organized the vote to show the strength of the villagers' opposition to the project, which Czech and US officials are discussing.

Seventy-one residents

voted against hosting the radar station, only one backed it and the 16 other eligible voters did not take part.

"This is a clear signal to the government that it should not negotiate with the US without (our input)," the daily Mlada Fronta Dnes's Website quoted Trokavec Mayor Jan Neoral as saying.

Trokavec is only 2 kilometres (1.2 miles) from Brdy military base, a frontline Soviet position in the Cold War, and

residents fear a radar station would again make them a target in case of war.

The result of the informal vote reflects growing opposition in the Czech Republic to the planned shield, which the United States says is needed to defend against possible missile attacks by "rogue nations" such as Iran or North Korea.

Poland is being asked to host missile batteries as part of the system.

MNA/Reuters

Four dead in avalanche in northern Japan

TOKYO, 19 March — An avalanche on a mountain in northern Japan's Hokkaido on Sunday led to four dead and one injured altogether, with the finding of three more bodies on Monday, Kyodo News said.

The avalanche engulfed around 10 snowmobiles at around 2:50 pm (0550 GMT) on Sunday on the southern slopes near the top of Mt Shakotan in Hokkaido.

One body was found late Sunday, and three more were discovered on Monday.

The four victims were all from Hokkaido.

MNA/Xinhua

Three die at home on British base in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 19 March — A father and his two young children died in a fire at their home in a family compound on a British base in Cyprus, police sources said on Sunday.

They said the dead children were a girl aged two and a boy aged five.

The British military could not confirm the identity of the victims, saying they had to make a formal identification and brief the next of kin.

Nobody else was hurt in the fire.

The cause of the blaze in the RAF Akrotiri compound, which sits on the southern tip of Cyprus, was not immediately known.

Britain has two bases on Cyprus, which was a British colony until 1960. — MNA/Reuters

Airbus A380 makes maiden voyage to US

BEIJING, 20 March— The world's largest passenger plane made its debut in the United States Monday, as two of Airbus' A380 super-jumbos headed for

simultaneous landings in New York and Los Angeles.

The first trans-Atlantic flights for the 555-seat, double-decker plane are part of exercises to ensure that it is compatible with two major US airports, which have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in upgrades to accommodate the giant plane.

Between them, those two facilities are spending about 300 million US dollars to widen runways and provide special docking equipment for the plane, which has a wingspan almost the

length of an American football field.

Airbus has spent more than 10 billion dollars developing the A380, which has a list price of about 319 million dollars. So far it has racked up 156 orders from 14 customers, but has yet to score an order from a US airline.

Signing up a US airline would be a huge financial and morale boost for Airbus, owned by Europe's EADS, which has been dragged into billion of dollars in losses and corporate turmoil by delays on the huge plane, which is now two years overdue.—Internet



A new Airbus A380 lands at John F Kennedy Airport in New York, on 19 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Poll: Few Iraqis trust US forces

BAGHDAD, 20 March — Only 18 per cent of Iraqis have confidence in US-led forces and most think the presence of foreign forces is making security worse, but despite that only about a third want them to leave now, a poll showed on Monday.

The poll of more than 2,000 people, commissioned by the BBC, ABC News, ARD and USA Today, indicated Iraqis have become less optimistic about the

future compared to a similar survey in 2005 when respondents were generally hopeful, the BBC said.

Asked whether their lives were overall better or worse than before the invasion, 43 per cent said better, 36 per cent worse and the rest about the same. Expectations for how things will be in a year were much lower than in 2005, with only 35 per cent expecting improvement compared to 64 per cent in a 2005

survey.

The survey showed sharp geographical variations, with confidence in US-led forces highest in the north, at 46 per cent, and non-existent in Baghdad, where 100 per cent said they had not very much or no confidence in US-led forces.

Overall, 18 per cent of Iraqis expressed confidence in US forces and 69 per cent said their presence made security worse. — MNA/Reuters



Hryhory Nestor, a former shepherd, presumed to be the world's oldest living person, celebrates his 116th birthday with a glass of champagne -- diluted with water and fruit juice-- in his house, in the village of Stariy Yarychiv, 30 km (18 miles) east of the historic city of Lviv, on 15 March, 2007. Nestor's birthdate makes him nearly two years older than Yone Minagawa, a Japanese woman who turned 114 in January.—XINHUA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into regional development works in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on his inspection tour of Myitkyina, Kachin State, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, senior military officers, officials concerned of the SPDC Office and departmental heads arrived at mile post No 12/0 on Akye-Hsinbo-Peinkhunyan-Myohla road on 18 March.

Upon arrival at the district-to-district road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into a road map and a signboard and passenger mini buses running on No 3 district-to-district road and gave necessary instructions. After asking condition of floods on the road in the rainy season, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party cordially greeted local people of Phayaw Village near the mile post No 15/0 and inspected durability of the Malisutyan Bridge near the mile post No 24/0.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw Tokat village Basic Education Primary School and condition of the road section near the mile post No 32/0 and steel bridge on Mokaung Creek in Nantainlone Village. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presented reports on construction of the bridge and condition of flow of water in the creek.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Mokaung Bridge near Nantainlone Village.

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into situation of first defile of Ayeyawady River and earth work with the use of heavy machinery. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Northern Royal Diamond Co Ltd on Wegyi-Nalon road section and inspected teak plantations and Namhsanyan bridge on Bhamo-Myitkyina road.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw

plantations of rubber, pepper, avocado pear and physic nut plants at local battalion in Waimaw Township.

After inspecting conditions of bridges on Bhamo-Myitkyina road and plantations on either side of the road they arrived Myitkyina in the evening.

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3652 lots of gem, jades, pearl sold at Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 20 March— Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by secretary of the Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members, arrived at the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma road in Mayangon Township this morning, and viewed sale of jade lots through competitive bidding system and cordially greeted local and foreign gem merchants.

Lots of jade, gem and pearl were sold through competitive bidding and tender system at the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium from 8 to 20 March. The local and foreign merchants bought a total of 3652 lots of jade, gem and pearl.

A total of 3421 merchants— 2069 from



foreign countries and 1352 local merchants— visited the emporium.

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Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents a souvenir to Mr Thirapol Tattrajettit, a Chinese merchant, the highest buyer in jade lots. — MNA

Tea Cocktail Competition Myanmar held

YANGON, 20 March— Tea Cocktail Competition Myanmar was held at Thamada Hotel here on 17 March.

The competition was organized by Myanmar Chef Association and sponsored by Hotels and Tourism

Ministry.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu presented first prize to Ma Lai Ram Chann of the Governor Residence, second prize to U Hla Myint of Strand Hotel, third prize to Saw Min Min

Aye and Moe Moe Aung of Manis Restaurant & Bar.

The competition aimed at improving of hotel services and introducing a combination of tastes of Myanmar green tea.

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Myanmar Insurance sets up new office

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March— The new office of Myanmar Insurance was opened at the office here today in the presence of Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

First, Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanmar Insurance and Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw formally opened the new office.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the new office. The managing director explained facts about the new office. Afterwards, the commander and the minister visited the new office.— MNA

Minister meets Gem entrepreneurs

YANGON, 20 March — Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with Myanmar Gem entrepreneurs and executives at the Myanmar Convention Centre today.

Also present were directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and executives of the Myanmar Gem Entrepreneur Association.

At the meeting, the minister called for more efforts to be able to create a firm market, to penetrate international gems markets and to expand the gems industry to increase the revenue of the country.

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HAILING THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY:

Tatmadaw born of the people

Khin Win San

Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong



Every country has a Tatmadaw (armed forces) responsible for defending the motherland. The Myanmar Tatmadaw has come into existence with patriotic fervour and political concept since independence struggles. During the Second World War, Myanmar youths underwent military training in Hainan Island and formed a Tatmadaw. Today's Myanmar Tatmadaw is not an expansionist Tatmadaw that invades other countries or that is under alien influence. It is just a national Tatmadaw in perpetual service of the nation and the people. By nature, the Tatmadaw has never remained indifferent to any alien invasion of the mother country nor intruded into other countries.

The Tatmadaw sacrificed a large number of lives of its members

in the independence struggles. It also played the major role in the drive for tackling the armed conflict that emerged soon after regaining the independence. It has repulsed all alien intrusions. In addition, it is dedicating itself to ensuring peace and stability of the State, national reconsolidation, national development, and transition to a democratic nation. These are major tasks of the Tatmadaw reflecting its attributes.

According to the social science, every effect has its cause. Similarly, the Tatmadaw (Tatmadaw Government)'s engagement in the Myanmar political sector and playing a leading role in the building of a democratic nation are effects, not causes. In an objective assessment, one can notice clearly the fundamental factors as follows:—

- (1) the Tatmadaw was conceived in the independence struggles, and since then it has played a leadership role in national politics,
- (2) it has managed to put an end to the internal armed conflict, so it has engaged in the military and political sectors,
- (3) political parties are not in a position to achieve national reconsolidation due to attachment to the party concerned, personality cult, and sectarianism, and
- (4) every time the nation is on the verge of collapse following general deterioration in the political and economic sectors, the Tatmadaw has taken up State duties unavoidably, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

In the 1988 unrest, the nation saw various groups

in rivalry, violent killings, destructive acts, and anarchic situation in which the people had to live in a state of alarm, attracting alien interference and intervention. Therefore, the Tatmadaw had to take up State responsibilities unavoidably. At that time, no politician nor political force and organization was capable of addressing the deteriorating situation. Then, the Tatmadaw had to discharge bounden duties of ensuring stability and peace of State, national reconsolidation, and building a new nation through the market-oriented economic system.

As a result, the nation is enjoying the taste of development in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. In addition, resulting from giving priority to national reconsolidation, 17 major national race armed groups and many small armed groups have

returned to the legal fold and are now wholeheartedly participating in the regional development tasks. Thanks to prevalence of peace and stability of the State, the Tatmadaw has been able to implement national development projects the length and breadth of the nation. Despite economic sanctions imposed by certain nations, it has been able to make self-reliant efforts to develop the motherland.

Now, Myanmar has enjoyed fruitful results of progress in various sectors such as border areas and national races, anti-narcotics campaigns, agriculture, livestock breeding, afforestation, regional greening and development, transport, communications, electric power, industry, energy, education, science and technology, health, development affairs of towns and villages, roads

and bridges, information and public relations, commodity production, commerce, and private sector. As the Myanmar society has developed dramatically, the State's seven-point Road Map is being implemented for transition to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Simultaneously, the National Convention representing the entire national people is drawing the State constitution for the multi-party system. In the process, strong points and weak points of previous State constitutions are reviewed to ensure harmony of the three pillars—legislative, executive and judicial sectors—in conformity with the way of life of the people.

It is enumerated that legislative power will be delegated to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and the Region or State Hluttaw.

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However much certain powerful countries and their cohorts are using various ways and means to hinder the nation-building tasks at a time when the Tatmadaw Government is playing a leading role in the building of a democratic nation with flourishing discipline, the people's Tatmadaw (national Tatmadaw) born of the people will make continued efforts hand in hand with the entire people to achieve the national goal.

Tatmadaw born of...

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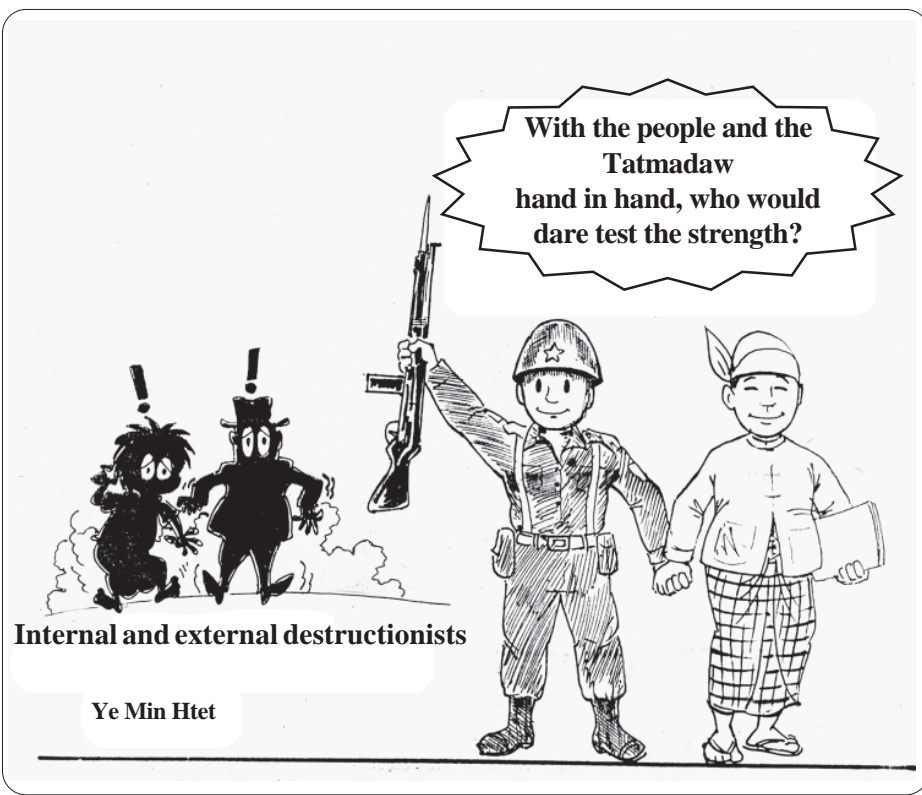
And self-administered areas will be vested with the legislative power prescribed in the State constitution. Regarding the Hluttaws at different levels, there will be the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

made up of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. And there will be seven Region Hluttaws and seven State Hluttaws along with one self-administered division leading body and five self-administered zone leading

bodies. So, under the forthcoming State Constitution, there will be seven legislative bodies: (1) the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, (2) the Pyithu Hluttaw, (3) the Amyotha Hluttaw, (4) Region Hluttaw, (5) State Hluttaw, (6) Self-

Administered Division Leading Body and (7) Self-Administered Zone Leading Body. Unlike previous State constitutions, the upcoming State constitution will have salient characteristics based on equality to national races. Then, the State constitution will be approved through a referendum. However much certain powerful countries and their cohorts are using various ways and means to hinder the nation-building tasks at a time when the Tatmadaw Government is playing a leading role in the building of a democratic nation with flourishing discipline, the people's Tatmadaw (national Tatmadaw) born of the people will make continued efforts hand in hand with the entire people to achieve the national goal.

Translation: MS



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

POEM

Tatmadaw with Fine Traditions

- * From days of yore in history
To this era, our Tatmadawmen
Who have staunchly defended Myanmar
Have had to stay away from wives and children
And this staying away has been numerous
More than a thousand or even ten thousand times.
- * Likewise, staying away from
Parents, friends and company
Has been counted
More than ten thousand times.
- * More than that, our lives have been
Given no preference, without relish
Sacrificed, and given of blood.
And having thus given, if counted
Would brim over the ocean.
- * In fact, our Tatmadaw
While uprooting the intruder
And those who brazenly insult
The sovereignty and integrity of the nation.
Destroying and crushing, claiming victory
And in so doing, giving the intruder his due
Parting from friends and relatives, parents
Children and wives, many partings
These are sacrifices made
Our strength increases rapidly
Bravely waving our victory flag
Ready to do battle, red as red can be
With belief in the nation
Leaving not a single dust of destruction
To the Myanmar's bravery overwhelm the world
To hand down to be accepted
With good Taboung summer month witness
May it spread goodness all over.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)

(Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Film Academy Award winners honoured

YANGON, 20 March — The Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Award winners for 2005 were honoured by the Myanmar Motion Picture Assiayon at the building of the Assiayon here today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental officials of the ministry, officials of the Myanmar Motion Picture Scrutinizing Board, Myanmar Film Censor Board and Video Censor Board, patrons of the Assiayon and academy

award winners.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present on the occasion. Patron U Khin Zaw delivered an address. Patrons of MMPA presented cash awards to the winners.

On behalf of the award winners, Actor Lu Min spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, those presents were hosted a dinner by MMPA.— MNA



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greets a motion picture academy award winner.

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**Secretary-1
Lt-Gen Thein Sein
attends inaugura-
tion of Pyapon
Bridge...**

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education health and
social infrastructures in
the country.

Local people
know disadvantages of the
poor transportation and
advantages of the smooth
transportation.

Bridges in the
country including Pyapon
Bridge indicate the gov-
ernment's goodwill to-
wards the people and are
the milestones of the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the stone plaque of Pyapon Bridge. — MNA

223rd one. It has also be-
come the 43rd bridge of
Ayeyawady Division.

The newly
opened bridge has also

Hinthada through Bayin-
tnaung and Bo Myat Tun
bridges, and to Pantanaw,
Einme and Pathein.

Nyaungdon-

Hlinethaya Road,
Pyapon-Dedaye-
Kungyangon Road,
Ngathainggyaung-Gwa
Road and Pathein-

Monywa Road have been
constructed to connect
Ayeyawady Division and
other states and divisions.

Residents had to
rely on waterways to travel
in the region in the past
and it took them a long
time to travel from one
town to another in the
division.

At present, famous
pagodas and religious build-
ings in the division have
been visited by pilgrims
while its beach resorts have
been crowded with tourists
and the people.

The government
has given encouragement
to the development of the
economy in the division.
Thanks to the improve-
ment of transport infra-
structure, fish and prawn
breeding business, wet
land cultivation and hotels

and sea resorts are boom-
ing in the division.

Ayeyawady Di-
vision has become a reli-
able division due to its ag-
ricultural produce, live-
stock breeding and pro-
duction of goods.

He said the State
Peace and Development
Council has been making
endeavours for emergence
of a modern developed na-
tion in a short time for over
one and half decades after
laying down systematic
plans. As a result of this,
the entire Union including
Ayeyawady Division has
developed.

He said the gov-
ernment firmly built na-
tional solidarity for all-
round development in
every sector creating
peaceful and tranquil con-
ditions in the country. At
the same time it also built
infrastructures on devel-
opment such as

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with local people. — MNA

Tatmadaw Government.

Although there are
hindrances to development
of the country, Myanmar
experts, without assistance
from foreign countries,
have built river crossing
bridges, dams and reser-
voirs which are demanding
a huge sum of money and
advanced technology. This
shows the high calibre of
the national people.

It is the pride of
the nation that river cross-
ing bridges including
Pyapon Bridge constructed
are installed with iron
beams produced by facto-
ries at home.

Therefore, out of
180-foot- and above long
bridges constructed in the
time of the present govern-
ment, Pyapon Bridge is the

become the linkage be-
tween Dedaye-
Kungyangon Road and
Mawla-myinegyun,
Bogale and Pyapon town-
ships.

Moreover, thanks
to the bridge, Yangon-
Nyaungdon-Maubin-
Kyaiklat-Pyapon-
Dedaye-Kungyangon-
Dalla Road will become a
network road. Therefore,
the bridge will also felici-
tate smooth flow of goods
and boost trade in the re-
gion.

In Ayeyawady
Division, the distance of
road has increased from
over 400 miles in 1988 to
over 1,300 miles today.
Now, people can go on a
day trip from Yangon to
Danubyu, Zalun,



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets those present at opening ceremony of Pyapon Bridge. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends inauguration of Pyapon Bridge...

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dams and irrigation networks, major roads, bridges and hydro-electric power projects that can promote the national development greatly, he said.

The government is implementing the border areas and national races development project, special 24-region development project and rural development project for harmonious and equitable development of all parts of the Union and for narrowing the development gap among the regions and it made arrangements for uplift of education, health and social foundations while fulfilling the requirements of each region.

Significant progress has been made in various regions in the country due to peace and tranquillity, the infrastructures on development and active participation of the people.

In the transport sector, regions in the east of Shweli and regions in the west of Ayeyawady and Chindwin that lagged behind in development in the past have developed rapidly on account of seven bridges across



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party stroll on Pyapon Bridge after opening of the bridge. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Pyapon Bridge. — MNA

the Ayeyawady, two across the Chindwin and five across the Thanlwin and living standard of the people has also improved significantly.

He said a great number of strategic bridges including the Thanlwin River (Mawlamyine) Bridge and a lot of bridges in Taninthayi Division were built to link the Union Highways from the south to the north.

People in Ayeyawady Division and Rakhine State relied on only waterways as there are a lot of rivers and creeks. Now they can travel to other states and divisions by land because of the network of roads, he said.



U Win Myint, a resident of Pyapon.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

MNA

Roads and bridges were built in cooperation with the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ministry of Electric Power. Some of the highways were built with the assistance of the private entrepreneurs. In 1988, there were 13,600 miles of roads and now there are 19,000 miles of roads.

He said Myanmar engineers built ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Railroad including 5,000 feet Ponaung Ponnya Tunnel with the use of high technol-

ogy. A total of 1,140 miles of railroads were built.

The Secretary-1 spoke at length of construction of railroads linking regions and over 70 airports including two international airports.

Better transportation in the country brings about both development of the regions and better education, health, social and economic foundations.

In Ayeyawady Division, arts and science universities, technological universities, universities of computer studies, specialist hospitals and general hospitals have emerged based on three special development regions— Pathein, Maubin and Hinthada.

He urged the officials to make continued efforts for regional and national development with the use of the foundations and better transport.

He called on the officials concerned to make concerted efforts for prosperity of the regions and the nation as Ayeyawady Division contributes toward the development of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors.

Better foundations have already been laid due to community peace and tranquillity. He also urged them to safeguard the prevalence of law and order, stability in the region and better atmosphere with national awareness and to utilize these better foundations effec-

tively for prosperity of the nation.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung made a speech. He said that the Pyapon Bridge is a transport facility linking Ohnpin Village in Dedaye Township and Ward 1 of Pyapon. The bridge has saved time and cut the length of journey. With the emergence of the bridge, people residing in the region were in joy and happiness.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends inauguration of Pyapon Bridge...

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People in Ayeyawady Division had to rely mostly on waterways in the past. At present, they are able to travel from one place to another by land with the emergence of a string of bridges in the division, he added.

He quoted the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that better transport is a must for development of a region. Only when there is better transport in a region, will its economic, social and administrative sectors develop, he disclosed.

More roads and bridges were built and the old ones upgraded for development of the whole division. So, the length of roads has increased to 1,281 miles and 3 furlongs up to date from 461 miles and 7 forlongs in 1988. In 1988, there were 11 bridges large and small, but there are now 43 including the Pyapon Bridge. Those transport facilities were able to bring about harmonious development and ensure swift and smooth

flow of commodities in the region, he stressed.

As the strength of local people plays a leading role in developing a region, concerted efforts are to be made for boosting production making better use of resources available in the division.

After that, the Minister for Construction made a speech. He quoted the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his inspection tour of Anawratha Bridge across Ayeyawady River saying that priority was to be given to development of regions on western bank of Ayeyawady River as they lagged behind in development. At present, people in different parts of the division were able to move about with the emergence of a large number of roads and bridges.

He said that the emergence of Pyapon Bridge brought immediate benefits to local people as well as to the State. The 3,933 feet long bridge is 203rd of its kind which were opened after 1988. The construction of the bridge started on April 2003 and it was able to be opened today. Altogether seven bridges across Ayeyawady River have been opened and Yadanabon Bridge across Ayeyawady River will soon be opened. Now, the development of regions on east bank of

Ayeyawady River and that of regions on west bank of Ayeyawady River is nearly the same as roads and bridges have emerged there.

Next, U Win Myint of Pyapon Township, on behalf of local people, spoke words of thanks.

After that, the Secretary-1 greeted those present on the occasion.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

The Secretary-1 and party had a documentary photo taken together with local people in front of the archway of the bridge.

After that, the Secretary-1 unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

After that, the Secretary-1 and party and officials strolled along the bridge and inspected it.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party looked into development of Pyapon by car.—MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends opening of new tarred road in Kengtung of Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence on his inspection tour of Kengtung in Shan State (East) together with Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials concerned of the SPDC Office and departmental heads arrived at No 3 Ward of Kengtung on 17 March, and attended a ceremony to open Cherry tarred road to hail the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

First, Executive Officer of Kengtung Township Development

Affairs Committee Deputy Director U Khin Kyaw briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party on building of the tarred road.

Next, Executive U Khin Kyaw presented commemorative flags to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and chairman of No 3 ward PDC U Sai Hsi Nwan.

Afterwards, secretary U Mya Aung of Shan State (East) PDC, director U Hla Myo of Shan State (East) DAC and chairman U Sai Hsi Nwan formally opened the newly-built tarred road. Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing then formally unveiled the signboard of the road.

Next, Lt-Gen

Kyaw Win, accompanied by patron of Shan State (East) Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and members, visited Dhamapon monastery in No 1 Myothit Ward of Kengtung, and oversaw vaccination against measles aiming at the infants aged between nine months and five years. The collective vaccination against measles was launched in 54 designated places from 17 to 30 March. The programme is to vaccinate a total of 22,080 infants against measles.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Kengtung Home for the Aged and presented souvenirs to the aged. Next,



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence gives presents to a child to be vaccinated against measles in Kengtung. — MNA

they viewed collective vaccination against measles at 300-bed hospital and presented refreshments to the children. Before the departure for Nay Pyi Taw

Airport, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win was seen off by the commander, senior military officers, departmental heads and members of social organizations. MNA

Minister meets entrepreneurs, oversees functions of One Stop Service

YANGON, 20 March — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and officials concerned met with merchants and fish breeders at Myintzuthaka hall in Kawthoung on 17 March.

During the meeting, the minister said the State is giving encouragement to enhance the private sector. The merchants are to focus on cooperative measures in breeding sector. The entrepreneurs are to participate in respective production fields because an increased production plays a key role. Next, the minister replied to the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

Upon arrival at the border trade point (Kawthoung), the minister inspected functions of One Stop Service and gave instructions on cooperative measures to be taken for rapid flow of commodities in exports and import services.

In the afternoon, the minister looked into breeding tasks and production of rubber in Kawthoung.

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Latest developments about bird flu outbreak in Yangon

YANGON, 20 March — The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department today announced that at a chicken farm in Nyaunhnapin agriculture and livestock zone (1) in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, 1645 of the 22,337 layers were dead due to H5N1 on 17 and 18 March. The remaining 20,692 layers were thus culled.

The chicken, ducks and quails in suspected farms one kilometer around the affected area are being watched and culled systematically. And sales and transport of fowls and fowl products in the farms six kilometers radius of the restricted zone are now prohibited.

Between 28 February and 18 March, the virus was found at a farm of layers, ducks, pheasants or quails each in Mayangon, Hlaingthaya, North Okkalapa,

Mingaladon and Hmawby townships. In the cases, 1863 fowls were dead due to the virus, 37,883 were culled, and 39,746 were dead or culled.

The outbreak in the Nyaunhnapin might be due to the virus carried by trays used to carry eggs, feedstuff bags or other small birds or visit of people, and at four farms in Mayangon, Hlanethaya, North Okkalapa and Mingaladon townships, the keeping of pigs, ducks and chicken of local species closely in an area, unrestricted visit of people or visit to chicken and duck markets.

Regarding the bird flu outbreak in Yangon, conclusive evidence is not available yet. Despite preparedness and designating restricted zones and controlled zones, there can be more bird flu outbreaks in the other regions. So, those engaged in the fowl breeding and sales are urged to raise awareness.—MNA

“Like Father, Like Son” a would-be-popular...

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“I directed this teleplay with full of confidence and conviction to serve the interest of the nation”, director Bagyi Soe Moe told me during the interview. Bagyi Soe Moe is a Motion Picture Academy Award winner. “I present this film with the aim of winning the hearts of the people from all walks of life, and of benefiting the audience whether they are ordinary citizens or Tatmadaw

story, the film portrays the battle of Sisiwan-Tarpan, in which Tatmadawmen gallantly fought the enemy at risk to their own lives and the people and Red Cross members helping our soldiers. In the end, the battle was won. Those are all true events. The film is based on them”, the director continued to say.

Bagyi Soe Moe had already filmed “Heroes Emerge” in honour of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day;

full confidence, adding, “The scenes were so factual that the audience may feel as if they are witnessing the real battle of Sisiwan-Tarpan.” “I used my creative skills to my heart’s content in filming “Like Father, Like Son”. But I took great care in producing the film as such

Sisiwan-Tarpan lies and interviewed some native people and others. I also held discussions with some other people, who have taken part in or who have a great deal of knowledge about it so that my script will be nearest to the truth”, he said.

The scenes of the



I was full of confidence to shoot this movie. Director Bagyi Soe Moe

tree. But some enjoy the fruits only after a long time they have planted a tree. And there are people who grow trees just for the posterity. They never enjoy the fruits.” Both actors are Motion Picture Academy

the blood. If tears roll down from your eyes, you will be like betraying the earth. Another thing is here we have no medals nor privileges, only sacrifices...”

Those are the



Actor Lu Min as Sgt Ye Tint.

members”, the film director explained his goal.

Even a sneak preview of some parts of the teleplay are captivating the viewers with full of breathtaking adventures.

“Based on a true

“Mother of a Good Son” commemorating the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

“I believe that the film will be a work of great artistic merit in my 40 years of experience as a film director”, he told me with



Script writer Nyein Min visits the place where the battle of Sisiwan-Tarpan took place.

national-interest-serving films should be free from any kind of error or weakness”, he said.

“Like Father, Like Son” has a lot of battle scenes for the audience who love war movies.

Script writer Nyein Min, another Motion Picture Academy Award winner, said “The battle of Sisiwan-Tarpan stands witness to the fact that the Tatmadaw wins every battle it fights with enemy thanks to public assistance, and that is the main theme of the feature. I visited the area where

Tatmadawmen fighting enemy troops with sacrificing spirit, the local national races supplying food packages for soldiers, and Red Cross members carrying away wounded soldiers and sending them to hospital are like a real documentary.



Like Father, Like Son! Both ready to die for the national cause.



The film uses a large number of people in its battle scenes.



Child actor Heavy Phyto plays as the son.

In the movie, the protagonist, Sgt Ye Tint, played by Lu Min, told his son played by Min Mawgun: “There are people who wish to enjoy the fruits soon after growing a

Award winners.

In another part, the father during his conversation with the son said, “You should not shed tears in a place like this. This place has the wounded and

touching dialogues created by the script writer.

The performances of Lu Min as Sgt Ye Tint, who has great love for the country and makes sacrifices for the national cause, Pan Phyu as his wife Mya Hninzi, Min Mawgun as Pyi Nyein Aye, Zin Waing as battalion commander Lt-Col Win Thaw, May Thinza Oo as the commander’s wife and Nanda Hlaing as their daughter will be so artistic and impressive enough to captivate the hearts of audience. All the stars stated above are Academy Award winners.

(Translation: TMT)

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Three men killed in separate Manchester stabbings

LONDON, 19 March— Three men were stabbed to death in separate incidents overnight in Greater Manchester, police said on Saturday.

Seven people aged between 17 and 25 were arrested on suspicion of murder after a 21-year-old was attacked in the suburb of Hattersley early on Saturday. An ambulance crew called police to a pub and hotel where they were treating the victim. He later died in hospital.

In a second incident, police on patrol in the town of Bolton found a man aged 30 with multiple stab wounds after an argument late on Friday. He was taken to Royal Bolton Hospital where doctors were unable to save him. Three men have been arrested on suspicion of his murder.— *MNA/Reuters*

A hearty laugh makes you feel better



BEIJING, 19 March — Laughter is often said to be "the best medicine," and now a recent study

reveals a hearty laugh may not only make you feel better, but also can make you more cooperative and altruistic toward strangers.

Laughter is a universal human behavior previous studies have shown acts as a "social lubricant" and promotes group cohesiveness. In this new study, researchers tested whether this sense of closeness would promote altruistic behaviour.

Study participants watched either a funny or a serious video, and then

played a game with strangers to see how laughter affected the balance between group interest and self-interest during the game-play.

Each person was given a small sum of money (about 5 US dollars) and told they could invest it in either a private fund or a group fund — they would get back whatever they put in the private fund, while whatever was contributed to the group fund would be doubled and split evenly among group

members, regardless of how much each person put in. The researchers found laughter made strangers more likely to invest in the group fund, and so increased their sense of altruism.

"This study may have important implications for the way charities or organizations could increase the level of received donations," said Mark van Vugt of the University of Kent, lead author of the unpublished study.— *Internet*



Chinese Teng Haibin, Olympic champion, performs in men's artistic gymnastics horizontal bar of 2007 FIG gymnastics world cup championships in Paris, France, on 18 March, 2007. XINHUA

Two cargo ships collide in east China sea, eight dead

HANGZHOU, 19 March — Emergency crew have found eight bodies of the 29 sailors of a ship that sank off east China after its collision with another ship late Saturday night.

Twelve sailors have been rescued and the other nine are still missing, sources with the maritime safety administration of Zhejiang Province revealed on Sunday. The collision occurred around 11 pm Saturday on the sea near the Langgang Islands, northeast of Zhoushan Island, Zhejiang Province, when a cargo ship belonging to a transport company in Shenzhen crashed with another one registered in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong ship, *Huirong*, sank immediately and all its 29 sailors on board were marooned on the sea. The other ship, *Pengyan*, was from Shenzhen Ocean Shipping Co, Ltd. More than 40 vessels and three helicopters from the East China Sea Fleet, East China Sea Rescue Bureau, and local maritime safety authorities in Zhejiang have joined the rescue efforts.

MNA/Xinhua

Cancer drug hits market

BEIJING, 19 March — The world's first approved targeted medicine for non-small cell lung cancer, the most common type of lung cancer, was launched in China over the weekend, company officials an-

nounced in Shanghai over the weekend.

Sold by Shanghai Roche Pharmaceuticals Ltd in China, Tarceva was approved for use in China last year, following approval in the United States in 2004 and the European Union in 2005. The drug is approved for use in patients for whom standard



chemotherapy has failed to stop the cancer.

Targeted therapy refers to a drug that targets a specific pathway in the growth of a tumour. By attacking or blocking these critical targets, the therapy can cripple the cancer while leaving healthy cells unharmed.

In clinical trials involving 731 lung cancer patients in 17 countries, 31 percent of patients survived at one year after receiving Tarceva compared with 21 percent who survived at one year when given an inactive substance, a placebo.

Internet

The airliner called "World Expo" of China Eastern Airlines arrives at the Narita Airoprt in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 18 March, 2008. The airliner, with 2010 World Expo's emblem and theme "Better City, Better Life" on arrived in Tokyo on Sunday, marking the beginning of overseas promotion of the World Expo which is to be held in east China's Shanghai in 2010.

XINHUA



SPORTS



Chapchai Nirat from Thailand carries his trophy as he celebrates with attendants on the 18th fairway after winning the TCL Classic golf tournament in Sanya at China's Hainan Province on 18 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Spectator attacks Lampard after FA Cup tie

LONDON, 20 March — An angry fan raced on to the pitch and threw a punch at Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard after his side beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 in an FA Cup quarterfinal replay on Monday.

Lampard, who was celebrating with team mates, ducked to miss the punch and the spectator was manhandled to the ground before being led away by security men.

"...maybe the security people slept a little bit. They could never believe the guy could come on to the pitch and chase my players. But it was no problem," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told reporters.

"They (security staff) have to be alert in future. Frank Lampard is ok. He's happy with the victory. Everything else is secondary.

A Tottenham spokesman said "two people entered the field of play and have subsequently been arrested".

MNA/Reuters

Zidane makes first European appearance since World Cup

MARSEILLE (France), 20 March — Zinedine Zidane made his first appearance on a European pitch since retiring following last year's World Cup final in a charity game at Marseille's Stade Velodrome on Monday.

"The Match Against Poverty", played under the aegis of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), was won 6-2 by Zidane and Friends against Ronaldo and Friends.

The former France playmaker and the AC Milan striker are both goodwill ambassadors for the UNDP.

"The message is that everyone can do something to make the world a better place," Zidane told a news conference ahead of the game.

Zidane and Friends opened the scoring in the 38th minute with an own goal by Sporting defender Ronny.

However, Ronaldo and Friends had the best opportunities in a dull first half with Brazilian Rivaldo hitting the bar twice in the opening 25 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea, Man Utd reach FA Cup semifinals

LONDON, 20 March — Champions Chelsea beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 and league leaders Manchester United overcame Middlesbrough with a Cristiano Ronaldo penalty on Monday to book their places in next month's semi-finals of the FA Cup.

United will meet Watford and Chelsea will take on Blackburn Rovers, with the final scheduled to return to the rebuilt Wembley stadium.

A magical 55th minute goal conjured against the run of play from Andriy Shevchenko and a second scorcher nine minutes later from Shaun Wright-Phillips earned Chelsea their win in Monday's quarter-final replay.

The Ukraine striker took a pass from Wright-Phillips on the right, stepped inside Steed Malbranque and sent a left foot shot into the top left of the net from 20 metres.

Seven minutes later Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba expertly chested a ball, passed from deep by Ashley Cole, to Wright-Phillips on his left and the diminutive winger belted it past Paul Robinson in the Spurs net.

Chelsea looked to be cruising until Ricardo Carvalho brought down Dimitar Berbatov in the Chelsea area in the 77th minute and Robbie Keane sent a penalty past Petr Cech.

After an uneventful first half this set up a grandstand finish with the home side pouring towards the Chelsea goal but, despite six minutes of time added on, Spurs failed to break through.

United had Middlesbrough on the backfoot from the first kick in their replay and might have scored half a dozen but for some fine goalkeeping from Mark Schwarzer.

He plucked the ball from England striker Wayne Rooney's feet and denied him twice more in the second

half with Middlesbrough constantly unbalanced by Ronaldo's jinking runs. The tie was finally decided by a Ronaldo penalty after the Portuguese winger was brought down by Jonathan Woodgate in the 74th minute.—MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (C) challenges Middlesbrough's Mark Schwarzer (R) for the ball during their FA Cup quarter-final replay soccer match in Manchester, on 19 March, 2007. Chelsea and Manchester United advanced to the semifinals of The Football Association Cup with victories in quarter-final replays on Monday night. —XINHUA

Call for suspended jail term for ex-federation president

PARIS, 20 March — A call was made on Monday for a six-month suspended jail sentence for former French Federation (FFF) president Claude Simonet.

The public prosecutor has charged Simonet and ex-FFF treasurer Bernard Bacourt with false accounting and obstructing an auditor.

"This is not just a mistake but an act of concealment," the prosecutor told reporters. He alleges Simonet and Bacourt, who faces a possible three-month suspended jail term, altered the FFF's accounts for the 2002/03 season with a 14 million euro deficit transformed into one of just 62,000 euros.

A date for the court's verdict has yet to be set.

MNA/Reuters

Palladino hits hat-trick as Juventus thrash Triestina 5-1

ROME, 20 March — Striker Raffaele Palladino hit a hat-trick as Juventus thrashed Triestina 5-1 to go six points clear at the top of Italy's Serie B on Monday.

Juventus have 55 points from 28 matches. Napoli are second on 49 points after losing 2-1 to Crotone at the weekend. Trailing to an early goal by visiting striker Federico Piovaccari, Juventus equalised through midfielder Mauro Camoranesi before Palladino got the first of his goals at the end of a solo run midway through the first half.

The 22-year-old, who is usually overshadowed by his more famous team mates, struck again seconds before the interval, turning in a Matteo Paro cross, then sealed his hat-trick in the 60th minute, when he latched on to an Alessandro Del Piero pass and coolly beat goalkeeper Generoso Rossi.— MNA/Reuters

Benfica's win over Amadora keeps title hopes alive

LISBON, 20 March — Benfica kept alive their hopes of clinching the Portuguese Premier League title with a 1-0 victory at Estrela Amadora on Monday, closing the gap on leaders Porto to only one point. Benfica midfielder Armando Petit got the goal with a deflected 30-metre free kick nine minutes from the time.

Champions Porto, who suffered a 1-0 defeat at Sporting on Saturday, head the table with 52 points after 22 games and they meet Benfica at Lisbon's Luz Stadium after next weekend's international break Sporting are third on 46 points. — MNA/Reuters



Japan's Takefumi Sakata holds trophies after he defeated Venezuela's Lorenzo Parra at their WBA Flyweight boxing match in Tokyo on 19 March, 2007. — INTERNET

China trails Russia in golds at swimming worlds

MELBOURNE, 19 March — China unexpectedly swept the first two diving golds here on Monday at the FINA World Championships, but Russia still leads the medal table after adding one to their already two-gold collection.

In the men's three-meter springboard synchronized final, newly-combined Wang Feng and Qin Kai overcame a fifth-ranked opening dive, then remained on the top position since the fourth rounds.

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Jia Tong and Chen Ruolin of China take part in the 10-metre synchronized platform diving final at the World Aquatics Championships in Melbourne on 19 March, 2007. China took the gold medal in the event. —XINHUA



Consecration of Ananda Gonyi Yanpye Manpye Mahabodhi Hsutaungpyae Zedi in Tayoke Hmaw Village, Shwedaung Township, Bago Division (West) was held on 7 March. Photo shows wellwishers donating religious objects to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Singapore to set up new centre to develop risk assessment system

SINGAPORE, 20 March — Singapore will set up an experimentation centre to develop an early warning system which can identify and assess new emerging threats to national security.

It was announced at the inaugural Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning Symposium held here on Monday, which aimed to raise awareness of the importance of the risk assessment and horizon scanning “in today’s increasingly complex and uncertain environment.”

Peter Ho, Head of

Civil Service announced the centre will be launched by August, and run by the National Security Coordination Secretariat and Singapore’s Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA).

How Khee Yin, deputy director of the DSTA, introduced a working version of this

early warning system to about 270 participants who attended the event.

He said the system will augment human analytical process to better monitor past and present trends as well as data to detect potential threats such as terrorist attacks and disease pandemics.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu strikes again in northern Thailand

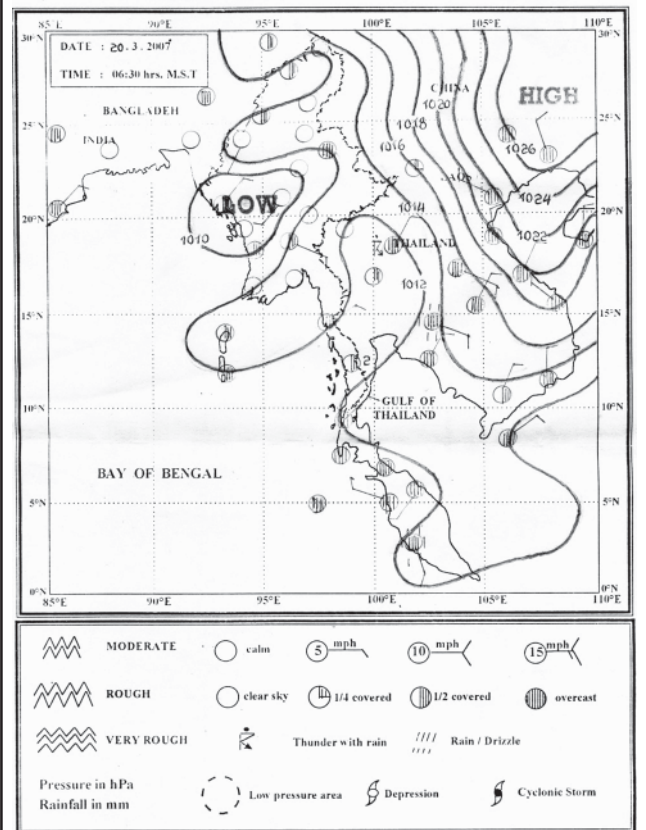
BANGKOK, 20 March — The H5N1 bird flu virus has reappeared in a northeastern Thai province, the country’s fourth outbreak this year, an Agriculture Ministry official said on Monday.

The latest outbreak was confirmed at a government training centre near the border with Laos, which has also reported outbreaks recently, Department of Livestock director Nirundorn Aungtragoolsuk told Reuters.

“The lab test result yesterday has confirmed that the virus found in the centre was the deadly H5N1 and we have already got rid of all of them,” he said, referring to fowl at the centre. After a six-month lull, the virus reappeared in north and northeastern Thailand in January and in the central area last month.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 20 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin, Southern and Northern Shan States and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperature was Aunglan (39°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall record was Myeik (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-3-2007 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 20-3-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-3-2007 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 19-3-2007 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (11:15) hours MST on 19-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-3-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Eastern Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 21-3-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-3-2007: Fair weather.



Wednesday, 21 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-There you'll be
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Lesson in love
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Reality
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Eany Meany
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-The two of us
-Come into my life
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune
-Unchained melody
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request:
-Angel of your heart
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 21 March
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 2. To be healthy exercise
 3. Morning news
 4. Nice and sweet song
 5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
 6. ဝင့်ထည်တိုးပွား ဆားလင်းကြီးရဲစွမ်းအား
- 8:05 am
 7. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 4:45 pm
 4. Song of national races
- 4:55 pm
 5. Classical song
- 5:05 pm
 6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအမွေ
- 5:15 pm
 7. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)
- 5:25 pm
 8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:30 pm
 9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 13. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
 14. “ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်” (မိုးဖြူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြူကြူသင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်)
- 7:25 pm
 15. ဘာသာစကားသင်ကြား လေ့လာတက္ကသိုလ်မှာ
- 7:35 pm
 16. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:45 pm
 17. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် “တပ်မတော်သည် ပြည်သူ့အတွက်”
- 8:00 pm
 18. News
 19. International news
 20. Weather report
 21. Myanmar movie: “နောင်းတမြေမြေ” -ရန်အောင်၊ စိုးသူ၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာစို (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်မောင်မောင်)
 22. The next day's programme

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends inauguration of Pyapon Bridge...

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Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers, the Mayor of Yangon, deputy minis-

ters officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, members of social organizations and residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Pyapon Bridge located on P y a p o n - D e d a y e Kungyangon Roa linking southernmost parts of Ayeyawady Division, was

completed in time and could be inaugurated as a gesture of hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The government has built river crossing bridges across the country to ensure smooth transportation, to boost trade and to improve the economic and social standards of the people while building the (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Pyapon Bridge in Pyapon Township. — MNA



“Like Father, Like Son” a would-be-popular teleplay hailing 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

The 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day is just around the corner. The production of a TV feature “Like Father, Like Son” honouring the Armed Forces Day has

*Interviewed by Maung Maung Myint Swe:
Photos by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

also finished. Interview TV Myanmar and programmes broadcast by Myawady TV, have

aroused public interest in programme.

The Myanma Alin Daily interviewed the director and the script writer of the film the other day. (See page 11)

“A-phay-tu-thar” to be telecast

YANGON, 20 March — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a teleplay entitled “A-phay-tu-thar (Like Father, Like Son)” will be telecast on MRTV and Myawady TV at 9 pm daily from 23 to 26 March.

The teleplay directed by Academy Award winner Bagyi Soe Moe is based on the novel of Tin Aung Soe (Panmyodaw). The script writer is Academy Award winner Nyein Min.

The play features the Tatmadaw formed with off-

spring of the people regained the independence.

It also features the Tatmadaw that safeguards the independence and wards off the danger and capabilities and sacrifice of the Tatmadaw members and assistance of their wives, sons and daughters and relatives.

Academy Award winners Lu Min, Min Mawgun, Zin Waing, Panphyu, Nanda Hlaing and May Thinza Oo, Tun Tun (Examplez), Thet Mon Myint and Tatmadaw members starred in the play.—MNA

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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The Tatmadaw sacrificed a large number of lives of its members in the independence struggles.

Poem

*From days of yore in history
To this era, our
Tatmadawmen...



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