

## Build the Tatmadaw to stand tall among nations



In the past, our country lost its independence due to the absence of a modern regular Tatmadaw. When we had to rely on others in our struggles for independence, we were like those who seek protection from a revered person for fear of a tiger but only to find later that the revered person became worse than the tiger itself. Therefore, I would like to urge you all to strive in building our Tatmadaw to be able to firmly stand on our own strength and self-reliance among the nations of the world.

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

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

## Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome President of LPDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March — At the invitation of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, a goodwill delegation led by Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone arrived here by air this morning to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann  
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*Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcome Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA*

### 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

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 22 March, 2007

## Inauguration of Pyapon Bridge for all-round development of the region

Smooth transportation contributes towards regional development and improvement of socio-economic life of the people, and smooth flow of commodities and boosting trade in the region. Therefore, the government is building new roads and a large number of bridges nationwide.

In the country there are now 223 bridges which are 180 feet and above. Regions in the east of Shweli and those in the west of the Ayeyawady and the Chindwin Rivers have developed rapidly and living standard of the local people has also improved significantly due to seven bridges across the Ayeyawady, two across the Chindwin and five across the Thanlwin.

A new Pyapon Bridge on Pyapon-Dedaye-Kungyangon Road, the shortest gateway to southern regions of Ayeyawady Division, was opened the other day. The bridge, over 3,000 feet long, links Dedaye and Pyapon Townships.

After the inauguration of the bridge, people in the division can easily travel to other regions through the network of Yangon-Nyaungdon-Maubin-Kyaiklat-Pyapon-Dedaye-Kungyangon-Dalla Road. The bridge facilitates smooth flow of commodities and boosts trading in the region.

There are a lot of rivers and creeks in the division and local people relied mainly on waterway in the past. Altogether 43 bridges including the present one have been built in the division. The people from 26 townships can now travel to other states and divisions easily.

Agriculture, production of prawn and fish, business based on hotels and sea resort will develop soon in the region with the proper utilization of economic foundations and better transport in the division.

### နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ

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## Peoples' Desire

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

## No 3 Automobile Factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials inspected arrangements for assembling of Double Cab Vehicle at No 3 Automobile Factory in Htaukkyant on 17 March. Managing Director U Hla Myint Thein and General Manager U Hlaing Thein of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries explained the production of the spare parts and purchase of other parts.

The minister gave instructions on systematic arrangements, preparation for production of Double Cabs and quality spare parts and appointment of skilled

workers.

On 18 March, the minister and party visited No 1 Tyre and Rubber Factory in Thaton Township. At the briefing hall, Managing Director U Oo Zun of Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries and Factory General Manager U Myint Naing reported on the factory.

The minister gave instructions on systematic measures to be taken for meeting the target production, stockpiling of raw materials, minimizing production cost, and full operation.

MNA

## Minister inspects Sittoung (Hsathwagon)-Myitkyo-DaikU railroad



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects upgrading of Yangon-Mandalay railroad.

### RAIL TRANSPORTATION

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min observed laying of sleepers on Yangon-Mandalay railroad between Pynbongyi and Kadok stations in Bago Division yesterday.

The minister also observed the substitution of railtracks with the use of advanced techniques.

From DaikU railway station, the minister travelled along DaikU-Myitkyo railroad by RBE. On the way, he inspected the task of building Einchelashse and Palit railway stations, Kwinchaung and Malaka Bridges, Phayakyaing Bridge construction project and Nagabauk Bridge. The minister heard reports presented by Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials.

Later, the minister inspected the 352-foot Sittoung canal bridge project, where the deputy minister and officials reported on the project. The minister spoke of the need to build the bridge in accord with the set standards. He then inspected construction of Hsathwagon station project and staff quarters project.

The 24-mile Sittoung (Hsathwagon)-Myitkyo-DaikU railroad includes 21 bridges and six stations. Earth work has been completed and of the four over-100-foot bridges, three have been completed. All the 17 minor bridges have been almost completed. Of the six

stations, four have been completed. The remaining two stations have been nearly completed.

The railroad will cut 40 miles in travelling between Mawlamyine and Nay Pyi Taw. It will also serve as a link to connect Dawei in the south and Myitkyina in the north through railroad. — MNA

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## WORLD TB DAY

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Three indicted in NY police shooting of groom

NEW YORK, 21 March — Two New York policemen were charged with manslaughter and a third with reckless endangerment on Monday in the firing of 50 shots at three unarmed Black men that killed a groom on his wedding day.

Two other officers were cleared in the death of Sean Bell, 23, which prompted allegations of brutality and racial profiling by police and led to street protests and activists' demands for murder indictments for all five officers involved.

A grand jury from the New York borough of Queens reached the indictments on Friday. The detectives turned

themselves in on Monday morning before the charges were unsealed and announced by Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Two — a Black and a Hispanic — face up to 25 years in prison if convicted of manslaughter. The third, who is Black, faces one year if convicted of reckless endangerment.

The grand jury's action angered some

activists, who had hoped for murder charges.

Five police officers fired 50 shots at Bell's car around 4 am on 25 November in the mistaken belief someone had gone to fetch a gun to settle a dispute inside a strip club where the three had attended Bell's bachelor party. Bell, who was to marry the mother of his two children that day, died in the car.

MNA/Reuters

## Anti-war protesters arrested on Wall Street

NEW YORK, 20 March — Police arrested several anti-war protesters outside the New York Stock Exchange on Monday after they lay in front of the entrance to mark the fourth anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq. There was no impact on trade.

There were fewer than 100 protesters and they were outnumbered by uniformed police 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. Protesters said 39

people were arrested. A police spokesman could not provide an exact number. Demonstrators said they were directing their protest at major

defence contractors Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Halliburton General Electric and others.

MNA/Reuters



Protesters display placards during a rally near the US Embassy in Manila, Philippines on 20 March, 2007 to mark the 4th anniversary of the US-led war in Iraq. Peace activists in the Philippines, joining a global protest, mark its fourth anniversary by calling an end of the war in Iraq. —INTERNET

## One survivor at Russia mine, death toll rises to 106

ULYANOVSKAYA MINE (Russia), 21 March — Rescuers found one survivor on Tuesday and hunted for four still missing in a Siberian coal mine, after 106 workers died in Russia's worst mining disaster since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Smoke, pockets of gas and collapsed roofs were hampering rescue efforts in the warren of shafts nearly 300 metres (1,000 feet) underground at the wrecked Ulyanovskaya

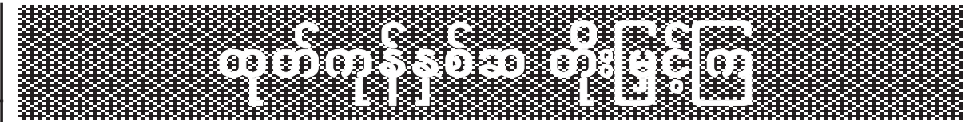
mine in the Kemerovo region, officials said.

As distraught relatives gathered outside

a morgue in a nearby city to identify their dead, Emergencies Minister Sergei Shoigu told Russian



A view of Ulyanovskaya mine near the town of Novokuznetsk in Kemerovo region, some 3,000 kilometres (1,864 miles) east of Moscow. —XINHUA



Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo slices a giant strawberry shaped shortcake that won the Guinness World Record's record for the largest fruit shortcake during her visit to La Trinidad in Benguet Province north of Manila on 19 March, 2007. —XINHUA

## British Government accused of timidity on climate change

LONDON, 20 March — The British Government is failing to get to grips with global warming, imposing inadequate green taxes and setting unambitious carbon cutting goals, a parliamentary committee said on Monday. The cross-party Environment Audit Committee said the proportion of all taxation made up by green taxes was far lower now, at 7.7 per cent, than in 1997 when the Labour Party came to power pledging to raise taxes on environmentally damaging activities. It accused the government of being too timid in its draft Climate Change Bill, which sets a legal target of cutting emissions of greenhouse gas carbon dioxide by 60 per cent from 1990 levels

by 2050, calling instead for an 80 per cent cut.

"What is required now is for the government seriously to increase the scale and speed of its policies," said committee chairman Tim Yeo.

The report, accusing the government of failing to reflect in policies the findings of a study by chief economist Nicholas Stern on the economics of global

warming, was issued two days before Finance Minister Gordon Brown presents the 2007 budget.

It says Brown's doubling of air passenger duty last December was inadequate and misguided in that it only restored the tax rates of five years ago, would do little to tackle aviation emissions and ignored air freight.

MNA/Reuters



In this photo distributed by China's Xinhua news agency, a pair of pandas for Hong Kong — the male young panda presently identified as No 606 (rear) and the female, No 610 — are seen together in the China Panda Protection and Research Centre in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 20 March, 2007. —XINHUA



A child gets a haircut in Huaibei City, east China's Anhui Province, on 20 March, 2007. According to the folk tradition, it would bring luck when one gets a haircut during the second day of the second Chinese lunar month, which falls on 20 March this year. Therefore, the hairdressing salons had more business on Tuesday. — XINHUA

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## NATO expansion at odds with Russia's interest

Moscow, 20 March — Russian Security Council chief Igor Ivanov on Sunday questioned NATO's capability to counter emerging security threats, and said its enlargement runs counter to the interests of Russia and the states about to join the alliance.

Terrorism is not on the ebb despite NATO's enlargement and the alliance cannot cope with the task of rebuffing present-day threats, Ivanov told the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, a think tank that gathers Russian politicians, officials, experts and business leaders.

relations," he said.

NATO's expansion is not just "an abstract, technical question" and Russia viewed all actions on its enlargement as political moves, he said.

"This enlargement goes against the interests of NATO, the states about to join NATO and other nations like Russia,"

Ivanov said. Seven countries — Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia — formally joined NATO on 29 March, 2004 in the fifth and largest round of enlargement in the alliance's history. —MNA/Xinhua

The United States, Britain and Spain have been stricken by terrorist attacks and the new NATO members are not feeling safe, Ivanov said. "Then the questions pop up: why does NATO expand? What is NATO's role in present-day international

## How 15 minutes' exercise can beat obesity

LONDON, 20 March — Just 15 minutes of brisk activity a day could halve the risk of children becoming obese, say researchers.

They discovered a small amount of moderate exercise could have far-reaching benefits.

More exercise could prevent children from becoming trapped in a cycle of ill-health.

Walking or cycling to school instead of being taken in a car could

prevent children from becoming trapped in a cycle of ill-health.

The Bristol University Children of the 90s research project monitored 5,500 12-year-olds.

It found 15 minutes of extra activity cut the risk of becoming obese by more than half in boys and at least 40 per cent in girls.

Professor Chris Riddoch, who led the team, said: "This study provides some of the first robust evidence on the link

between physical activity and obesity in children. We know that diet is important - but what this research tells us is that we mustn't forget about activity.

'It's been really surprising to us how even small amounts of exercise appear to have dramatic results.' The number of fat children has doubled in ten years with one in four aged 11-15 now classified as obese. Almost half of girls are obese or overweight.

Junk food, sedentary

lifestyles and the Couch potatoes use of TV as an 'electronic babysitter' are blamed for creating the problem.

At the same time, levels of inactivity have soared as many children no longer take part in competitive sports at school and playing fields have been sold off.

The Government has set a target to halt the rise in obesity among children under 11 by 2010.

Internet

## Argentine military police seize 2000-year-old antique

BUENOS AIRES, 20 March — Argentina's military police said on Sunday they had seized a 2,000-year-old ceramic antique in a routine search of a vehicle in the northern Argentine province of Catamarca.

The artwork was an ocarina — an eight-holed wind instrument, made of gray-black ceramic, with a figure of a cat on one side and of a bird's head on the other.

Police said the driver could not prove that he had the authority to transport the valuable figure.

The ocarina will be shown at the Eric Borman museum in Catamarca, which is 1,100 kilometres north of the capital city. — MNA/Xinhua

## Egyptian boy tests positive for bird flu

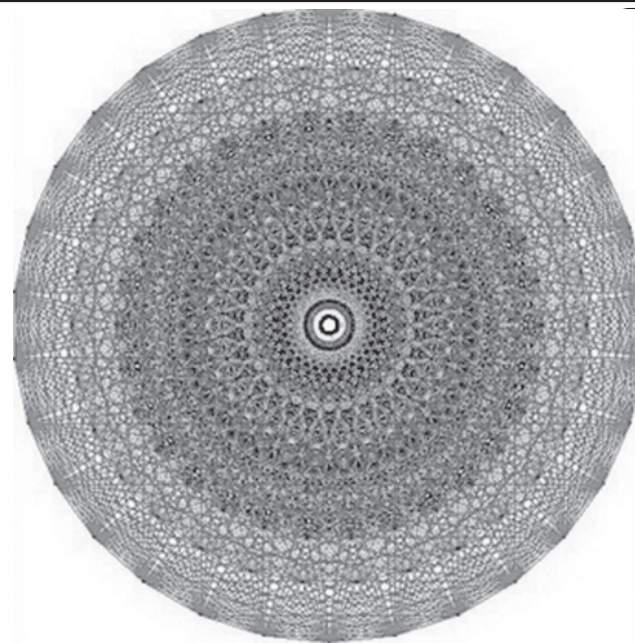
CAIRO, 20 March — A 2-year-old Egyptian boy has tested positive for bird flu, becoming the country's 26th human case of avian influenza, Egypt's Health Ministry said in a statement on Monday.

The statement gave the child's name as Youssef Mohamed Mahmoud, and said he had been admitted to hospital in the southern city of Aswan on Fri being infected with the deadly virus.

Mahmoud had been treated and was in stable condition, and his family were being kept under observation, the statement added.

On Wednesday a 10-year-old girl in Aswan tested positive for bird flu.

MNA/Reuters



In a computer generated illustration supplied by the American Institute of Mathematics, the E8 root system related to the Lie group E8, which is 248 dimensions, is seen. A math problem so complicated that its solution would cover the island of Manhattan if written out was cracked by researchers after going unsolved for more than a century. INTERNET

## Avalanche, floods kill 17 in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 March — At least 17 people have been killed in Afghanistan in an avalanche and floods triggered by heavy rain and several villages were inundated, officials said on Monday.

Twelve people, including women and children, were killed in the avalanche in the central province of Ghor on Sunday, deputy-governor Ikra-

muddin, who uses only one name, said.

Five people died in flash floods in the western province of Badghis, also on Sunday, another official said.

Floods had also hit several villages in Uruzgan Province.

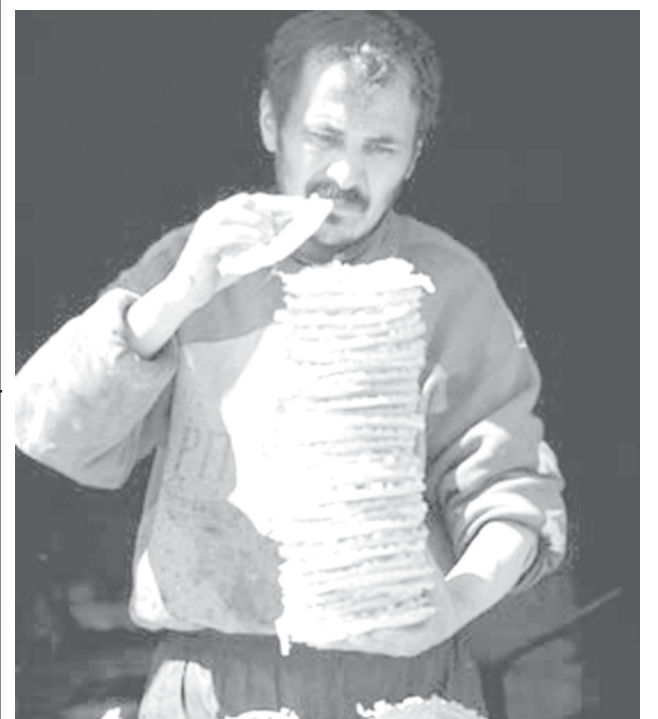
Aircraft had been deployed to evacuate about 1,000 people in the province as the Helmand

river, which runs through Uruzgan, was rising, it said.

The rains had also damaged or destroyed several mud houses in the rugged and remote province, an Afghan official said.

Many parts of drought-stricken Afghanistan have received heavy rain in recent days, residents said.

MNA/Reuters



An Afghan shopkeeper collects some Jalabi, a kind of confectionary in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 20 March, 2007. Afghans are preparing to celebrate their new year's day of "Nauroz" on Wednesday. Fish and Jalabi are important food and gifts on Nauroz. As a tradition, men on this day take new clothes, fish and Jalabi to their fiancées' homes. — XINHUA

# Like Father, Like Son teleplay to be screened soon

The news that the Myanmar Radio and Television and the Myawady Broadcasting Station will soon screen

motherland.”

Tin Aung Soe (Pan Myodaw) was born in the family of a Tatmadaw member. When he grew

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

The theme of the teleplay is about the life of a sergeant who leads a well-disciplined life, who cherishes and loves his motherland and who adores his family.

Its structure is about the family of Sergeant Ye Tint (Academy Lu Min) and his wife Mya Hnin Zi (Academy Pan Phyu) and Pyi Nyein Aye (Heavy Phyo in childhood and Min Mawgun in adult). Sergeant Ye Tint wanted his son to be more brilliant than he was. So, he

the role of Mya Hnin Zi, the wife of a Tatmadaw member. Her role of facing and braving various forms of hardships and receiving no help of others and overcoming the difficulties to nurture his son is very satisfactory.

The acts of how Pyi Nyein Aye (Min Mawgun) became a disciplined and dynamic young man, as nurtured by his father, how his mother (Pan Phyu) was overwhelmed by grief when she wanted his son



*The teleplay features a victory over the enemies due to the harmonious cooperation of Army, Navy and Air Forces, supporting forces and the people for defending the motherland.*

**Writer Tin Aung Soe (Pan Myodaw)**

wife Khin Khin Oo (Academy May Thinzar Oo) and their daughter Thawda Khin Oo (Academy Nandar Hlaing) in their parts played good roles. Member Sai Tun Aung (Nay Myo Aung) of Muse Red Cross Society acted as a young man with a sense of social ethics.

The teleplay was shot in many scenes such as Sisiwan-Tarpan region, Myitkyina, Kalaw, Inlay, Meiktila and Aungban. The part in which Pyi Nyein Aye (Min Mawgun) and Thawdar Khin Oo (Nandar Hlaing) reunited will win the satisfaction of the audience.

And the part in which Pyi Nyein Aye (Min Mawgun) lost consciousness due to his injuries and in his mind he is engaged in the battle together with his father is like a dream, but very exciting.

The audience will enjoy several parts of battles. Tin Aung Soe (Pan Myodaw) helped the film director write script throughout the play, so it will arouse the emotional feelings of the audience.

The teleplay Like Father, Like Son will be soon screened to fulfil the wishes of the people looking forward to it.

**Translation: MS**  
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**Moe Yan (Tun Tun) and La Wun Khin (Thet Mon Myint) seen in their role.**

the teleplay “Like Father, Like Son” shot to hail the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day is spreading among the people.

The teleplay is drawing the attention of the people. We members of a media team of the Myanma Alin daily conducted an interview with story writer Captain Tin Aung Soe [Tin Aung Soe (Pan Myodaw)].

In an interview, he said, “It is based on a true story. Film director Bagyi Soe Moe and script writer



**Lt-Col Win Thaw (Zin Waing) acts in a crucial scene.**

up, he joined the armed forces. He had led a life of a Tatmadaw member, and faced struggles and

nurtured his son to be morally developed and to cultivate good habits since his childhood.

Sergeant Ye Tint was engaged in the battle at risk to his life in Sisiwan-Tarpan region in 1986. He played an important role in the turning point of the battle.

Lu Min acted the role of sergeant Ye Tint in the battle very well. His love for mother country and daring spirit are worthy of praise. Without being urged by anyone, local people, Red Cross members and medical staff, in order to achieve victory in the battle, contributed their services such as giving away meal packets to Tatmadaw members, and carrying the wounded soldiers to the hospital, as happened really. So, it was spine-chilling and satisfactory.

And Pan Phyu acted

to be a soldier who loved his motherland like his father, but she could not bear for the fact that his son would leave her, and how he joined the Defence Services Academy in the end are very fascinating.

The acts of Pyi Nyein Aye’s school friends Moe Yan (Tun Tun) and La Wun Khin (Thet Mon Myint) are in conformity with the theme, and they worked hard to play their roles.

In addition, sergeant Ye Tint’s Commanding Officer Lt-Col Win Thaw (Academy Zin Waing) and



**Red Cross member Sai Tun Aung (Nay Myo Aung) and Thawdar Khin Oo (Nandar Hlaing) in a scene.**

and co-director Nyein Min edited my work so that the script will be a firm and compact one. The teleplay features a victory over the enemies due to the harmonious cooperation of Army, Navy and Air Force, supporting forces and the people for defending the

hardships, and so he could create a good story of Like Father, Like Son.

“It features how Tatmadaw members and their life partners have to lead their life, and that the life of a Tatmadaw member’s wife is full of adversities and profound experiences”, he said.



**Pyi Nyein Aye (Min Mawgun) and Thawdar Khin Oo (Nandar Hlaing).**



**The part of Sisiwan-Tarpan battle is thrilling.**

**HAILING THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY:**

# The building of a new nation with Tatmadaw's leadership

*Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)*

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



In the past and at present also, the Tatmadaw has been the obvious patriotic force safeguarding the people against dangers from inside and outside the nation.

During the anti-colonialist and anti-Fascist struggles to regain independence, the Tatmadaw led the entire people to realize the goal. The Tatmadaw then crushed multi-coloured armed insurgency that broke out soon after the regaining of independence and was harming the public lives and property.

History has already witnessed the Tatmadaw as a reliable force safeguarding the nation and the people every time the latter faced the gravest danger of national fragmentation. Of the dangers, the 1988 unrest was the most dreadful and harmful chaos. The Tatmadaw

took the leading role in saving the nation then.

So gruesome was the unrest that the people loathe it to the degree of desiring to forget the whole event.

But we must take lessons of the past to prevent the recurrence of such unrest in the future. We must have the ability to assess and take lessons of the past to become citizens with clear vision to shape the future. So, I am going to recount the four '88' unrest.

There were three aspects in the unrest. One was the Burma Socialist Programme Party, another was the trouble makers and the third was the Tatmadaw.

As soon as the then President Dr Maung Maung of the BSPP lifted the martial law, there broke out unrest that spread to the whole nation. Some former leaders of the parliamentary era, some former senior

Tatmadaw officers, and a person who returned to Myanmar from abroad on family visit were vying with one another for the leadership. There was no unity even between the so-called leaders of the unrest that was spinning out of control. On the other hand, the Tatmadaw was standing firmly as an independent institution that had no connections or relations at all with any political party.

The late U Nu, who founded Democracy and Peace Party on 28 August 1988 announced a parallel government on 9 September that he was the legitimate prime minister; and the BCP central committee demanded total dissolution of the BSPP government on 13 September. The entire nation was tired of hearing the many senseless demands and declarations. The worst was that there were open plots and acts to destroy the Tatmadaw

that was standing firmly and was not siding with neither the then government nor its opponents.

A demand to dissolve the then government and to form an interim government, with false signatures of the then Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the then Commander-in-Chief (Air) appeared together with rumours saying that the Navy would attack with big guns and the Air Force with bombs and the slanders against the Tatmadaw, with the intention of breaking it apart.

Demands and slanders did not stop there. They grew bigger and harsher till becoming antagonisms and evil plots that led to atrocities including beheadings in daylight, ganged-up killings and bullies and destruction and looting of public and State-owned property, seizure of police stations and emergence of

thief markets where stolen goods were openly sold. People were living under constant fear.

Later, the administrative and other machinery of the BSPP government came to a halt. The stable and strong Tatmadaw during the time was requesting the whole nation against hatching any plots to destroy it, while paying attention to its engagements with armed insurgents that were becoming more and more active in the border areas.

As the Tatmadaw was watching the situation calmly, some daredevils were even committing terrorist acts with the ultimate intention of breaking up the Tatmadaw.

Saboteurs were openly challenging the top commanders of the Tatmadaw using excessively abusive language at a place at the corner of Yangon Zoological Gardens on 16

September, while ignoring the Defence Ministry's request with total disregard; and mobs were even holding clubs, swords and gingali (catapult-like weapons) trying to insult and threaten the Tatmadaw. On 7 September, saboteurs holding the said weapons seized Tatmadawmen taking security duty and 23 guns and rounds of ammunition after storming the Ministry of Trade, and burnt down three cars on the road. Terrorist acts to insult and destroy the Tatmadaw were rough.

Four Tatmadawmen sacrificed their lives and three others were seriously wounded when they were beaten by mobs.

Two policemen were beheaded by rabbles and 24 more were killed and ten others were badly injured when they were attacked with clubs, knives and gingali.

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**Everyone knows that the substitution of the dissolved socialist system with democracy cannot be easily done. It is common knowledge that a certain length of time is required to gently realize this end. The length of transitional period depends on the national unity, public vision and the leadership under which all are serving as a consolidated force. The transitional period will be long even if a party or group is opposing the gentle democracy transition.**

## The building of a new nation with...

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Mobs also beheaded 55 innocent civilians and killed 18 others with clubs, knives and gingali.

During the unrest State-owned property valued at K 621.4 million was destroyed or looted. As the general deteriorating situation served as a request to save the nation in time, the Tatmadaw, the strongest and the most loyal patriotic force of the nation took over the State duties on 18 September.

At that time, the Tatmadaw was countering the BCP and KNU offensives at the border, sacrificing lots of lives, blood and sweat in safeguarding the nation against armed insurgency.

During the period from September 1988 to May 1992, the Tatmadaw

launched 1301 major battles and 5755 minor battles, in which 3266 members of the Armed Forces sacrificed their lives, 11,210 wounded and 186 missing in action and it also lost 1809 assorted weapons. In the battles, 4356 insurgents were killed, 881 were taken prisoner, and 3735 assorted arms were seized. A total of 1544 insurgents also surrendered.

After the Tatmadaw defeated armed insurgents with its effective military skills and won the victory, it began its nation-building task.

The message sent by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe to the 72nd Anniversary National Day that fell on 18 November 1992 states the Tatmadaw-sponsored nation-building task as follows:

"All the national races will have to collectively strive for the flourishing of genuine democracy and emergence of an enduring State Constitution in the Union of Myanmar, while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty — and accepting the government's leadership."

Everyone knows that the substitution of the dissolved socialist system with democracy cannot be easily done. It is common knowledge that a certain length of time is required to gently realize this end. The length of transitional period depends on the national unity, public vision and the leadership

under which all are serving as a consolidated force. The transitional period will be long if a party or group is opposing the gentle democracy transition.

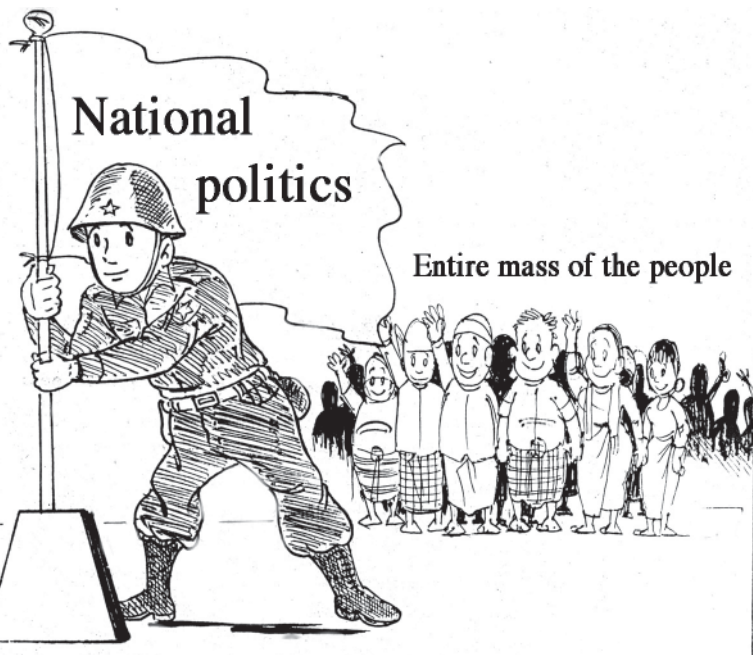
The Tatmadaw carried out all necessary tasks to build a new nation. In 1993, the Tatmadaw convened the National Convention, inviting all suitable persons to lay down and adopt fundamental principles and detailed basic principles.

First, it laid the sound foundations of peace, stability and security in the whole nation. And then, it has been building infrastructures including roads, bridges large and small, irrigation networks and power projects and carrying out many other development undertakings in the entire nation including border areas to lay sound economic foundations to be able to properly exercise democracy.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw has been in the process of implementing the seven-step Road Map. A new peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state will emerge with glory in the world after the successful implementation of the Road Map.

It is the national duty of every citizen to play a role in the task of building a new nation.

(Translation: TMT)



## MMCWA donates medicines to No 1 Obstetric, Gynaecological and Paediatric Hospital

YANGON, 21 March — Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members arrived at Defence Services Obstetric, Gynaecological and Paediatric Hospital No 1 (300-bed) in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint explained the tasks of the association and the purpose of the donation, and presented medicines worth K3 million to Commandant Col Kyaw Nyunt. — MNA

**Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents medicines to Commandant Col Kyaw Nyunt.**  
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## 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 from the Chronicle

- \* To save the pure gold heritage  
And wrest Myanmar territory  
From the quagmire of slavery  
With Patriotic Spirit, staunch  
Continual generations with their strength  
Born of the people, people's blood kin  
Firm and strong, for the people  
Sacrificed lives over the generations  
The Tatmadaw, the victorious soldiers  
Daring to do, assembled together  
The Tatmadaw will tackle all impediments  
Including all the enemies, uprooting them  
With bravery and tenacity  
All that in history will have to be recalled.
- \* The desire to serve the people  
Held uppermost and want to battle  
The good day in the month of March in the past  
Every time the 27th comes by  
The heart beats with renewed tempo  
Memoried to quell colonialist fascist war  
of intrusion  
Just so the dirty acts would end  
Had to leave the children and wife  
All leave homesteads for love of nation  
Had to quell all enemies, those good sons of Myanmar  
All that in history will have to be recalled.
- \* For the Independence, glaringly outstanding  
Grand and so as to make it stand till eternity  
For it is last just as long, the Myanmar  
Tatmadaw  
Noble sons of the land, with due  
Revolutionary vigilance...  
All that in history will have to be recalled.

Hinthada Myint Ngwe (Trs)

(Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

**Senior General  
Than Shwe, wife  
Daw Kyaing Kyaing  
welcome President  
of Lao PDR  
Mr Choummaly  
Sayasone and wife  
Madam Keosaychay  
Sayasone**



*Senior General Than Shwe and Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone take salute of the Guard of Honour. — MNA*



*(from page 1)*

and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, the ministers and their wives, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, the director-general of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and wife and the embassy staff.

Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department and Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet boarded the aircraft and welcomed the Laotian President.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing welcomed the Laotian President and wife.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and Mr Choummaly Sayasone took the salute of the Guard of Honour while the State Band played the national anthems of the two countries.

Next, the Laotian President and Senior General Than Shwe inspected the Guard of Honour. The Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone introduced his goodwill delegation members to Senior General Than Shwe.

Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone cordially greeted Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and members.

Then, Mrs Pinkeo A Souphakhet, wife of the Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar, presented a bou-

quet to President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone.

Afterwards, the goodwill delegation led by the Laotian President and wife proceeded to the Hotel Zone.

The Laotian President was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, and ministers and senior officials.

To welcome the Laotian goodwill delegation, welcoming banners and arches bearing "Warm welcome to President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone" displaying both in Myanmar and English languages and photos of the leaders of two countries were erected at the entrance to the airport and Hotel Zone in Nay Pyi Taw. The state flags of both countries were also flown at roundabouts. — MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe and Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA*



## General Thura Shwe Mann inspects drill of parade columns at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March —Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence inspected drill of military columns that will participate in the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, from the training ground to the parade ground, here, this morning.

Accompanied by Members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the Leading Committee, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Chairman of the Parade Working Committee Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win and senior military officers, General Thura Shwe Mann arrived at the Nay  
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**General  
Thura  
Shwe  
Mann  
inspects  
drill of  
parade  
columns.**

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## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets members of Committee for Ensuring Speedy and Regular Freight-handling and Operating Full Capacity

YANGON, 21 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein met members of the Committee for Ensuring Speedy and Regular Freight-handling and Operating Full Capacity

at the head office of Myanma Port Authority in Kyauktada Township on 19 March morning.

Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Chairman of the Committee Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, members and officials of the SPDC office.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe reported on the organizational set-

up of the committee, duties and functions, annual freight-handling, formation of inspection teams, inspection for safety of containers, collection of inspection charges and auction system.

Managing

Director U Thein Htay of MPA submitted reports on dredging of sand banks in Yangon River and use of fuel.

After attending to the needs, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions.

At No 3 Bo Aung

Kyaw Jetty of Container Yard in Botahtaung Township, the Secretary-1 together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander, inspected checking export and import goods and inspecting containers with the use of X-ray machine, and instructed officials to make efforts for speedy and regular freight-handling.

At No 5 Sule Jetty, they inspected unloading of imported cement from the vessel and loading of containers.

They proceeded to Asia World Jetty in Ahlon Township, and viewed inspection of containers through X-ray machine. Later, the Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements of the tasks and left the jetty. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views inspection of containers at Asia World Jetty in Ahlon Township. — MNA

# Secretary-1 attends 13th cash donation for clean water supply

## 168 wellwishers donate K 149 million

YANGON, 21 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted cash donation from the wellwishers at the 13th cash donation ceremony for supply of clean water in rural areas, organized by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, at the hall of Development Affairs Department in Thanlyetsoon of Botahtaung Township on

19 March afternoon. Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon

Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and wellwishers. First, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt reported on matters related to supply of clean water in rural areas. He said that the government is implementing the border area development plan, the 24 special region development plan and five rural development tasks

Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions and 15,183 villages in 14 other States and Divisions.

Tasks have been carried out to supply clean water to 7891 villages among 8042 in three arid divisions or 98 per cent up to the end of February 2007 in the 2006-07 financial year. Likewise, 9206 villages out of 15,183 villages in 14 other states and divisions or 61 per cent have been facilitated with supply of

million, euro 770, FEC 10,012 and ¥ 734.08 million on supply of clean water with the contributions of Development Affairs Committees, wellwishers at home and abroad and international organizations.

A total of 1753 wellwishers have donated over K 1402.7 million US\$ 76,752, euro 770 and FEC 10,012 for the water supply task from the first to the 12th cash donation ceremonies. Not only the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at 13th cash donation ceremony for rural area water supply project. — MNA



for development of the nation. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had given guidance to lay down the 10-year plan to supply

clean water up to the end of February in 2006-07 financial year. Hence, a total of 17,097 villages out of 23,225 in all States and

Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization and other social organizations but also Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ), UNICEF actively participated in the tasks of supplying clean water to rural areas.

The people of 34 townships — 10 in Sagaing Division, 12 in Magway Division and 12 in Mandalay Division — can enjoy fruits of water supply tasks. In conclusion, the minister said that although one tubewell each has been sunk in all villages of the above mentioned townships, more tubewells will be sunk for supplying clean water to

the increasing population. At the cash donation ceremony, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai donated K 1 million; officers and other ranks of the Tatmadaw (Navy) K 1.8 million; MWVO K 1 million; USDA K 2

million; MWAFF K 1.6 million; MMCWA K 500,000; Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd K 7 million; and Myanma Economic Corporation K 2.5 million for the safe drinking water supply project in rural areas through Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, (See page 11)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.

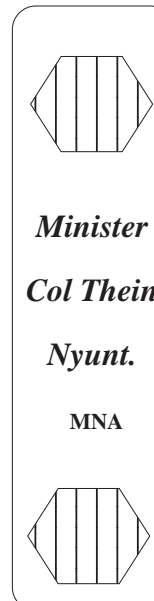
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Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and

clean water to all villages in three divisions of the arid region. According to the study list, there are 23,225 villages that need clean water in the entire nation — 8042 in

Divisions have been supplied with clean water.

In implementing the plan, the government has spent K 8,937.69 million, US\$ 5.67



Minister Col Thein Nyunt.

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## General Thura Shwe Mann...

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Pyi Taw Parade Ground here at 6 am.

They inspected the parade drill of Tatmadawmen, police members, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and members of Myanmar Red Cross Society of Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Gyi and Commanding Officer Lt-Col Kyaw Aung, Kyansittha Column led by Column Commander Col Thein Zaw and CO Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Captain Zaw Oo (Navy) and CO Cmdr Win Myint Aung (Navy), Aungzeya Column led by Column Commander Col San Win and CO Lt-Col Zaw Win Aung, Hsinbyushin Column led by Column Commander Col Than Lwin and CO Lt-Col Thet Wai, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Hsint and CO Lt-Col Thurein Kyaw and Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Nay Win and CO Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Nyunt under the commander of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung and Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myint Lwin.

After attending to the needs, General Thura Shwe Mann left the Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground at 8 am.

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## Secretary-1 attends 13th cash...

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ministers, the Chairman of CSSTB, the Mayor, deputy ministers and the commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command.

Today's donation for the water supply tasks by 168 wellwishers totalled K 149 million. A wellwisher explained the purpose of the donations.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said that Our Three Main National Causes and objectives laid down by the Head of State for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation, the border areas and national races development project, the 24 special regions development project and five rural development tasks are now being implemented harmoniously for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union.

The development affairs committees have been assigned major duties for smooth transportation and supply of water for rural areas where about 70 per cent of the population live in the drive for rural development.

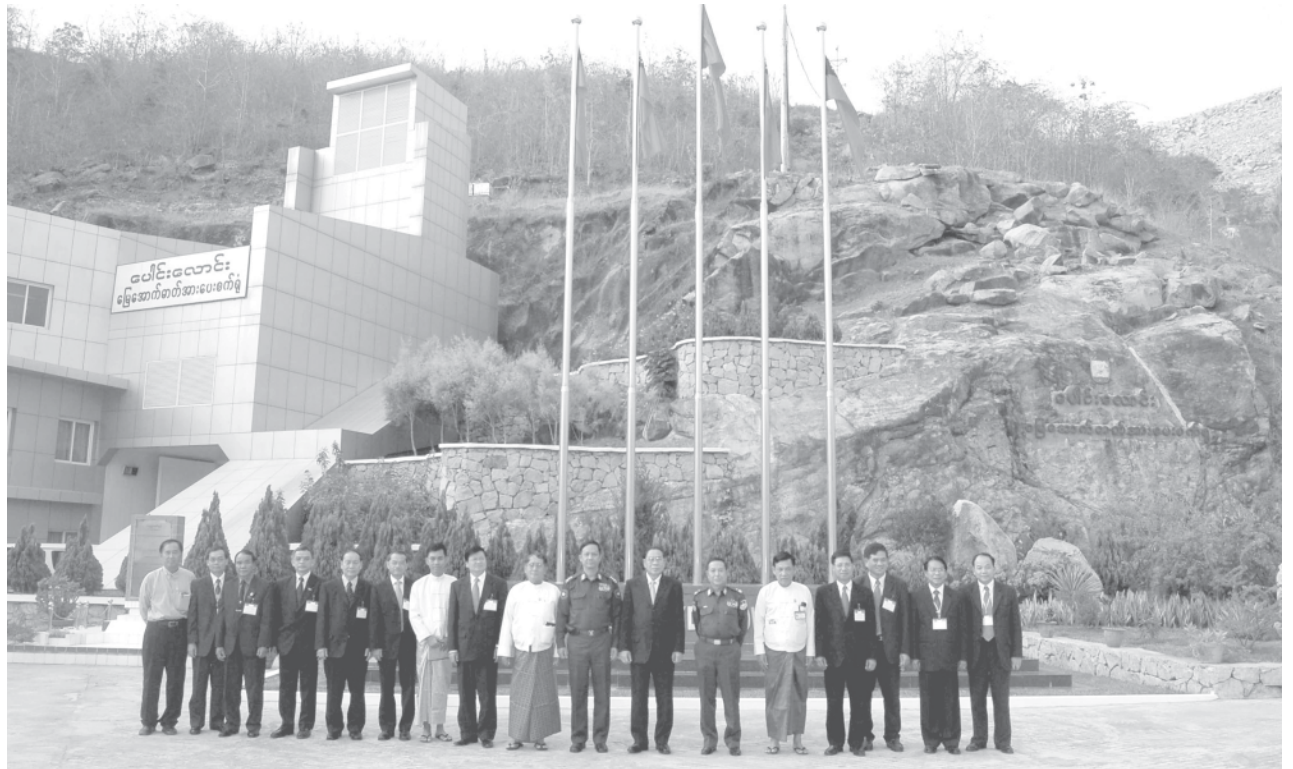
According to the data collected in 1999 by the Development Affairs Department, 8042 villages in arid zones and 15,183 villages in the remaining states and divisions needed sufficient clean water.

Local people in the arid zones with only a little annual rainfall have to deal with the major problem of clean water in the hot season. Spending about six hours, they have to walk for four to five miles to fetch a barrel or a yoke of buckets of clean water. Consequently, they cannot pay a serious attention to other important work and they often suffer dysentery, diarrhoea and the diseases based on use of unclean water.

So, the department launched the 10-year clean water supply project for rural areas in 2000-2001 financial year with the funds of the government and the development affairs committees, cash donations of wellwishers, and contributions by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and international NGOs.

Thanks to the cooperation, between 2000-2001 and February in 2007, the project had benefited 7891

## Lao PDR President and party visit Paunglaung Underground Power Station



Goodwill delegation led by Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone pose for documentary photos together with Minister Col Zaw Min in front of Paunglaung underground power station.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 March — Visiting President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and goodwill delegation members, accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this afternoon, visited Paunglaung Underground Power Station, 11 miles northeast of Pynmana.

The visiting President and party were welcomed by Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and service personnel

of the station.

At the meeting hall, Minister Col Zaw Min extended greetings to the guests and explained facts about the power station and supply of power.

After exchanging souvenirs, the visiting President signed in the visitors' book. Next, Minister Col Zaw Min conducted the visiting President and party round the machine room of the power station.

The Laotian President and party posed for documentary photo together with the minister, the deputy minister and personnel in front of the power station, and left for Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone.

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Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, visits Paunglaung Underground Power Station. — MNA

of 8042 villages in three arid zones—Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions. So, about eight million local people have had an access to clean water.

And in other states and divisions, 9206 of the 15,183 villages have enjoyed clean water.

The committees are now sinking test-tube-wells in the delta and coastal regions, and the project is showing prospects. So, continued efforts are to be made to achieve the goal.

Between the first time and the twelfth time, 1753 wellwishers donated K 1402.79 million, 76,752 US dollars, 770 Euros and 10,012 FECs. And in the

13th time, wellwishers donated more than K 140 million. In accordance with the directives of the ministry and the department, responsible officials are to make increased efforts in sinking tube-wells and digging lakes and give educative talks to local people for ensuring durability of the facilities. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 expressed thanks to the wellwishers.

He cordially greeted the well wishers and observed the documentary photos of activities carried out by the ministry for supply of clean water to rural areas.

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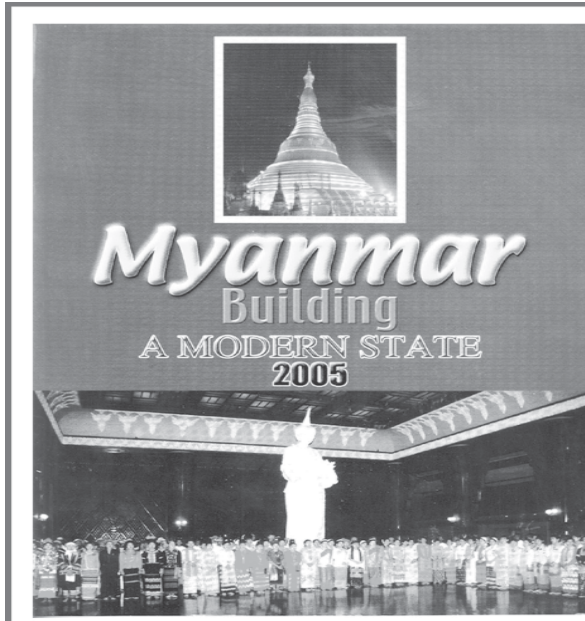
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**Beijing welcomes 436,000 overseas tourists in January, February**

BEIJING, 20 March— Beijing played host to 436,000 overseas tourists in the first two months of the year, a year-on-year

rise of 6.7 per cent, said sources with the municipal statistics bureau Saturday.

Of the overseas tourists, 360,000 came from foreign countries for an increase of 6.4 per cent and 76,000 were from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao, and their numbers jumped 8.2 per cent over the same period last year.

In January and February, the number of Japanese tourists climbed to 67,000, up 24.5 per cent year on year, accounting for 15.3 per cent of all overseas tourists. Travellers from the Republic of Korea also rose notably to 64,000, an increase of 8.7 per cent.

Since 2005, the number of tourists from Taiwan who have visited the capital has been on the rise. In the first two months, more than 31,000 tourists from Taiwan toured in Beijing, up 26.8 per cent over the same period last year.

The number of travellers from Hong Kong, however, declined to 43,000, a drop of 2.8 per cent. Beijing's major scenic spots attracted nearly 12 million visitors from both home and abroad in the first two months this year, earning the sites 330 million yuan, up 35.6 per cent year on year. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Scientists produce ice hotter than boiling water**

BEIJING, 19 March — Researchers using the US Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories Z machine, which generates temperatures hotter than the sun, have produced ice that is hotter than boiling water — and they do it in nanoseconds.

“The three phases of water as we know them — cold ice, room temperature liquid, and hot vapor — are actually only a small part of water's repertory of states,” said Sandia researcher Daniel Dolan. “Compressing water customarily heats it. But under extreme compression, it is easier for dense water to enter its solid phase [ice] than maintain the more energetic liquid phase [water].”

Most things shrink when they get cold, and so they take up less space as solids than as liquids. But regular ice takes up more space than water.

In the new experiment the volume of “water shrank abruptly and discontinuously, consistent with the formation of almost every known form of ice except the ordinary kind,” according to a Sandia statement Thursday.

Apparently, there are at least 11 other types of icemost of us don't know about. They're classified by how they behave at certain temperatures and pressures. You might have heard of one: Supercooled water can be below 32 degrees but not frozen.

The Sandia research is being done because scientists don't know the specifics of all these states.

Dolan said the work “helps us understand materials at extreme conditions.”

He was surprised by how quickly the water froze. Rapid compression — around 70,000 times normal atmospheric pressure in a tiny fraction of a second — caused the rapid freezing, he thinks. When the pressure was relieved, the ice melted.

“Apparently it's virtually impossible to keep water from freezing at pressures beyond 70,000 atmospheres,” Dolan said. — Internet

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**Beijing to complete construction of a new light railway by 2010**

BEIJING, 20 March—Construction on a light rapid transit rail line connecting Beijing's downtown and the city's eastern economic-technological development areas will start this year and is expected to be complete by 2010, the *Beijing Morning Post* reports Saturday.

The 23.8 kilometre Yizhuang light rail line will begin at the Songjiazhuang station on the No 5 subway line and end at the Yizhuang Railway Station in the eastern Yizhuang development area, according to the management committee of Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area.

There will be 14 stations along the light rail line, eight aboveground and six underground.

“The light rail will run through the Yizhuang development area and four other districts in eastern and southern Beijing, providing a rapid transit system for the area,” said Zhang Boxu, director of the committee. “It will help boost the development of the eastern area as well as ease the traffic pressure on Beijing's historic downtown.” The Beijing municipal government has approved a blueprint for the development of Yizhuang New Town, which will cover 100 square kilometres and provide homes for 700,000 people. —MNA/Xinhua

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A Russian technician walks inside the Reactor building of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, in southern Iran, February 2006. Russia is pulling out many technicians, engineers and other specialists from the Iranian nuclear reactor plant Bushehr, Austria Press Agency (APA) reported on 21 March, 2007.

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## French musician shot dead near Rio, suspect nabbed

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 March** — Robbers shot dead a French musician on a highway near Brazil's crime-ridden city of Rio de Janeiro in front of his wife and child and police said on Tuesday they arrested one of the two suspects.

Sebastien Gressez, 29, was touring with a band called South Side, which was heading from Rio to Sao Paulo. He was travelling in a car with his family following the band's bus. When the bus had to stop to change a flat tyre on Monday evening on the outskirts of Rio, Gressez also stopped on the curb to help. He was approached by two men on a motorcycle, who demanded that he gave them his cell phone and wallet.

Police say Gressez "reacted to robbery", prompting one of the assailants to pull the trigger. "Reacting to robbery" is a common cause of death in Rio police

reports — a vague description that can mean anything from nervous behaviour and a sudden movement to fighting assailants.

Police said they arrested one suspect and identified the shooter and were looking for him.

Rio State Governor Sergio Cabral urged police to arrest "the lowlifes, the heartless criminals" who shot the Frenchman. Cabral spoke at a religious service for 38 police officers killed in Rio since the start of the year in what he said was retaliation for police efforts to clamp down on drug gangs. — MNA/Reuters

## Watson turns down contract for final two "Potter" films

**BEIJING, 20 March.** — Harry Potter star Emma Watson has reportedly refused to sign a new contract to star in the last two movies in the JK Rowling fantasy series—despite being offered 3.9 million US dollars to continue her role as Hermione Granger.

The 16-year-old—who was confronted by a crazed fan at her British school earlier this week—has allegedly tired of her role as Harry Potter's best friend and wants to try new projects.

But her decision has thrown the final two films, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and Harry



Emma Watson

Potter and the Deathly Hallows, into disarray, with filming due to start later this year.

Rupert Grint, who plays Ron Weasley in the fantasy franchise, tells British newspaper the News of the World, "Emma doesn't want to do it anymore. She's tired of being known as 'that

girl from Harry Potter.'

"Daniel (Radcliffe) and I are distant from her now. We don't text or talk to her when we are not filming." Movie giants Warner Brothers today confirmed Watson has not signed on for any more Harry Potter movies.

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## Experts say cooking smoke killing 1.6 mln poor a year

**NEW DELHI, 20 March** — More than 1.6 million people are dying every year from the effects of breathing in poisonous smoke from animal dung, wood and coal used for cooking, experts said on Monday.

More than three billion people — half the world's population — rely on the burning of solid fuels to prepare their meals because they cannot afford cleaner alternatives or do not have access to electricity.

Environmental experts said in New Delhi the cooking smoke was killing women and children in India, China, Africa and elsewhere.

"There is an enormous massacre happening in the world, yet little attention is given to this," said Ashok Khosla, chairman of Development Alternatives, an Indian voluntary group that promotes clean technology for rural communities. "Most of those that suffer are women who cook in the rural kitchens of the Third World and their young children who spend much time indoors with their mothers."

MNA/Reuters

## Minister says Zambia's bio-fuel policy on course

**LUSAKA, 20 March** — The Zambian government has finalized the process to develop a bio-fuel policy aimed at facilitating the production of ethanol in Zambia, local newspaper *Times of Zambia* reported on Monday.

Energy and Water Development Minister

Felix Mutati said the Zambian Government had also put in place the Bio-fuel Act of 2007 which would provide guidelines on how stakeholders in the industry would operate, according to the paper.

Mutati said the development would help to reduce the amount of

foreign exchange spent on the importation of crude oil. He added that the bio-fuel policy which was finalized recently after consultations among the stakeholders was awaiting Cabinet approval before being launched. The minister said the bio-fuel policy would clearly define standards in

terms of production, distribution and cost.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four killed in northern Baghdad attacks

**TIKRIT (Iraq), 20 March** — Four people were killed and five others wounded in separate incidents north of Baghdad, a source from US-Iraqi liaison office said on Monday.

"A roadside bomb detonated early in the morning near an Iraqi Army patrol in the town of al-Dowr, capital of Salahudin Province, some 155 kilometres north of Baghdad, killing one soldier and wounding three others," the source from the Joint Coordination

Centre in Tikrit told *Xinhua*. Late on Sunday, unknown gunmen attacked a military position for the Iraqi oil infrastructure protection force in northeastern Tikrit, 170 kilometres north of Baghdad, killing one soldier, the source said. Meanwhile, a roadside bomb went off near a bus travelling on the main road of Dujail City, some 60 kilometres north of Baghdad, damaging the bus and killing two people aboard, the source said. — MNA/Xinhua



A visitor reclines at a museum in Wolfsburg, Germany. The museum now allows patrons remain an extra hour once each week, giving them a chance to doze off in front its art collection. The practice might be a good way to enjoy World Sleep Day, which falls today. The International Foundation for Mental Health and Neuro-Science launched the day to enhance people's awareness of sleeping problems. — INTERNET

# SPORTS

## BOCOG president meets AFP chairman

BEIJING, 21 March — Liu Qi, president of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), said China is aiming at achieving better results at the 2008 Olympic Games, but not necessarily the top position on medal table.

In a meeting with Pierre Louette, Chairman of *Agence France-Presse* here on Tuesday, Liu Qi denied that China had a strong willing to exceed the United States to top the medal table at the 2008 Olympic Games. "All Chinese people are expecting this rare opportunity to play host to this Olympic Games," Liu Qi said, "Chinese athletes got quite good results in 2006 and the whole sporting level of China had been improved." — *MNA/Xinhua*



*China's Liu Yin shouts instructions as she guides a stone in during the World Women's Curling Championship against United States held in Aomori, northern Japan, on Wednesday, 21 March, 2007.*

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## Russia tops medal table at swimming worlds

MELBOURNE, 21 March — Russia swept the two golds on offer here on Tuesday to keep its top position in the medal table with five golds.

Larisa Ilchenko overcame bites of the jellyfish in the St. Kilda beach to clinch the title of women's 10km open water swimming with a result of two hours, three minutes and 57.9 seconds.

As Ilchenko had won the 5km event on Sunday, the 18-year-old ace managed to defend the two world titles she won last year at the 2006 Open Water World Championships in Naples, Italy.

British Cassandra Pattern finished second and Australian Kate Brookes-Peterson grabbed her second bronze medal.

Ilchenko's compatriot Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova were also dominant in their field.

Since the separate medal awards for the technical and free routines in the solo, duet and team events have been introduced by FINA for the first time in Melbourne, the pair along with their unmatched Russian team seemed the biggest beneficiary.

As winners in the duet event at the 2004 Athens Olympics and the last two World Championships, Davydova and Ermakova satisfied the judges with their extreme synchronization and great performance, claiming the victory with a score of 98.833 points.

Spain duo Gemma Mengual/Paola Tirados Sanchez and Japanese pair Saho Harada/Emiko Suzuki took the silver and bronze respectively. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*The field in the men's 10-kilometre ocean swim round a marker buoy at St Kilda Beach at the FINA World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Australia, on 20 March, 2007. —INTERNET*



*Notre Dame's Chandra Allen, right, shoots in front of North Carolina's Camille Little in the second half of the second round game of the NCAA women's basketball tournament in Pittsburgh, on 20 March, 2007. —INTERNET*

## AFC approve Thai Asian Cup stadiums

BANGKOK, 21 March — The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Tuesday approved Thailand's two national stadiums for this year's Asian Cup, ending months of speculation about the Kingdom's readiness to co-host the tournament.

"We're very happy with what we have seen over the last few days," Carlos Nohra, the AFC's competitions director, told reporters after an inspection of the Rajamangala and Supachalasai stadiums, which will host Group A matches.

"I'm also very happy with the commitment I've seen from Thailand regarding other events."

Nohra said the AFC were satisfied with renovations to the 60,000-seater Rajamangala sta-

dium but admitted there had been little progress with the ageing Supachalasai venue, which is comprised mostly of concrete terracing. It will stage one of the final two group matches, which competition rules state must kick-off at the same time. Thailand has until 30 May to install 19,600 news seats.

"This was initially supposed to be a training venue, and we did not ask for new seats," Nohra said. "But we are very happy with what has happened at the Rajamangala stadium."

Nohra said he was "cautiously optimistic" that all four hosts — Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia — will soon complete preparations for the July 7-29 tournament. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Romario ready to celebrate 1000th goal despite scepticism

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 March — Romario, one of the football's great penalty area poachers, could score his 1,000th goal this week and in doing so will leave the statisticians as perplexed as the hapless defenders who have tried to mark him.

Still knocking in the goals for Vasco da Gama at the age of 41, Brazil's

1994 World Cup winner claims to have scored 998 goals so far, putting him on the brink of emulating Pele and passing the 1,000 mark.

There is one slight flaw, however. Romario's own statistics, posted on Vasco's official website, clearly show that many of his goals were scored in friendly, youth and even

testimonial games.

Two of his goals, for example, were scored during a festive match in 2004 between members of Brazil's World Cup winning side from 10 years earlier and a team of retired Mexi-

can internationals.

Romario has also scored for unlikely-sounding outfits as "Friends of Aldair" and "PSV Stars" and against teams such as "Friends of Luisinho".

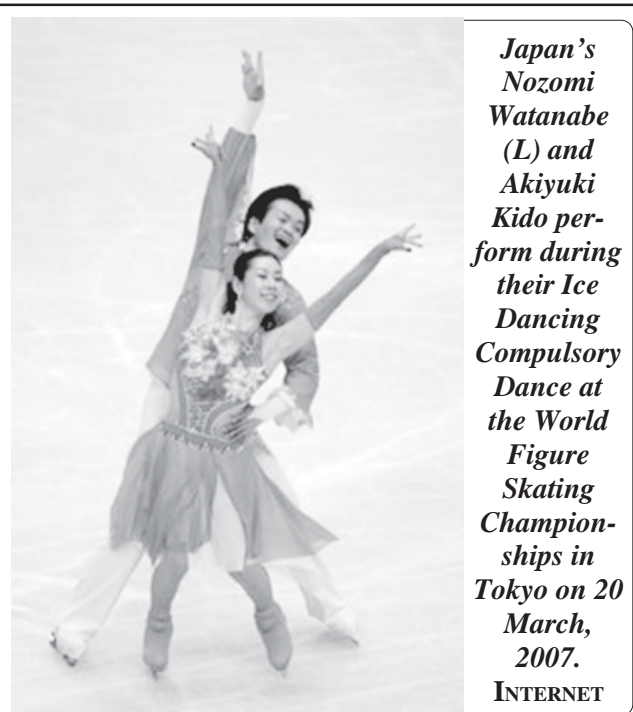
*MNA/Reuters*

## FA to investigate after spectator attacks Lampard

LODNON, 21 March — The FA will contact Tottenham Hotspur after a fan attacked midfielder Frank Lampard and another ran on to the pitch after Chelsea's 2-1 victory over Spurs in their FA Cup replay at White Hart Lane on Monday.

Lampard, who was celebrating with teammates after Chelsea's quarterfinal win, ducked as the fan threw a punch. The spectator was manhandled to the ground before being led away by security men.

"These scenes were totally unacceptable and we will be contacting Spurs as a matter of priority," said an FA spokesman on Tuesday. — *MNA/Reuters*



*Japan's Nozomi Watanabe (L) and Akiyuki Kido perform during their Ice Dancing Compulsory Dance at the World Figure Skating Championships in Tokyo on 20 March, 2007.*

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## IAEA helps S Africa on 2010 nuclear security plan

CAPE TOWN, 21 March — Global nuclear watchdog IAEA is cooperating with South Africa to develop a security plan ahead of the 2010 Soccer World Cup to avert any "dirty bomb" attack, a government official said on Tuesday.

Tselio Maqubela, South Africa's chief nuclear director, said security at existing nuclear facilities met international standards but there were concerns over radioactive sources used in hospitals and other industrial applications.

"We will be looking at that, particularly going towards the 2010 Soccer World Cup, because part of the requirements is to have a nuclear and radiological security plan, which would then make sure that we don't have incidents of dirty bombs and so on," Maqubela told a Parliament briefing.

He said the International Atomic Energy Agency was assisting South Africa, the only country in Africa operating a nuclear power plant and in Africa's first host to the global soccer tournament, to formulate security plans to cover a wide range of possible nuclear sources. — *MNA/Reuters*

# South Africa guts big power deal on Iran sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, 21 March — South Africa wants to drop all key UN sanctions proposals against Iran that were negotiated by major powers, including an arms embargo and financial bans on an Iranian state bank and the Revolutionary Guards.

While the draft could probably be adopted by the Security Council without South Africa's backing, the major powers had wanted passage to be unanimous, and include an important developing nation such as South Africa.

In a paper of "required amendments" sent to the

15 Council members on Sunday and obtained by reporters on Monday, South Africa also called for all sanctions to be suspended for 90 days so another round of political negotiations could be held with Teheran.

Consequently, Council diplomats, who had hoped for a vote on the

draft resolution this week, said they did not expect one until next week. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad plans to address the Council on the day of the vote about how Iran's nuclear programme is for generating electricity only.

The object of the

resolution is to pressure Iran to halt uranium enrichment work, which can be used for peaceful purposes or to help make nuclear bombs.

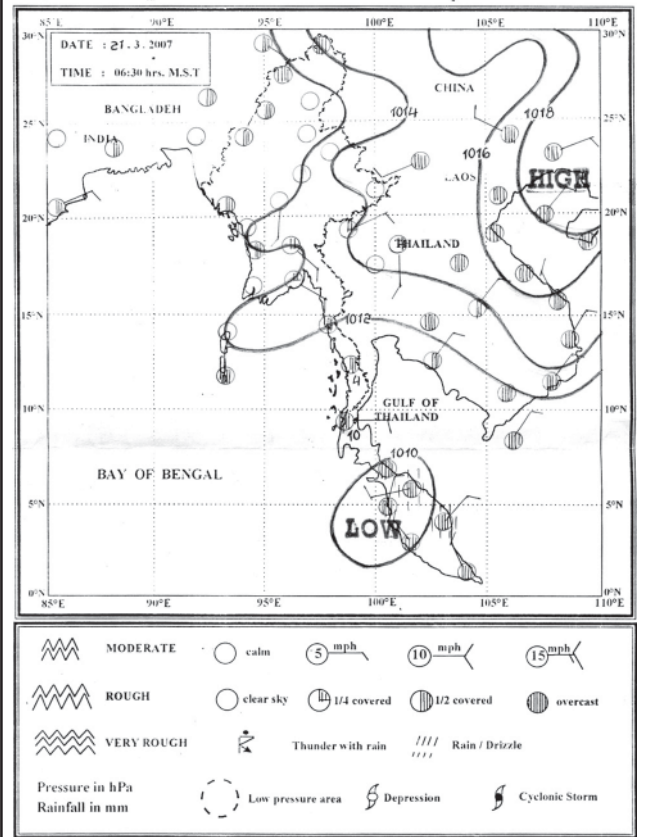
Saying his country was "not window dressing" to big powers, South African UN Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo, this month's Council president, told reporters the draft "was not written by God".

He said South Africa's main objective was to limit sanctions to nuclear materials and technology and not expand them, as the draft does, into other areas.

The new proposed resolution is a follow-up to one adopted by the Security Council on 23 December that imposed trade sanctions on sensitive nuclear materials and technology and froze assets of key Iranian individuals, groups and businesses.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 21 March, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Shwegyin (39°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall record were Kawthoung (0.39) inch and Myeik (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-3-2007 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 21-3-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-3-2007 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 20-3-2007 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 21-3-2007 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 (7) mph from South at (23:15) hours MST on 21-3-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 22-3-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin States, 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 Central Myanmar areas.


**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-3-2007:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-3-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-3-2007:** Fair weather.



Models display an outfit by Ukrainian designer Ilona Cootz during a Fashion Week in Kiev, Ukraine, on Monday, 19 March, 2007.—INTERNET



**Thursday, 22 March**  
View on today

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| <p><b>7:00 am</b><br/>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b><br/>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b><br/>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b><br/>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b><br/>5. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b><br/>7. Dance variety</p> | <p><b>8:20 am</b><br/>8. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b><br/>9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b><br/>10. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b><br/>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b><br/>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b><br/>3. Musical programme</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b><br/>4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b><br/>5. Cute little dancers</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b><br/>6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b><br/>7. "အိဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ" မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး</p> | <p><b>5:25 pm</b><br/>8. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b><br/>9. Discovery</p> <p><b>6:45 pm</b><br/>10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b><br/>11. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>12. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b><br/>13. သီရိဇောတာ</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b><br/>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၈)</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b><br/>15. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် "သမိုင်းဂုဏ်ရောင် ထွန်းပြောင်သည့် ရှေးခေတ် မြန်မာ့တပ်မတော်"</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b><br/>16. News</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b><br/>17. International news</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b><br/>18. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b><br/>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b><br/>20. The next day's programme</p> |
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**Thursday, 22 March**  
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| <p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music:<br/>-Mind machine</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music:<br/>-Tomorrow</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National news &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music:<br/>-Your embrace</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> Music:<br/>-Sweet sixteen</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music:</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Aspects of Myanmar</p> <p><b>9:10 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:20 pm</b> Pourri</p> <p><b>9:30 pm</b> Favourite songs chosen by music lovers</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p> |
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# Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and De-

velopment Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung

Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The visiting president was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos

Senior General Than Shwe greets Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Minister, Head of the President's Office Mr Soubanh Srithirath, President of Planning and Investment Committee Mr Soulivong Daravong, Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr Nam Vignaket, Minister of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction Mr Sommath Pholsena, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone, Chief of General Staff Department of Ministry of National Defence Brig-Gen Kenkhan Senglathone and Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet.

At the meeting they discussed matters related to strengthening the friendship and promoted corporation between the two countries.— MNA

## Hailing the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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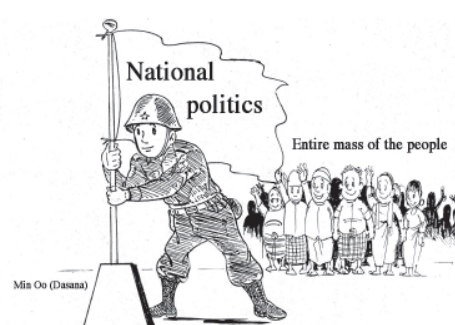
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### Poem

\* To save the pure gold heritage  
And wrest Myanmar territory  
From the quagmire of slavery  
With Patriotic Spirit, staunch  
Continual generations with  
their strength  
Born of the people, people's  
blood kin  
Firm and strong, for the people  
Sacrificed lives over the generations

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### Like Father, Like Son teleplay...



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