

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

Leading Committee for Observance of 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day holds coord meeting



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe addresses the third coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — The Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day held the third coordination meeting for 2007 at the meeting hall of No 7 Transit Centre here this afternoon, with an address by Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

Present on the occasion were members of Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary

Armed Forces Day, chairmen of Management Committee, Work Committee, Sub-committees, the parade commander and columns commanders.

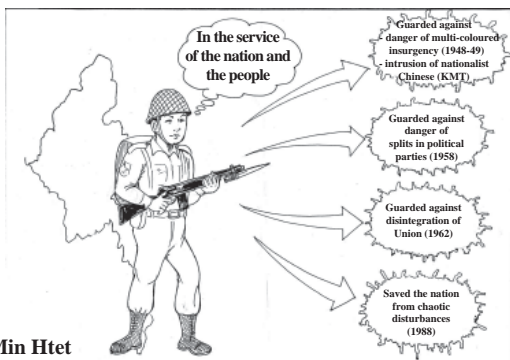
First, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe made a speech on the occasion, saying that the Head of State and officials concerned made preparations to hold the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day on a grand scale. All officials from the management committee, work committee, sub-

committees are to carry out their respective tasks systematically. The officials of committees concerned are to present reports on strong and weak points of the various tasks and the requirements will be fulfilled.

Next, the officials concerned of respective committees briefed Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on sector-wise reports. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements and made concluding remarks. — MNA

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Aunglan	(41°C)
Monywa	(40°C)
Nyaung U	(40°C)
Chauk	(40°C)
Pakokku	(40°C)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 27 March, 2007

Build a capable and modern Tatmadaw

Today, 27 March 2007 is the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day of the Union of Myanmar. It is a day of significance in the Myanmar's history on which the Tatmadaw, hand in hand with the people, put up resistance against fascists for regaining independence.

The Tatmadaw with noble traditions has sacrificed a lot of lives, blood and sweat in defending the nation for perpetuation of national sovereignty and independence in successive eras. It is always serving the national interest, while protecting the lives and property of the people.

At present also, the Tatmadaw is striving together with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In the meantime, it is trying its utmost to bring about strong political, economic and defence powers. With the national development, necessary steps are being taken for building a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw.

A modern Tatmadaw is to be endowed with spiritual qualities coupled with material needs. So, each and every Tatmadawman needs to be imbued with good morale, discipline, loyalty, unity and three capabilities.

The Tatmadaw is engaged in nation-building endeavours with the nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit, while discharging its main duty of safeguarding land territory, air territory and territorial waters of the State.

We firmly believe that the Tatmadaw will always be able to safeguard the Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, while striving to become a strong, capable and modern patriotic one.

Myanmar-China cooperation meeting on trade and investment slated for 29 March

YANGON, 26 March — A 200-entrepreneur Chinese delegation will pay a visit to Myanmar to discuss trade and investment matters with Myanmar entrepreneurs. The meeting will be held at Traders Hotel on 29 March.

Entrepreneurs from Yunnan Province and Myanmar entrepreneurs will discuss mutual cooperation on timber, bamboo and furniture, rubber, hydro-electric project, construction, mining, transportation, tea product, beverages, sugar mill, textile, fertilizer and chemical, electric and electronic products, livestock and fisheries, machine parts and farm equipment.

Entrepreneurs wishing to attend the meeting are to register at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and those entitled to attend are to be at Traders Hotel at 2:30 pm on 29 March. — MNA

Peoples' Desire

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

Thapyaygon new market opens in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March— As a gesture of hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to open Nay Pyi Taw Thapyaygon new market was held at the market in Myoma Thapyaygon Ward here this morning.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor Col Thein Nyunt cut the ribbon to open the new market. The commander unveiled the signboard of the new market.

Also present at the opening of new market were the Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, directors-general and deputy directors-general, the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, USDA members and townselders.

After the opening ceremony, the commander, the mayor and the deputy minister visited the market.

The construction of the new market started on 29 September 2006. It includes 852 apartment shops and restaurants, and also provides car parking space for 1,000 vehicles. — MNA

MWAF donates desk and stationery to BEPSs

YANGON, 26 March — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated desk, stationery and cash assistance to eight primary schools in Kyimyindine Township at No 2 Basic Education Primary School here this afternoon.

Firstly, Head of Admin Department of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe gave accounts on purpose of donation and tasks being carried out by MWAF for the development of the education sector.

Next, MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin The Htay presented 100 desks worth K3 million for eight primary schools to headmasters and headmistresses. Later, Patron of Yangon Division Wom-



Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, head of MWAF Organizing Department, donates exercise books to BEPSs in Kyimyindine Township.— YCDC

en's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai, Head of MWAF Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Head of Admin Department of

MWAF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and responsible persons also presented 250 exercise books to officials.

Director-General U

Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department presented certificate of honour to MWAF through the responsible persons.

MNA

Fires break out in Kachin State, Sagaing and Mandalay Divs

YANGON, 26 March — A fire broke out in Hante Ward, Bhamo Township, Kachin State, on 24 March and destroyed one house. The cause was that a child playing with matches started to catch fire.

A fire happened in Aung Chan Tha Ward, YeU Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division on 25 March and ravaged one house.

A fire occurred in Heingyithet Village, Wayon village tract, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday and gutted nine houses and left 57 people homeless.

MNA

Fire prevention is compulsory

Prevent outbreaks of fire

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UNSG in Israel, stresses importance of Arab peace initiative

JERUSALEM, 25 March —Visiting UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said on Saturday that he viewed the Saudi Arabia proposed Arab peace initiative as a good base for establishing a vision for a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ban made the remarks upon his arrival in Israel late on Saturday on his first official Middle East visit, local media reported, without giving more details. The Arab peace initiative, which was adopted by the Arab League in 2002 Beirut Summit, offers Israel normal ties with Arab countries in return for full withdrawal from land it occupied in the 1967

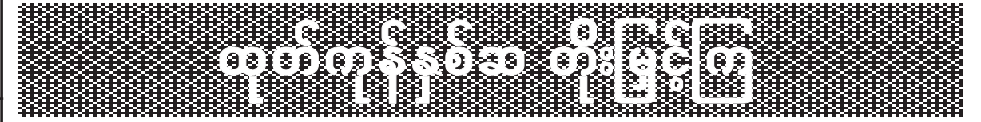
Middle East War.

Israel rejected it when it was first proposed in 2002. But Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said recently that the peace initiative could be used as a basis for negotiation between Israel and moderate force in the Arab world.

“This government will not miss an opportunity to

dialogue with its enemies and will do anything possible, including painful concession to push this process forward,” Olmert said while meeting with national service volunteers on Thursday. Ban was met at Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion Airport by Israeli Defence Minister Amir Peretz.

MNA/Xinhua



People hold candles or incense sticks during the Bridge-Treading Fair in Jushui Town, Mianyang City, Southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 25 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Viral remedy ‘stops ear problems’

LONDON, 25 March—It may be possible to prevent middle ear infections using a viral protein, US scientists believe.

In mice, the lysin treatment killed off bacteria known to cause otitis media or infections of the middle ear - the part

that lies behind the eardrum. Although most middle ear infections are not serious, most young children experience them and they can cause considerable pain and discomfort.

Lysins could be a good alternative to antibiotics, PLoS Pathogens reports.

Antibiotics are effective, but there is the issue of resistance - bacteria can learn how to evade attack, say the study authors. The bacteria that cause middle ear infections *Streptococcus pneumoniae* reside in the nose and cause a problem really

only when a child catches another infection like the flu.

When this happens, the bacteria seize the opportunity and migrate to the middle ear and take hold. Lysin kills the bacteria before they can cause a secondary ear infection. The tests in mice showed lysin treatment was 100% effective at preventing otitis media and eliminated the Strep infection 90% of the time.

Lead researcher Dr Vincent Fischetti, from Rockefeller University, said: It is really a no-brainer. “If the bacteria aren’t there,

they cannot cause the secondary infection.”

He teamed up with experts from St Jude Children’s Hospital.

Internet

Bombs kill five US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 March—Roadside bombs killed five US soldiers in Iraq, including four in a single strike in a volatile province northeast of the capital, the military said.

In Baghdad, gunmen on rooftops opened fire on Iraqi soldiers Sunday, prompting fierce fighting in the narrow streets and alleys of one of the capital’s oldest neighborhoods, a Sunni guerilla stronghold and a haven for criminals on the east side of the Tigris River. At least two civilians were killed and four others were wounded in the clashes, police said, as US attack helicopters buzzed overhead.

Four US soldiers were killed and two others were wounded Sunday, according to a statement, when an explosion struck their patrol in Diyala province, a religiously mixed area that has seen fierce fighting in recent months.—Internet

Ten dead in Russian nightclub fire

MOSCOW, 25 March —A fire at a nightclub in central Moscow killed at least 10 people overnight, Russian news agencies quoted officials as saying on Sunday. “Initial indications are that the fire started near the nightclub bar,” Moscow’s deputy chief prosecutor Vladimir Poneversky told the RIA news agency.

“After that the premises suddenly filled with smoke, from which the victims died ... Ten people died as a result of the fire,” he said.

Sixty-two people were killed on Tuesday when a fire broke out at an old people’s home in southern Russia. At least one emergency exit was locked. The incident prompted renewed concerns about fire safety standards in Russia.— MNA/Reuters

Hong Kong reports 6,000 TB cases every year

HONG KONG, 26 March — The annual reported cases of tuberculosis in Hong

Kong have been maintained at around 6,000 in recent years, a stable downwards trend, but the community should always be vigilant against the infectious disease, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food under Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government Dr York Chow said here Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua



British pop group Simply Red with lead singer Mick Hucknall (C) arrive for the “Echo Music Awards” ceremony in Berlin on 25 March, 2007. The German Phonographic Academy honours artists from all over the world in 24 categories.—INTERNET

Colombian singer Shakira performs during her concert in Mumbai, India, on 25 March, 2007. Shakira performed for the first time in India.

INTERNET



Survey: HK best platform in Asia for marketing films

HONG KONG, 23 March —A survey released Friday revealed that Hong Kong's twin events for the entertainment industry, the Hong Kong International Film and TV Market (FILMART) and Hong Kong-Asia Film Financing Forum (HAF), provide the best platform in Asia to market the latest products and to get

financing for film productions.

Almost 70 percent of industry respondents described Hong Kong's FILMART and HAF platform as the most significant film event in Asia, followed by similar events in South Korea and Japan.

The study was carried out by independent survey

consultant Oracle Added Value and included interviews with 340 international exhibitors and trade visitors at FILMART, which is being held this week in Hong Kong.

Buyers said they planned to source more than half their films and digital and TV entertainment products from Hong

Kong. They revealed that South Korea and Japan were second and third sourcing choices.

The positive views of the respondents were underlined by the huge turnout to the two events.

HAF attracted 616 investors from around the world this year, 25 per cent up on last year, and more than 630 appointments were arranged for investors to meet the directors of 25 selected film projects.

FILMART drew 400 exhibitors and close to 4,000 buyers, the highest attendance in its 10-year history.

The survey described the Chinese mainland as Hong Kong's "promised land" for market growth.

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A Chinese dancer exercises during the rehearsal of the opening performance of Chinese Culture Festival in Russia's capital Moscow on 25 March, 2007. —XINHUA



A traffic policeman uses a radio as he stands near the wreckage of a vehicle after a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad recently. The attack wounded two civilians, police said.

INTERNET

Brisbane considers funding boost to curb water wastage

BRISBANE (Australia), 26 March—Brisbane's Civic Cabinet will today consider allocating more resources towards tackling water wastage across the city.

So far about \$8 million

has been spent this financial year on the Council's water leakage and pressure reduction programmes.

Councillor Graham Quirk says Cabinet will today consider boosting that by a further \$4 million.

"That will save a

significant amount of water," he said.

"Already we have saved 5.7 megalitres a day through this program — at the completion of this program it is expected that that will be about 12.7 megalitres of water saved each day."—Internet

Spain, Britain to dive for treasure on 1694 wreck

MADRID, 25 March—Three hundred years after the British warship *Sussex* sank in a storm off southern Spain, researchers are preparing to dive to the site to see if it was carrying a fortune in gold coins.

Spain and Britain said on Friday they had agreed

to start underwater exploration to find the ship that sank near Gibraltar in 1694.

Any treasure will be claimed by Britain, the Spanish Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

According to the Council for British Archaeology's (CBA) website, the *Sussex* was taking money to the Duke of Savoy in Italy in exchange for his help in the war against French King Louis XIV.

MNA/Reuters



A man walks along the roof of a collapsed house in Wajima, Ishikawa prefecture in central Japan on 26 March, 2007. A strong earthquake killed one person and injured at least 160 in central Japan on Sunday, demolishing houses, buckling roads, triggering landslides and cutting off water supplies to thousands of homes.

INTERNET

Three killed in landslide in Indonesia's East Java

JAKARTA, 25 March — Three people were killed in a landslide in Indonesia's East Java Province on Saturday morning, a police officer said.

The huge of soil fell into the village in Pacitan Regency, destroying scores of houses, while the villagers were

sleeping soundly at 3 am local time, the local police officer Imam Kanasi told *Xinhua*.

"Three people were dead and scores of houses destroyed," he said.

Deforestation and forest destruction have been blamed for the failure of the forest-

covered land to hold waters after the territorial rains and cause landslide and floods.

The recent landslides in Aceh Province and in Eastern part of Indonesia have killed hundreds of people and destroyed infrastructures.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexican Govt urged to take measures against hurricanes

MEXICO CITY, 25 March—Mexican experts on Friday urged the government to take immediate measures to fight against hurricanes in the coming rainy season this year to avoid huge life and property losses.

The coming rainy

season will be intense and bring hurricanes and flood in the country, due to greater sea evaporation and higher water saturation stimulated by higher temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere, experts said.

Head of the country's Water National Com-

mission, Jose Luis Luege Tamargo, said it is important to take measures to prevent a hurricane disaster such as the one in 2005 when tropical storm "Stan" and hurricane "Wilma" killed 54 people in southeast Mexico.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed by roadside bomb south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 March—A US soldier was killed in south of Baghdad on Friday, a US military statement said on Saturday.

A soldier assigned to Multi-National Division-Baghdad was killed by a roadside bomb while his unit and Iraqi security forces were conducting a footpatrol to quell violence in the area, the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Energy cooperation mutually benefits China, Russia

Moscow, 25 March —Energy cooperation between China and Russia benefits both sides and will be enhanced further, a top Chinese trade official said Friday.

“Energy cooperation plays a key role in bilateral

cooperation. As an important oil and gas exporter, Russia, with its abundant energy reserves, has a broad prospect of cooperation with China, a large energy importer and consumer in the world,” Yu Guangzhou, Vice-

Minister of Commerce, told a news conference in Moscow.

According to Yu, Russia has become a main crude oil exporter for China. The two sides are also discussing cooperation in related areas, including joint exploitation of oil and gas fields and the construction of oil and gas pipelines, among other projects.

Yu arrived in Moscow on Thursday to prepare for the Chinese National Exhibition to be held in Moscow’s Krokus EXPO from 26-29 March.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China’s Xinhua News Agency, a model displays Chinese designer Wu Haiyan’s creation during a fashion show sponsored by China’s Hangzhou Municipal Government, in Beijing on 24 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Bangladeshi Govt to compensate poultry farm owners

DHAKA, 25 March—The Bangladesh Government will compensate the poultry farm owners as they are destroying the poultry birds after detection of avian flu in Savar, 25 kilometres west of the capital Dhaka.

The decision to compensate the farm owners was taken at a meeting of the Advisory

Council of the caretaker government on Saturday.

The Advisory Council also advised the general people of the country not to be so much scared of bird flu as the deadly virus has not the shape of epidemic form.

The local newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Saturday 21,000 chickens were destroyed in six

farms since the detection of bird flu in a state-run farm. The government announced the detection of the Avian Influenza Thursday and samples were sent to Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute and also to the National Institute of Animal Health in Bangkok for confirmation.—MNA/Xinhua



A boy watches Navruz celebrations in Almaty on 22 March, 2007. Navruz, an ancient holiday marking the spring equinox, is widely celebrated across Central Asia.

INTERNET



Commuters walk past an Intel Core Duo advertisement at a subway station in Beijing on 26 March, 2007. Chip giant Intel Corp. said on Monday it would invest \$2.5 billion to build a microchip plant in northeastern China, with the production of chipsets to begin in 2010.—INTERNET

Zambian companies keen to learn from China

LUSAKA, 25 March —Zambian manufacturing companies are keen to learn the industrial production

process of China to improve their operations, *Times of Zambia* reported Friday.

It quoted Zambia-China

Business Association Vice-Chairperson Elias Mpodela as saying here

that Zambia could benefit from the Chinese production process. The association is organizing a trade mission of Zambian companies and business individuals to participate in this year’s China Import and Export Fair scheduled to be held in Guangzhou, the capital city of southern China’s Guangdong Province, next month.

He said the association is liaising with the organizers of the trade fair so that the Zambian entrepreneurs could be given an opportunity to learn the production process there. He said that so far 30 entrepreneurs, mostly from agricultural and manufacturing sectors, have decided to take part in the biannual event, which was launched in 1957.

MNA/Xinhua



A photo of Burj Al Arab hotel, a landmark of the Dubai coastline, on 22 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Key railway links in operation in Antwerp

BRUSSELS, 25 March —An underground railway tunnel that links the north and the south of Antwerp in eastern Belgium was inaugurated on Friday, marking a major step forward for the completion of the high-speed train link between Antwerp and the Netherlands.

It took nine years and

765 million euros to build the tunnel, the so-called Antwerp North-South connection, which is nearly four kilometres long and 18 metres deep.

The tunnel changes the Antwerp Central Station from a terminal into a transit station and is expected to be a key boost for railway traffic in and

around Antwerp.

Passenger trains will start using the tunnel on Monday. In the initial stage, some 70 trains run through the tunnel a day, but the number of passing trains will increase considerably at the end of the year with the introduction of a new train timetable.

MNA/Xinhua

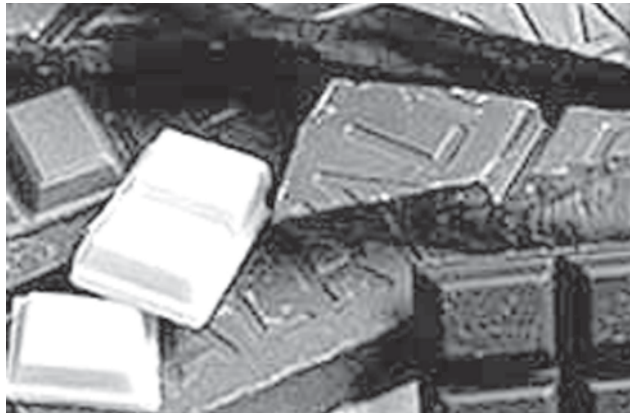
Dark chocolate boosts blood vessel function

BRIJING, 26 March—Dark chocolate is good for the arteries as it helps facilitate blood flow, a new study in US has found.

Yale University Research, presented at the annual convention of the American College of Cardiology on Sunday, indicated that flavonoids, a group of antioxidant compounds found in fruit and vegetables, play an important health role.

Studies indicated there is a strong correlation between the consumption of foods rich in flavonoids such as wine, green tea, fruit and vegetables and the fight against cardiovascular disease, the study said.

Cocoa or dark chocolate products are considered one of the most concentrated sources of flavonoids among commonly consumed



Dark chocolate

foods. While the researchers cautioned against bingeing on bonbons, they said the findings of the trial were clear and called for larger such studies to confirm the results.

“In this sample of healthy adults, dark chocolate ingestion over a short period of time was

shown to significantly improve (blood vessel) function,” said Dr Valentine Yanchou Njike of Yale Prevention Research Centre, a co-investigator of the study.

Researchers examined 45 people from Connecticut state, who were randomly assigned to three consumption

groups.

Their members received daily eight ounces of either cocoa without sugar, cocoa with sugar, or placebo for six weeks. Cocoa was considered a successful vehicle to improve endothelial function in this trial, the study said.

Internet

Two powerful quakes hit Vanuatu

WELLINGTON, 25 March—Two powerful earthquakes rocked Vanuatu on Sunday, and there were no immediate reports of injury or damage, according to reports reaching here from Port Vila, capital of the South Pacific country.

The first earthquake, with a preliminary magnitude of 7.2, struck at 11:40 local time (0040 GMT), and it was

followed by a 6.0-magnitude quake minutes later, said the police.

The quakes were felt in Port Vila, said an official from the Chinese embassy based in the capital. The epicentre of the first quake was located at 335 kilometres southeast of Port Vila, and the second 355 kilometres southeast of Port Vila, according to the US Geological Survey.

MNA/Xinhua

Chronic back pain can cause misery to sufferers

UNITED NATIONS, 26 March—A hi-tech gel could be used instead of major surgery to treat chronic lower back pain, according to a study.

The gel contains tiny particles which swell and



Gel ‘could treat major back pain’

stiffen when injected into a damaged area.

Tests on animals, reported in the journal *Soft Matter*, showed it was able to repair the discs that provide a cushion between the bones of the spine. The University of Manchester work raises the possibility of patients being able to regain full mobility.

Our approach has the advantage of restoring spinal mobility whereas spinal fusion surgery results in a significant loss of mobility at the fused and adjacent discs. It offers a potential alternative to spinal fusion surgery, a technique in which the bones of the spine - the vertebrae - are

fused together to reduce pain by eliminating motion in the affected area.

This is a major procedure, which requires considerable recovery time and can lead to a significant loss of mobility. Degeneration of the intervertebral discs causes holes in the load-bearing tissue of the disc. This decreases the height of the disc, reducing its ability to insulate the vertebrae, and resulting in pain.

Smart sponges

The micro gel particles

the research team have developed are like “smart sponges” when dispersed in water. The material is a fluid with a low pH - indicating a high level of acidity - and can be injected through a syringe. However, at the higher pH found in the body it changes to a stiff gel because of the absorption of water.—*Internet*

Firefighters extinguish a fire caused by a car collision on the highway connecting Hefei and Wuhu, east China’s Anhui Province on 25 March, 2007. Eleven people were killed and 30 others injured on Sunday in six separate accidents caused by heavy fog involving 26 vehicles on the expressway.—INTERNET



American Crossword Puzzle Tournament ‘A’ division finalists Al Sanders, left, of Fort Collins, Colo, Tyler Hinman of Chicago and Francis Heaney, right, review letters and words on a crossword puzzle board in Stamford, Conn on 25 March 25, 2007. Hinman won the event for the third-straight year, beating nearly 750 other competitors and taking home the \$5,000 first-place prize.—INTERNET

Crack US Marine unit recalled after Afghan deaths

WASHINGTON, 25 March—An elite US Marine Corp unit accused of killing 10 Afghan civilians has been

called home early after commanders decided they could no longer operate effectively, an spokesman said on Saturday.

The order to remove the 120-member unit came from Major-General Francis Kearney, who commands US Special Operations forces in the Middle East and Central Asia, after local anger over the 4 March fighting hampered their mission.

“General Kearney assessed that the relationship was damaged to the point that the unit could not as affectively conduct counterinsurgency operations, so he moved them out,” said spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Lou Leto. Hundreds demonstrated against the US

military after the incident in eastern Afghanistan and President Hamid Karzai condemned the Marines’ action. The US military at the time cited a “complex” Taleban ambush involving a suicide car bombing and gunfire in a populated area outside Jalalabad City near Pakistan.

The military said the Marines, members of a highly trained special operations force, fired in self-defence and 16 civilians died in the suicide raid and subsequent fighting. No provincial or central Afghan Government official has confirmed the US military’s account that the convoy came under rebel attack.

MNA/Reuters

Aftershocks keep quake-hit Japan peninsula on edge

WAJIMA (JAPAN), 26 March — Aftershocks jolted the coast of central Japan on Monday, keeping residents on edge one day after a strong quake killed one person and injured nearly 200.

Sunday morning's 6.9 magnitude quake, which struck the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture, about 300 kilometres (190 miles) west of Tokyo, destroyed houses, buckled roads, triggered landslides and cut off water supplies to thousands of homes.

A 5.3 magnitude tremor struck at 7:16 am on Monday (2216 GMT Sunday), one of some 175 aftershocks. Officials warned that more could occur.

About 2,600 people spent the night in evacuation shelters after 58 houses were destroyed and another 455 were seriously damaged by Sunday's tremor, officials and media said.

Many residents slept in their cars.

"The aftershocks are

scary, so I spent last night in an evacuation centre," said 83-year-old Kiyoko Kawaguchi, as she surveyed the damage to her home in the Monzen area of the rural city of Wajima, one of the hardest hit areas.

Repair work was almost completed at Noto Airport on the peninsula and officials were considering when to reopen, public broadcaster NHK reported. Local train services were also back to normal after halts on Sunday, NHK said.

Power outages affected around 160,000 households in Ishikawa and neighbouring Toyama Prefecture, *Kyodo News* agency said, but there were no reports of irregularities at nuclear power plants in the area.

MNA/Reuters

Egypt reports one new human bird flu case

CAIRO, 26 March — The Egyptian Health Ministry reported a human bird flu case on Sunday, bringing the number of such cases to 27 in the country, Egypt's official news agency *MENA* said.

It is a three-year-old girl who was tested positive to the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus, Egyptian Health Ministry spokesman Abdel-Rahman Shahin said.

The girl, identified as Hagar Mohamed Awadallah, came from southern Egyptian governorate of Aswan, about 700 kilometres south

of Cairo.

She contracted the virus because of direct contact with infected poultry, said Shahin.

Awadallah was admitted to hospital on Thursday evening because of high fever and other avian flu symptoms, said Shahin, adding the girl was in stable condition after taking the anti-viral drug Tamiflu.

Egypt found the first bird flu case in dead poultry on 17 February, 2006 and then the fatal disease spread to 20 of the country's 26 governorates

MNA/Xinhua



Qian Hongyan, 11, checks her artificial limbs in Beijing, on 20 March, 2007. Qian, who lost her legs during a car accident in 2000, had been walking using her hands with the help of a basketball. She first received artificial limbs in 2005 at the China Rehabilitation Centre and has gradually been fitted with bigger limbs due to her body growth, according to the China Rehabilitation Centre. —INTERNET

A labourer transports logs at a timber market in Changzhi, in northern China's Shanxi Province on 20 March, 2007. The total output value of China's forestry industry exceeded 900 billion yuan (\$118 billion) in 2006, according to a report issued by the State Forestry Administration, Xinhua News Agency reported. —INTERNET



Tibet gives free treatment to TB patients

LHASA, 26 March — Tibet has confirmed 5,290 cases of tuberculosis (TB) in 2006 and promises to provide free treatment to these patients, sources with the tuberculosis research

institute of Tibet Autonomous Region said on Saturday.

Tibet has higher incidence rate of TB than anywhere else in China. Last year, the region reported 11,566 suspected TB infection cases and 5,290 have been confirmed.

"Ninety per cent of TB patients are from agricultural and grazing areas in Tibet, which makes the prevention and treatment particularly difficult," Goigye, deputy director of the research institution, said on the World TB Day.

But all the TB patients can seek free medical treatment in designated

hospitals in major cities and townships in Tibet thanks to the joint efforts made by the Ministry of Health and the Belgium Damien Foundation. In Lhasa, there are three TB hospitals, Goigye said.

Statistics show that 90 per cent of the TB cases in Tibet are pulmonary TB, which is a highly infectious respiratory disease.

The World TB Day, set on 24 March by the World Health Organization (WHO), aims to arouse public awareness of the importance of timely diagnosis and effective treatment for TB patients to prevent the spread of the disease. — MNA/Xinhua

China starts drilling Asia's deepest well in Sichuan

CHENGDU, 26 March — China has started to drill an 8,875-metre-deep well in southwestern Sichuan Province to explore an untapped underground oil and gas field, sources with Sinopec Corp said on Saturday.

With an estimated investment of 300 million yuan (38.8 million US dollars), the drilling of the well, named "Chuanke No1 Well", started in Mianzhu City in western Sichuan on 20 March and is expected to take 676 days to finish.

"We have made a smooth start by drilling 100 metres in the first four working days," said Zhang Xiaopeng, deputy chief engineer of Sinopec's Southwest China oil and gas company.

Zhang said that by drilling the well, Chinese scientists hope to learn more about the distribution of oil and natural gas in "ultra-deep stratum", which geologists refer to as stratum deeper than 7,000 metres.

Last April, Sinopec announced the discovery of the 356-billion-cubic-metre Puguang Gas Field in northeastern Sichuan, the largest gas field ever found in China.

"However, China has made no breakthrough in exploring gas in the so-called ultra-deep stratum," said Zhang.

In July, 2006, China completed drilling of the "Tashen No 1 well", which is 8,408-metre deep, in Tahe oilfield in northwest China's Tarim Basin and used to be Asia's deepest, but did not discover gas.

"The drilling rig we are using this time is the first China-made rig that can go as deep as 12,000 metres" Zhang said. — MNA/Xinhua

Lebanese, Indian hostages freed in Nigeria

LAGOS, 26 March — Two hostages, one Lebanese and the other Indian, were released on Sunday after they were abducted two days ago in Nigeria's oil producing delta region, local authorities said.

The two construction workers, employed by Nigerian firm Setraco, were taken at gunpoint from their workplace near the city of Warri on Friday.

"All the waterways were blocked so they had no way to move further into the creeks, so they were released," said Brigadier-General Alfred Ilogho, who heads a military task force

in the area.

A security source said the two men had been captured by a local gang which wanted to make some quick cash, but Ilogho said no ransom was paid.

A Dutch security manager, who was kidnapped in a separate incident by another armed group on the same day, is still in captivity.

Thousands of foreign oil workers have left the Niger Delta since February last year, when a new militant group staged a series of attacks that forced Royal Dutch Shell to shut a fifth of Nigeria's oil production.

MNA/Reuters

Physic nut seeds sown in Pyinmana



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin hands over a packet of physic nut sapling to an official. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants for 2006-2007 in Thabyayhla village of KanU village-tract in Pyinmana Township yesterday.

Chairman of Pyinmana District PDC U Khin Maung Zaw, de-

partmental officials, social organizations and locals took part in the physic nut plants growing ceremony.

The commander made a speech on the occasion saying that physic nut is to be cultivated to meet demand of the State's energy and all are to redouble efforts to meet targeted acres.

Next, the com-

mander, wife and officials presented physic nut seeds and saplings to responsible persons of wards and villages. The commander and wife observed physic nut oil-run farm machinery.

Altogether 3,797 acres of physic nut will be cultivated for 2006-2007 in Pyinmana and there are 114,600 physic nut saplings being sown.—MNA

Myanmar makes bright start in AFF Futsal Championship 2007

YANGON, 26 March — Myanmar made a bright start in AFF Futsal Championship for 2007 sinking Brunei 10-3 in its debut in Huamak Indoor Stadium, Bangkok, Thailand at 2 pm.

Myanmar took the lead with 6-1 in the first half. Maung Maung Htay scored the opener at 50 seconds into the first half. Soe Min Oo gave Myanmar to extend the

lead at 9 minutes and 17 seconds. Next, four goals were struck by Kyaw Zin Nyunt at 9 minutes and 42 seconds, Aung Moe at 10 minutes and 53 seconds and 14 minutes and 6 seconds and Tin Min Tun at 18 minutes and 13 seconds. Brunei pulled one back in the first half.

After the break, Soe Min Oo aggregated another for Myanmar at 1

minute and 53 seconds. Myanmar dominated Brunei much of the match with the goals of Tun Lin Aung at 3 minutes and 5 seconds, Maung Maung Htay at 15 minutes and 13 seconds, Nyunt Win at 15 minutes and 40 second. Brunei took next two in the second half.

Myanmar will take on host defending champion Thailand at 6 pm on 27 March. — MNA

A & I Minister visits Chaungkauk Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited Chaungkauk Dam in Pyawbwe Township on 24 March and inspected supply of water to summer paddy and cotton plantations in the region.

On his tour of inspection, the minister called for growing perennial crops in water shed area of the dam.

The minister also inspected the maintenance of canals linking Chaungkauk Dam and Nyaung on Dam to supply irrigation water to greening of Meiktila

plain.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected storage of water in Lunngin Dam and Latkokbin Dam, and summer paddy plantation near the dams.

At the briefing hall, U Myo Tun, the director of the construction group-7 of the ministry, reported to the minister on supply of irrigation water to paddy fields and greening of Meikhtila plain.

The minister also visited Shanmangan Dam Project which will provide water to Montaing Dam.

On his tour, he urged

officials concerned to make efforts not only for providing water to Montaing Dam but also for irrigating water to plantations near the dam and to be able to generate hydel power from the dam.

He inspected the construction tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also visited Montaing Village and inspected the tube well donated by Pyawbwe Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and residents.

MNA

Mayor, Vice-Mayor attend tube well opening ceremonies



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa cut the ribbon to open tube well in Pabedan Township. — YCDC

YANGON, 26 March — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day for 2007, the ceremony to open tub wells implemented by Pabedan and Dagon Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations under the leadership of Yangon Division USDA was held at No 2 Basic Education

Primary School in Pabedan Township this morning. USDA CEC members, in-charge of Yangon Division Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa formally opened the ceremony.

Next, CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin addressed the membership application presentation ceremony and accepted 150 applications.

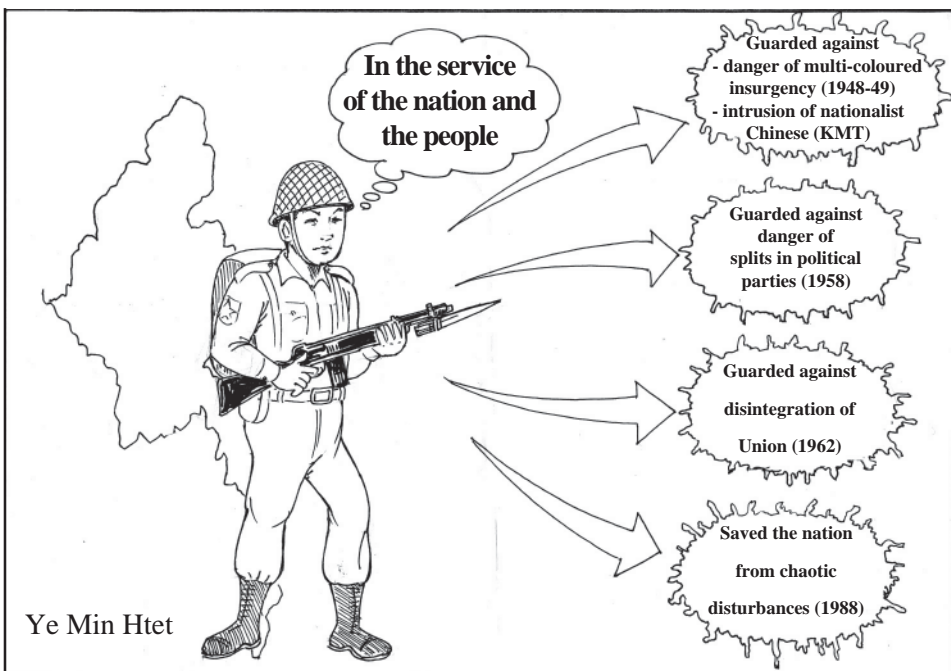
Later, the mayor and vice-mayor also attended the ceremony to open the tube-well held at Dagon Garden at the corner of Shwedagon Pagoda and U Wisara Roads. — MNA

Report says NY police spied on convention protesters

NEW YORK, 26 March — Undercover New York City police, apparently acting partially in response to the 11 September attacks, conducted covert observations across the United States and in Europe of people planning protests at the 2004 Republican National Convention, the

New York Times said. The newspaper said in Sunday's edition that records indicated the "RNC Intelligence Squad" attended meetings of political groups, posing as sympathizers or activists, to glean information on people or groups intending to disrupt the convention.

But hundreds of reports, stamped "NYPD. Secret", indicated that church groups, theatre companies and anti-war organizations, as well as environmentalists, anti-death penalty activists and others opposed to globalization, were all surveyed and included in the files, the *Times* said.—MNA/Reuters



Ye Min Htet

New tarred road opened in Dagon Myothit (North)



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and U Aung Thein open Bo La Yaung tarred road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.— MNA

YANGON, 25 March — Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day for 2007, a self-reliant tarred road was commissioned into service in No 30 Ward of Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning. First, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and a townselder formally opened the tarred road. Next, the commander and party grew physic nut plants to mark opening of the road and strolled along the tarred road. **MNA**

Tax-free markets inspected

YANGON, 25 March — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, accompanied by officials, this morning inspected the sales at tax-free markets in Yangon City. They inspected the tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Thakayta and Kyimyindine Townships.—**MNA**

Paper reading session of knowledge bank held

YANGON, 25 March — A paper reading session on knowledge bank, organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, took place at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street this afternoon.

It was attended by Vice-chairmen of the association U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thien Aung), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo, Joint-Secretaries and guests.

U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) extended greetings first.

Next, resource persons Dr Myo Thant Tin and Dr Thet Lwin read out their research papers and answered queries raised by those present.

Vice-chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) spoke words of thanks and the reading session ended. **MNA**



Dr Thet Lwin reads out his research paper at knowledge bank paper reading session. — MNA

Coord meeting on poultry development and prices control held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — The coordination meeting on poultry development and control of prices was held at the meeting hall of Livestock and Fisheries Ministry here yesterday evening with an address

by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Also present at the meeting were officials of regional organizations and officials of the departments and enterprises under the

ministry.

At the meeting, the minister called on farmers to make more efforts for development of poultry sector and to carry out preventive measures against diseases. **MNA**

Minister receives Permanent Secretary, Energy Ministry of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Dr Pornchai Rujiprapa, Permanent Secretary of Energy, Thailand, called on Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Electric

Power No 2 at the minister's office here today.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Electric Power Department Dr Thein Tun, Mana-

ging Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise Dr San Oo and Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung and officials concerned.—**MNA**

Experts discuss smoking control in SEA

YANGON, 26 March — A meeting of the project managers for smoking control in South East Asia kicked off here today.

Representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar,

Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand attended the meeting which will last until 30 March.

At the meeting, they will discuss control of smoking and tobacco products in the region and future plans. Deputy Director-

General Dr San Shwe Win of Health Department made an opening address and Resident Representative of WHO Prof Adik Wibowo read out the message sent by the director of the South East Asia regional office of WHO. — **MNA**



Deputy Director-General Dr San Shwe Win of Health Department speaks at the meeting of the project managers for smoking control in SEA. — HEALTH

All this needs to be known

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- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Minister inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected the construction tasks of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) yesterday and called for timely completion of works and safety of traffic on the bridge.

During the inspection tour, the minister inspected the roundabout linking the approach road of the bridge and Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo road on Mandalay side and paving of asphalt on the bridge.

He also visited the construction of the approach road on Sagaing side and heard report on paving of asphalt on the road and tasks being carried out presented by Engineer In-charge Deputy Superintending Engineer U Hsan Win. — MNA



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa visits Thirimingalar Market in Kyimyindine Township. (News on Page 9) — YCDC

Villager loses foot in mine blast

YANGON, 26 March — A mine planted by insurgents exploded in Mone, Kyaukkyi Township, on 23 March and a villager lost her left foot.

The mine went off as Ma San Oo of

NyaungU Village in the township stepped on it on her return to the village from the jungle 7 miles east of Mone on 23 March.

After the accident, the victim was rushed to the hospital in

Mone. Her left foot was blown off in the incident.

Insurgents have committed destructive acts to jeopardise the stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order.

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SAARC car rally reaches Nepal capital

KATHMANDU, 26 March — The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) car rally which set off from Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, was welcome when it reached Nepali capital, Kathmandu.

According to the RSS news agency Sunday's report, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs KP Sharma Oli has said that the SAARC car rally would help enhance

people to people relations and contribute to the socio-economic development of the region.

Speaking at a reception organized in honour of the participants of the rally here Saturday, he said a maximum utilization of the natural resources should be made in order to uplift the living standard of the hundreds of thousands of people living under the poverty line in this region.

Chief Coordinator of the rally and

representatives of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bikram Badshaha said a total of 120 persons from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and 30 vehicles are in the rally, along with 20 vehicles are part of the rally.

Finally the rally will end in Male on 14 April, where 15th SAARC summit is expected to be held.

MNA/Xinhua

Energy Minister receives Russian Ambassador



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikhail Mgeladze. — ENERGY

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Russian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Mikhail

Mgeladze at the minister's office here yesterday evening.

Present also were Director-General U Soe Myint of Energy

Planning Department, Managing Director U Myint Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and officials.

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Effective measures taken for control of bird flu

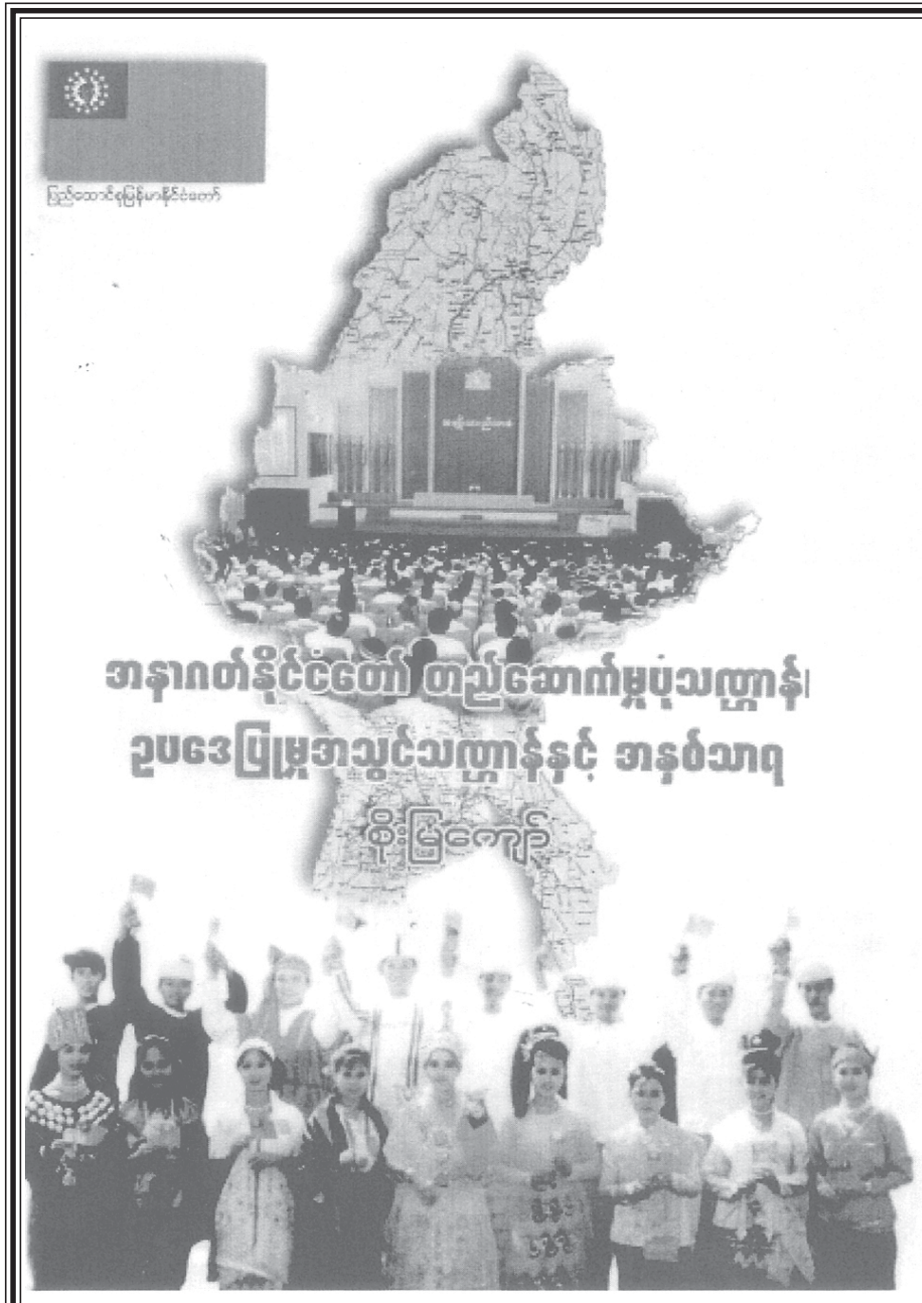
YANGON, 26 March — The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department confirmed the outbreak of H5N1 strain of Bird Flu at some poultry farms in Mayangon, Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa, Mingaladon and Hmawby Townships, Yangon Division.

Poultry, quails and pheasants of the affected farms, those from possible affected farms and those from farms that are contiguous with the affected farms were culled, and necessary preventive measures are being taken.

Altogether 324 crows, pigeons and sparrows, doves were found dead in townships of Yangon Division from 27-2-2007 to 26-3-2007. The dead bodies of those birds were sent to the laboratory. According to the laboratory, most of the birds died of heat stroke, chronic bronchitis and small pox but six crows were suspicious of being infected with bird flu.

Although H5N1 strain of Bird Flu was found at some poultry farms in Mayangon, Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa, Mingaladon and Hmawby Townships, the dead bodies of 75 chickens and 22 geese sent from poultry farms of Insein, Mingaladon, Yankin, Thakayta, Ahlon, Kamayut, Thingangyun, Dagon Township (North), Mayangon, Hmawby, Dagon Township (East), South Okkalapa in Yangon Division and Minhla Township and Nattalin Township in Bago Division were not found to be infected with bird flu.

The Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department warned breeders and those who are engaged in poultry marketing to use new farm equipment instead of the old ones while at poultry farms since H5N1 virus can transmit from one township to another, to ensure that crows do not enter poultry farms and to boost bio-security and to cooperate with local authorities, LBVD, Health Department, Yangon City Development Committee and Livestock Breeding Federation that are engaged in control of bird flu. — MNA



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Bangkok's century-old airport reopens

BANGKOK, 26 March — Bangkok's former Don Muang International Airport, which was closed to commercial flights nearly six months ago following the opening of Suvarnabhumi Airport, officially reopened Sunday for domestic flights.

Four commercial airlines, including Thai Airways International (THAI), Nok Air, One-Two-Go and Orient Thai, are initially providing services at the century-old airport.

Senior Transport Ministry officials, including Permanent Secretary for Transport Chaisawat Kittipornpaibul, were on hand to welcome passengers boarding four Thai Airways International (THAI) and Nok Air flights on Sunday.

Services offered to passengers and security measures at Don Muang on the first day of resumed operations were quite

smooth, according to Kalaya Pakakrong, acting president of Airports of Thailand.

The reopening of Don Muang will help ease congestion at the new Suvarnabhumi Airport as its taxiways and main terminal undergo repairs.

Located in Bangkok's neighbouring province of Samut Prakan, the new airport intended as Southeast Asia's commercial aviation hub has been plagued by varied problems including cracked taxiways, a shortage of toilets, design flaws and a long list of corruption allegations.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines releases emergency anti-hunger fund for urban poor

MANILA, 26 March — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has ordered the release of 1-billion-



Nagisa Koide plays inside a flower garden in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 20 March, 2007. The garden was created for celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Yokohama red brick warehouse.

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peso (20-million-US-dollar) fund for "emergency hunger mitigation" in poverty-stricken areas of Metro Manila and in some provinces with high rate of hungry population, said a Filipino presidential staff member Sunday.

Presidential Management Staff chief Cerge Remonde said President Arroyo also ordered the release of funds for the government's food-for-school and food-for-work programmes and for various feeding programmes of the religious and non-governmental organizations.

He said Arroyo wants immediate results of hunger reduction and "target numbers were set in specific areas".

Remonde quoted Arroyo as saying in a recent Cabinet meeting that as long as there is one Filipino who is hungry, it is the responsibility of the government to make sure this is addressed.

The government is also set to build next month more neighbourhood food stores where cheap food and basic commodities can be bought in Metro Manila, which is expected to benefit some 200,000 poor families in the capital region, he said.

The anti-hunger programmes are launched on the eve of the congressional and local elections which is set to be held in May.

Analysts said that the government and the military are concerned that some leftwing party organizations may win large number of votes in poor neighbourhoods of Metro Manila in the congressional elections.

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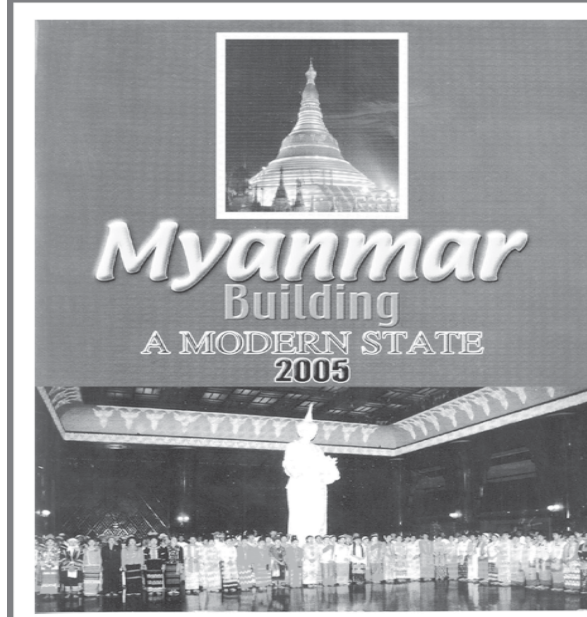
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UNSG meets with Mubarak on Mid-East peace

CAIRO, 25 March — Visiting UN Secretary-General Ban Kimoon on Saturday met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak here on regional and international developments and the UN role to solve these issues.

Their talks are

expected to focus on the stalled Middle East peace process and situation in Iraq, Lebanon and Sudan's Darfur. Ban, who arrived in Cairo on Thursday evening from Baghdad during a Mideast tour, is scheduled to hold talks with Arab League

Secretary-General Amr Moussa on Saturday.

Ban's tour, his first visit to region since he took over from Kofi Annan as the UN Chief in January, also covers the Palestinian territories, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Schwarzenegger warns against water crisis

LOS ANGELES, 25 March —California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger warned on Friday that the state could face a shortage of water resources if no immediate action was taken. He sounded the warning amid a long debate in California over the need to build new reservoirs to store water.

"But I think it's time to stop debating and it's time to start taking action, because we are one major storm or one big earthquake away from a major water catastrophe," Schwarzenegger said in a radio address. He said the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the nation's largest single source of drinking water, and scientists agree that it is vulnerable to

contamination from a natural disaster or rising sea levels.

"If this happens, 25 million Californians who rely on the delta would lose their source of clean water," he warned. "That's two-thirds of our population".

So water storage is not a Northern California issue, or a Central California issue or a Southern California issue, he said. "No, it is an issue that we all must confront because what happens in the delta directly affects the entire state," he noted.

California's water supply also faces a threat from global climate change, said the Governor.

Current trends show that warmer temperatures will eliminate at least 25

per cent of our snowpack by the middle of this century, according to the Governor.

"With less snow in our mountains, we will have more flooding in the winter and less water to drink in the summer," he said. Schwarzenegger has proposed 5.9 billion dollars in bonds for water management in the next phase of his Strategic Growth Plan.

This money would create enough surface storage to supply up to one million additional households per year.

"We would also create a sustainable plan for the Delta and protect this valuable and vulnerable area of our state," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

US Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 March—A US Marine was killed in the western Iraqi province of Anbar during combat operations, the US military said on Saturday.

A Marine at the Multi-National Force-West was killed on Thursday, a military statement said without providing details.

More than 3,230 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Two bodies found after Russian helicopter crashes

MOSCOW, 25 March—At least two people were killed when a Russian helicopter crashed into mountains in northern Russia, a regional spokesman for the Emergencies Ministry said on Friday.

The helicopter with

six people on board went missing on Wednesday.

"Two people perished, their bodies have been found," Anatoly Nuikin told *Reuters*, adding that rescuers were looking for the four others.

The *Mi-8* helicopter,

owned by a unit of gas giant Gazprom, did not return to base and made no radio contact, news agencies have reported.

At least 177 people have been killed in a trio

of disasters in Russia in the past week.

Two Russian fighter jets collided on Wednesday but both pilots ejected and no-one was killed.

MNA/Reuters

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Baggage screener charged for stealing Paris Hilton's \$100,000 watch

LOS ANGELES, March 25 — Eleven people have been charged with the theft of passenger property at Los Angeles International Airport, prosecutors said on Friday, including a baggage screener accused of stealing a 100,000-US-dollar watch from Paris Hilton's bag.

The suspects, who also included two US Transportation Security Administration screeners

charged with taking a 7,000-US-dollar watch belonging to R&B singer Keyshia Cole, were arrested as part of a crackdown on crime at the airport. Prosecutors say George Penaranda, a 27-year-old TSA screener, was spotted by a co-worker taking a Paris Hilton Limited Edition watch from the hotel heiress' bag, slipping it into his glove and then his

pocket in May of 2006.

Penaranda replaced the watch, which was valued at 100,000 US dollars after he realized that he had been observed, City Attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan said. He was charged with grand theft and faces a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a 1,000-US-dollar fine if he is convicted.

Screeners Qualonda Matthews, 32, and Millicent Pounds, 49, were charged with one count of grand theft, one count of misappropriation of property and one count of conspiracy. Prosecutors say that after Cole left her 7,000-US-dollar watch behind at a security checkpoint, Matthews and Pounds took it from the airport's lost property section and ultimately sold it in Las Vegas. —MNA/Reuters



An insect collects pollen from a spring flower in a forest near the village of Banyalbufar, in the Spanish island of Mallorca on 24 March, 2007. —XINHUA

Toxin found in tainted pet food

ALBANY (NYIORITY), 25 March—An ingredient used in rat poison that causes kidney failure in cats and dogs and has been blamed for the deaths of at least 14 animals, was found in samples of Menu Foods cat food, New York State

officials said on Friday. Aminopterin, a folic acid derivative used in rat poison, was discovered in samples obtained from the Ontario-based company, New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker said at a Press conference.

Use of aminopterin is forbidden in the US because it can cause cancer and birth defects in humans as well as kidney failure in dogs and cats, the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets said.—MNA/Reuters



A model presents a creation by Indian designer Satya Paul at a fashion show on the fourth day of the India fashion week Autumn/Winter 2007 in New Delhi on 24 March, 2007. XINHUA

130 rescued after elevated Tokyo train hits crane

TOKYO, 26 March—About 130 people were rescued from an elevated train in Tokyo on Sunday after it was hit by a crane, media reports said.

They were rescued

unharmed after nearly two hours when another train using an adjacent track pulled alongside allowing the stranded passengers to walk across a board between the doors of the two trains, *Kyodo News* agency said. The front car of the monorail train, linking central Tokyo to the city's Haneda Airport, was struck by a crane being used in a street 8 metres (26 feet) below the tracks, it said.—MNA/Reuters

Vivica A Fox charged with drunken driving in LA

LOS ANGELES, 25 March—Actress Vivica A Fox has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, prosecutors said on Friday, stemming from her arrest earlier this week after speeding past a marked police car.

Fox, best known for roles in the films "Independence Day" and "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," was charged with one count of driving under the

influence of alcohol and one count of driving with a blood alcohol level over California's legal limit.

If convicted, she faces a maximum punishment of six months in jail and a 1,000-US-dollar fine. She is scheduled for an arraignment on 17 May.

Los Angeles attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan said Fox's blood alcohol level was tested at .09. The state's legal limit is .08.—MNA/Reuters

Annan Nicole Smith diaries sell for over \$500,000

NEW YORK, 25 March—Two diaries written by Anna Nicole Smith have sold on online auction site eBay for more than 500,000 US dollars to a German man planning to use them as the basis of a book, according to the memorabilia house that sold them.

Jeff Woolf, co-partner and auction director at Universal Rarities in Corona, California, said the diaries, from 1992 and 1994, were found a few years ago by a man cleaning out a house in

Los Angeles where Smith stayed during a filming project.

He sold the diaries to a memorabilia collector who runs a shop on Hollywood Boulevard who came forward with the diaries after the mystery death of the former Playmate in a Florida hotel on 8 February at the age of 39.

In the 1992 diary, which has the words "I follow my own star" on the cover, Woolf said Smith confesses: "I hate for men to want sex all the time. I hate sex." This

diary sold for about 285,000 US dollars.

In the second diary Smith writes about the illness of her billionaire husband Howard Marshall, who died in 1995 at the age of 90, with a religious awakening with lots of references to Jesus. This sold for about 230,000 US dollars.

Woolf said the demand for Smith memorabilia had been overwhelming following her death so the price realized for these diaries was not that surprising.

MNA/Reuters



Ernst Krause from Steinau poses during the International German Beard Championships in the southern German village of Schoemberg on 24 March, 2007. Some 200 participants from all over Europe took part in the competition with different categories of moustaches, chin beards, whiskers and full beards. —XINHUA

SPORTS



Peru's Jersei Socola (L) in action with Argentina's soccer player Andres Fernandez during their match for the Copa Sudamericana Sub-17 soccer tournament in Quito on 25 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Colombia score comfortable 3-1 win over Switzerland

MIAMI, 26 March — Midfielder Jhon Viafara scored one goal and laid on another in the second half as Colombia romped to a 3-1 friendly win over Euro 2008 co-hosts Switzerland in Miami on Sunday. Playing only their second match under new captain Alex Frei, who was substituted in the 65th minute, the Swiss were dominated throughout by their South American rivals who are preparing for the Copa America in Venezuela starting in June.

Striker Edixon Perea put Colombia ahead in the fifth minute with a neat finish that drew cheers from the stands in Miami's largely empty Orange Bowl Stadium.

A penalty by Frei in the 37th minute was saved by Miguel Calero, but the Colombian keeper was yellow-carded for moving early and Frei equalized with his second attempt a minute later.

Viafara restored Colombia's lead in the 56th minute and was also on hand for a tidy pass in the 85th when forward Andres Chitiva sealed the win with an effortless finish.

"The spark was missing," said Swiss midfielder Ricardo Cabanas, who acknowledged his team had been caught off guard by Colombia's aggressiveness. — MNA/Reuters

Egypt in comfortable Nations Cup win

JOHANNESBURG, 26 March — African champions Egypt eased to a comfortable 3-0 win over Mauritania in Cairo on Sunday night to keep their lead in Group Two of the African Nations Cup qualifiers.

Striker Mohamed Zidan, who has been in a rich goal scoring form for his German club Mainz, got Egypt off to a 12th minute lead, with a curling shot after a sublime set up from captain Ahmed Hassan.

Mauritania defender Bilal Sidibe then miscued a clearance from Hossam Ghali's cross to score an own goal, his second in successive qualifying campaigns.

Tottenham's Ghali then provided the final goal in the 66th minute with a spectacular bicycle kick.

Egypt top the group with seven points, three clear of Botswana. — MNA/Reuters

Canada ease to 3-0 win over Bermuda in friendly

HAMILTON, 26 March — A goal apiece from English Premier League players Tomasz Radzinski and Paul Stalteri and one from Atiba Hutchinson gave Canada a comfortable 3-0 win over Bermuda in a friendly international on Sunday. With Canada dominant, Hutchinson broke the deadlock in the 21st minute with a low drive after breaking in from the right.

The home side nearly equalized seconds later when Ralph Bean poked the ball onto the post but otherwise it was one-way traffic with Radzinski chesting a long ball from Andrew Hainault past the keeper then firing home from an angle. Radzinski combined well with Stalteri on the right before the defender blasted home after bursting into the box two minutes before the break but Canada were unable to turn their second-half possession into more goals. — MNA/Reuters



Christos Afroudakis (L) of Greece and George Georgescu of Romania fight for the ball during their classification water polo match at the World Aquatics Championships in Melbourne on 26 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Romario moves within one of 1,000th career goal

BEIJING, 26 March — The celebration prepared for Romario's coveted 1,000th career goal will remain on hold, the Associated Press reported.

The veteran striker scored a goal in Vasco's 3-0 win over rival Flamengo, but still was one short of the milestone at Maracana stadium Sunday. Romario, who has 999 goals according to his count, was hoping to reach the mark at Maracana, the same place where Pele reached his thousand in 1969. "I had hoped the stage for the goal would be here at Maracana," Romario said. "But if it comes at another place it will be valid too. What will matter the most is the goal, not where it happens."

Romario's next chance for the milestone will be Wednesday against Americano at Vasco's Sao Januario stadium in Rio de Janeiro. The 41-year-old Romario says he will be only the second player to



Veteran Brazilian striker Romario Farias of Vasco da Gama celebrates after scoring during their Taca Rio soccer match against Flamengo in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. —INTERNET

achieve the mark, along with Pele. The hype surrounding the goal attracted nearly 45,000 to Maracana, but Romario failed to live up to expectations.

He had a discreet performance in the first half, having only one shot on goal, a free kick from the top of the area blasted over the crossbar. Romario improved slightly in the second half, however, and had more chances to score. He scored his 999th goal in the 68th minute, firing from inside the area. He had a clear chance for the 1,000th with three minutes remaining, but Flamengo goalkeeper Bruno saved his close-range shot. Striker Leandro Amaral put Vasco ahead with a one-timer from close range in the 42nd minute, and midfielder Abedi added to the lead in the 48th.

Flamengo, the Guanabara Cup winner, played a man down after the 58th when defender Leonardo Moura was sent off for a hard foul. Flamengo midfielder Renato August was ejected in injury time, also because of a hard tackle.

Internet

Sharapova paces seeds to wins in Miami

MIAMI, 26 March — Maria Sharapova rallied from a set down to defeat Venus Williams 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 as the top four women's seeds advanced to the fourth round of the Sony Ericsson Open on Sunday.

The second seeded Russian survived a tough encounter against her unseeded American rival, who had won their last meeting at Wimbledon two years ago, coming through a mistake-marred match in which the pair combined for 25 double-faults and 91 unforced errors.

Joining Sharapova in the last 16 were compatriot and defending champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Belgian pair Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin.

Fifth seeded Martina Hingis was the highest-ranked casualty of the day, however, the Swiss former number one falling 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 to 17-year-old Pole Agnieszka Radwanska. Henin's victory was made more remarkable as the second seed recovered from a 5-1 deficit in the final set to defeat Virginie Razzano 6-2, 2-6, 7-6, with the Frenchwoman twice just two points from a shock win.

Fourth seed Clijsters continued her farewell tour with retirement looming later this year after her marriage, claiming a victory over Australian Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-2. Third seeded Kuznetsova also enjoyed an easy win, beating Jelena Kostanic Tosic 6-4, 6-2.

Men's second seed Rafael Nadal advanced to the fourth round after Belgian opponent Olivier Rochus withdrew with a foot injury. — MNA/Reuters



Yamaha MotoGP rider Valentino Rossi of Italy celebrates after winning the race during the Spanish Grand Prix in Jerez 25 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Gohouri goal leads way for Ivory Coast in 3-0 win

ANTANANARIVO, 26 March — Defender Steve Gohouri again led the charge as the Ivory Coast won handsomely in their African Nations Cup qualifier in Madagascar on Sunday to step closer to a place in next year's finals.

Gohouri opened the scoring for as Ivorians, captained by striker Didier Drogba and with Kolo Toure marshalling the defence, went on to beat their hosts 3-0 in the Group One tie Antananarivo.

Gohouri had scored twice on Wednesday when the Ivorians beat Mauritius 3-0 in a warm-up friendly.

Aruna Dindane and substitute Amara Diane also scored as the Ivorians won their second game in the three-team group despite going into the encounter without several regulars. — MNA/Reuters

Nearly 1,000 Poles stage anti-war protest in Warsaw

WARSAW, 26 March — Nearly 1,000 anti-war people demonstrated in the centres of Warsaw on Saturday, demanding the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq and Afghanistan and opposing deploying US anti-missile system in Poland.

The demonstration was organized by the Polish "Stop War" organization and the participants include representatives of Poland's

New Left, the Communist Party of Poland, the Labour Party and Iraqis residing in Poland.

The parade started

from the square of the palace, passing the Polish presidential palace and continued to the US Embassy in Poland. Holding flags and banners, the protesters shouted the slogans "stops capturing Iraq", "the gothic capture, the west to Iraq", "Do not bleed for petroleum", "Do not attack Iran", and "without anti-missile shield".

Philip Llkowski, the member of the Polish "Stop War" organization told the reporter of Xinhua news agency, that "from the Iraq war broke out, the capture during the past 4 years had brought about the gigantic humanitarianism disaster, had more than 10,000

innocent common people died averagely every month. Holding a demonstration is that we can press together with the international community to USA and the Polish Government, so that they can withdraw troops from Iraq as soon as possible".

Currently, 900 polish officers and soldiers stationed in Iraq. In Afghanistan, there had more than 100 Polish soldiers since 2002.

The Polish Government began to increase the Armed Force to Afghanistan recently. Until the first half of this year, it will add more than 1,000 soldiers.

MNA/Xinhua

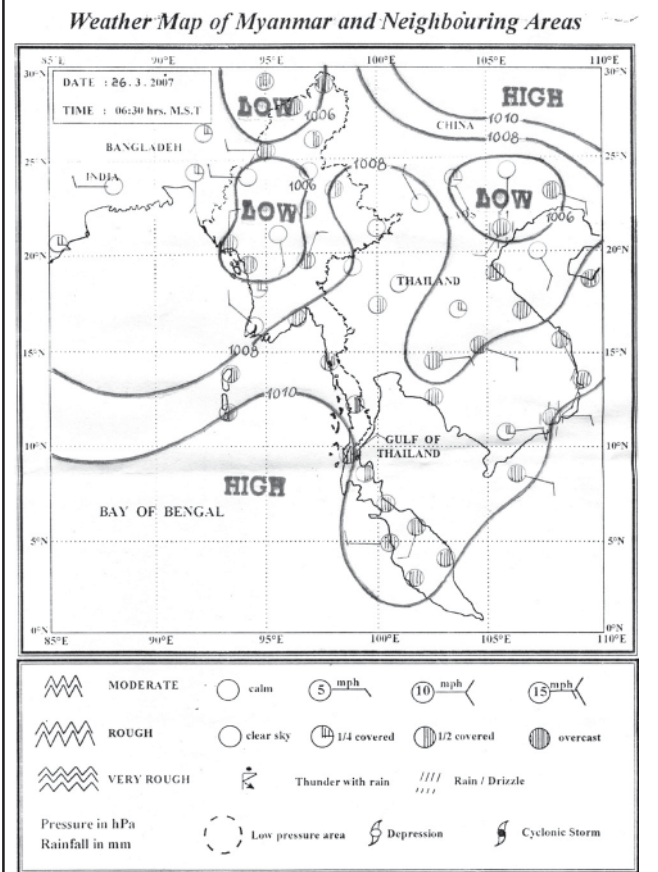
Floods hit 10 counties in Romania

BUCHAREST, 26 March — The heavy rain over the past few days have affected 10 counties in Romania, with 28 people being evacuated, the Romanian Administration and Home Affairs Ministry (MAI) said Saturday.

A total of 150 houses were submerged by floods, while 38 bridges and 21 kilometres of county roads were damaged, said the MAI, adding that a national road was completely blocked.

Meanwhile, strong winds affected the energy supply in 21 counties, and 978 transformer stations and 21 electric lines were totally broken down.

As many as 600 MAI employees are currently evacuating and protecting the people in the disaster-hit areas.— MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 26 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (42°C) each, Aunglan (41°C), Monywa, NyaungU, Chauk and Pakokku (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-3-2007 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 26-3-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-3-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 25-3-2007 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-3-2007 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, Southwest at (21:20) hours MST on 25-3-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-3-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions 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: Continuation of increase of day temperatures are likely in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-3-2007: Partly cloudy.



Beijing traffic. Huachen Automotive Group, parent of Hong Kong-listed Brilliance China, plans to spend 390 million dollars on new car development this year to expand at home and abroad recently. — INTERNET



Tuesday, 27 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -I am every woman
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Lady Marmalade
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -You to me are everything
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Forget me not
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Keeping the love alive -All out of love
- 9:00 pm Radio play -A heart-fending, loitering butterfly
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music at your listening pleasure -Paint my love -For you I will
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Tuesday, 27 March
View on today

6:00 am
1. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ စစ်ရေးပြအခမ်းအနားတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

8:20 am
2. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:45 am
3. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:45 pm
4. Dance of national races

4:55 pm
5. တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)

5:05 pm
6. "ချစ်သောမြေ၊ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ ခိုင်နှင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့)

5:10 pm
7. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:20 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်သောစာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း" (အပိုင်း-၇)

7:35 pm
13. (၆၂) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:45 pm
14. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် (ခေတ်အဆက်ဆက်မပျက် တာဝန်ကျေပွန်သည်၊ တပ်မတော်)

8:00 pm
15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

9:00 pm
18. "သားကောင်းမိခင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (လွင်မိုး၊ ဇင်ဝင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez)၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချိုစိုးမိုး)

19. The next day's programme

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Forestry Minister inspects saw mills and timber extraction region in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 26 March— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected No 105 Saw Mill in Kyangin Township yesterday.

Factory Manager U Htay Lwin reported on the process and functions of the factory. Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Win Tun gave a supplementary re-

port. The minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party also inspected No 31 Saw Mill in Ingapu Township and No 106 Saw Mill in Yekyi Township. The minister heard reports on functions of the saw mills and looked into production process and sawn timber.

Later, the minister

proceeded to West Patheingyi Timber Extraction Region in Yekyi Township.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on construction of road, arrival of timber and preparedness to extract timber in coming season presented by officials, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects No 106 Saw mill in Yekyi Township.—FOREST

Over 700 receive free medical treatment



A specialist gives medical treatment to a patient in Tatkon Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March— A group of specialists gave free medical treatment to 702 patients at Tatkon Township People's Hospital today.

As a gesture of hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Ministry of Health organized the field trip of the group to provide health care services to residents.

MWAF donated K 1.4 million to the group to do medical checks and to provide medicines and eye-

glasses to residents.

The group of specialists led by Medical Superintendent of the 300-bed Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Dr Kyi Win comprises physicians, surgeons, obstetric and gynaecologists, paediatricians, specialists for eyes, nose and throat.

During the trip, 63 patients were admitted to the 300-bed hospital in Nay Pyi Taw.

Leader of the working group for violence against women and rehabilitation Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Leader of the

working group for promotion of living standard of women Daw Aye Aye, Leader of the working group for legal affairs Daw Ni Ni Win, Head of the discipline enforcement department Daw Mya Theingi, Leader of the working group for environment Daw Nilar Thaw, Leader of the working group for social and culture Dr Daw Sandar Aung and members of the working group for health attended the patients during the trip. — MNA

Exhibition to mark 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day opens

YANGON, 26 March— A total of 712 members of the public visited the exhibition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day staged at Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda road here today.

The exhibition remains open until 4 April. The exhibition covers the booths

of ministries, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Office, Office of the Chief of Armed Forces Training, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee, Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute. — MNA

No interest and trust in the acts of NLD

One member resigns from Myingyan Township NLD

YANGON, 26 March— A youth-in-charge and member of Myingyan Township National League for Democracy U Win Khaing of Yantapo Village resigned of his own volition from the party and sent his letter of resignation to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 7 March.

In his letter of resignation to

Myingyan Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission on 15 May, he said he no longer took interest in the acts of the NLD and trust in it. He did not wish to carry out the duties of the party. That was why he resigned from the NLD, the letter of resignation stated.

MNA