

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

Senior General Than Shwe addresses 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade

**Exert efforts to build peaceful, modern, developed
and discipline flourishing democratic nation**

Fulfil any duty for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map

**Crush every danger of internal and external destructive
elements obstructing the stability and development of the State**



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March— *The following is the full text of the speech delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the parade of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day held here today.*

Comrades,

Today is the 62nd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day which marks a historic milestone solidifying the national pride and patriotic

spirit of all the indigenous national races of the Union.

In addition, this day also marks the transformation of the Tatmadaw from an institution under other's influence into a national Armed Forces capable of self-determination.

In the struggle to regain independence, the Tatmadaw and the people joined hands together in unison sharing same spirit

and same blood. Many people as well as Tatmadawmen had had to sacrifice their lives in the cause for independence. I would for this reason like to state that we owed so much gratitude to the people including laymen and the monks who sacrificed their lives anonymously in the fight for independence.

On this auspicious day which is a source of
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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 28 March, 2007

Tatmadaw, people striving for emergence of democratic country

The Tatmadaw, hand in hand with the people, managed to regain independence. Since then, it has been taking measures for community peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, and security of the lives and property of the people.

It gave the top priority to national reconsolidation for restoration of stability and peace throughout the nation. After that, it launched the border areas and national races development project, the 24 special regions project and the five rural development programmes and has been implementing them for all-round development of the entire nation.

Now, the Tatmadaw has been making efforts with might and main in collaboration with the entire national people to achieve the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

Simultaneously, it is speeding up the building of infrastructures in the agricultural and industrial sectors and services for food security of the people.

Whatever political and economic systems a nation practises, fundamental requirements in that regard are stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, and security of the lives and property of the people. So, the Tatmadaw is upgrading itself to a strong, capable and patriotic one to be able to wipe out the dangers to the nation in cooperation with the people.

Upholding its fine traditions, the Tatmadaw is making earnest efforts to accomplish national defence duties, nation-building tasks and community welfare services, while striving together with the people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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People's Desire

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

Yangon Command celebrates 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivers an address at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day celebration of Yangon Command. — MNA

YANGON, 27 March — Yangon Command celebrated the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day at the parade ground of the command here today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address at the celebration.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy commander and

military officers, departmental officials, social organizations and guests.

At the celebration, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presented awards to winners of contest of the military code of conduct (central level) to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day and presented the first, second and third prizes to best companies of the military parade which marched on the command's 62nd Armed Forces Day celebration.

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Armed Forces Day Exhibition packed with visitors

YANGON, 27 March — A total of 2,444 people today visited the exhibition staged at Defence Services Museum here to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The exhibition remains open until 4 April and there is no entrance fee.

It covers the booths of the ministries, Commander-in-Chief's (Navy) Office, Commander-in-Chief's (Air) Office, Chief of Armed Forces Training Office, Directorate of the Ministry of Defence, commands, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees and the Directorate of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute.

Historical water crafts and aircraft and documentary photos are displayed at booths of

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Office and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Office.

At the booth of Ministry of Health, guidance of the Head of State, policy of National Health, activities of the ministry in 2006-2007, research and development of traditional medical science were displayed.

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Myanmar Delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 27 March — A delegation led by Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa left here for People's Republic of China by air today to pay a goodwill visit to the country.

The delegation was seen off by Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials of USDA.—MNA

People visit exhibition to mark 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day at Defence Services Museum. — MNA



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zambia launches 5.7m Euro project to fight TB, "AIDS", malaria

LUSAKA, 26 March — The Zambian Government launched on Saturday a 5.7-million-Euro project on Strengthening TB, AIDS and Malaria Prevention Programme (STAMPP) which is aimed to target about 900,000 vulnerable people within a period of five years.

Health Minister Angela Cifire commenced the project in Kabwe, 140 kilometres north of Lusaka, during the country's commemoration of the 12th World TB Day which falls on Saturday.

Cifire said the STAMPP project would operate in six out of the

country's nine provinces in partnership with Care International, the Zambia AIDS Related TB project (ZAMBART) and Society for Family Health (SFH).

"The Zambian Government would like to acknowledge this kind of partnership and express gratitude for it in the fight against TB and other communicable diseases," Cifire said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pungent pulp: Panda poop perfect for paper

BEIJING, 26 March — There's a new Chinese saying: When life hands you panda poop, make paper.

Researchers at a giant panda reserve in southern China are looking for paper mills to process their surplus of fiber-rich panda excrement into high quality paper.

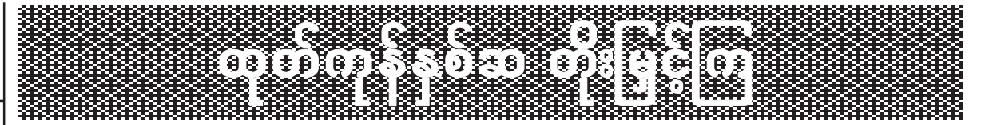
Liao Jun, a researcher at the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base in Sichuan province, said the idea came to them after a visit to Thailand last year where they found paper made from elephant dung. They thought panda poop would produce an even finer quality paper, he said.

The base is in talks with several paper mills on how to turn the droppings of Jing Jing, Ke Bi, Ya Ya and dozens of other pandas at the base into reams of office paper and rolls of wrapping paper, Liao said.

They hope to have a product line available by next year, he said. — Internet



A file photo of a V3xx Motorola phone shown with Yahoo! Go software at the Yahoo tent during the 2007 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 9 January, 2007. Yahoo on Tuesday will take the next step to bring advertising to mobile phones by offering publishers of Web sites aimed at cellphone users a set of tools for posting and managing ads via Yahoo. — INTERNET



Local masters of tea parching compete with each other for the title of "King of Tea Drying" on Thursday, 22 March, 2007. — XINHUA

Survey shows one in 10 is victim of online fraud

LONDON, 27 March — One in 10 Internet users fell victim to online fraud last year, losing an average of 875 pounds each, according to a survey on Monday. Many failed to take basic steps to protect themselves online and fewer than half felt they were wholly responsible for their safety while using the Internet.

Six per cent had suffered fraud while shopping online, four per cent had experienced general fraud and three per cent were subject to bank or credit card crime.

The survey of 2,400 people was

carried out by YouGov for GetSafe Online, a campaign group set up by the government, police and private companies.

"We need users to take the same basic precautions in using the Internet as they would when making transactions in the high street, such as not sharing your bank details or passwords," said Cabinet Office Minister Pat McFadden.

Nearly half said they did not have protection from spyware, computer software that secretly collects personal information when people use the Internet. — MNA/Reuters

Six killed in Russian helicopter crash

MOSCOW, 26 March — A helicopter crash in northern Russia killed all six people aboard, an Emergencies Ministry spokesman said on Saturday regarding the latest in a series of fatal disasters to occur in Russia in recent days. Rescue teams found the remains of the helicopter, owned by a unit of Russian gas monopoly Gazprom, on Friday, two days after it was reported missing.

"We have found all six people," ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov said. "Yesterday we found two and today, the other four. We will only be able to evacuate the bodies when the weather improves."

Bad weather has been cited as a possible reason for the crash, although the Emergencies Ministry did not confirm this. It had been overcast in the region throughout the week.

MNA/Reuters



Investigators check the damage caused by Sunday's earthquake on the tollway in Nanao, Ishikawa prefecture, coastal central Japan on 27 March, 2007. A powerful quake tore into the region on Sunday, killing one person and injured 214 others. — INTERNET

Vietnam uses methadone as drug substitute

HANOI, 26 March — Vietnam's Health Ministry has permitted, for the first time, the use of methadone, a synthetic narcotic, as a therapeutic tool to rehabilitate drug addicts, local newspaper Youth reported on Monday.

The Ministry permitted

a foreign-funded project on using methadone on pilot basis to rehabilitate 700 local drug addicts in northern Hai Phong city from now to December 2008.

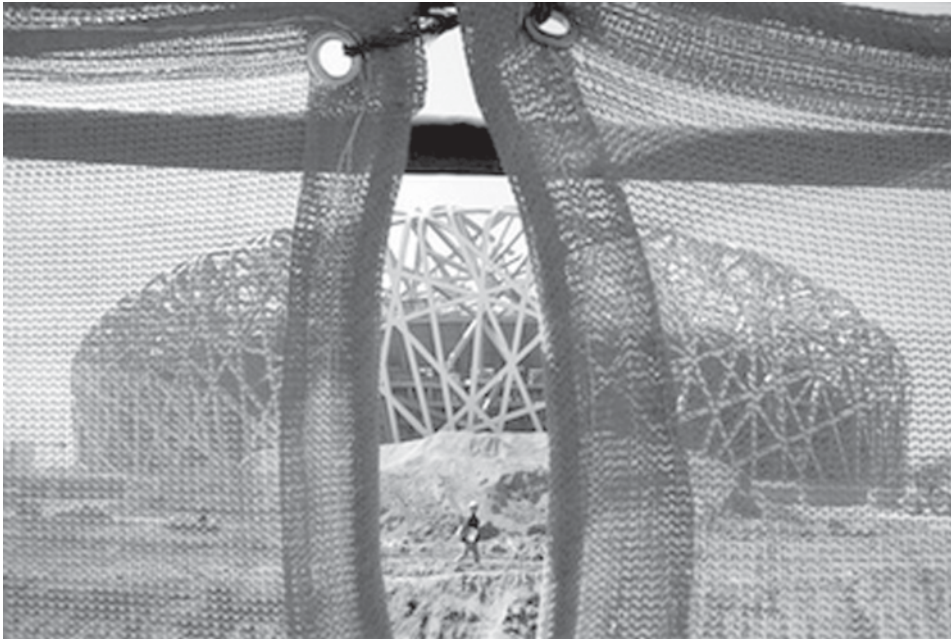
Under the pilot project funded by the US Agency for International Development and the UK Department for International

Development, methadone will be given to the addicts. When being withdrawn from methadone after a certain period of taking the drug orally, they will undergo methadone withdrawal instead of the more severe heroin withdrawal.

Vietnam has recently paid greater attention to

the methadone therapy, which has been conducted in many countries for years, partly because it wants to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS among infected narcotics addicts who often use the same injecting equipment like syringes.

MNA/Xinhua



Beijing's new National Stadium, the venue for the 2008 Olympic Games opening ceremony, and track and field competition, is seen through a screen on 26 March, 2007. Beijing on Monday marks 500 days until the opening of the 2008 Olympics. —INTERNET

Putin says Russia ready for cooperation with EU

Moscow, 26 March—Russia will not be seeking membership of the European Union, but hopes to develop ties with the group, President Vladimir Putin said in an article published by the Kremlin on Sunday. “A stable, flourishing and united Europe answers our interests,” Putin said in an article marking the 50th anniversary of the European Union’s founding Treaty of Rome.

The Kremlin leader, who is due to step down next year after presiding over eight years of strong

economic growth, praised Russia-EU relations which he said were heading towards a “comprehensive, intensive and long-term cooperation”.

“We are ... not going to join the European Union or engage in any form of association in the foreseeable future,” Putin said in the article posted on the

Kremlin Website (www.kremlin.ru). “Russia is ready to build relations with the European Union through treaties and strategic partnership,” he added. “I back the formula offered once by (Italian Prime Minister) Romano Prodi: Everything except for common institutions.”

MNA/Reuters

Seven killed in fire in Philippine city

MANILA, 26 March—Seven members of a family, including five children, were killed on early Sunday morning fire in Cebu City, central Philippines, reported local television network GMA News.

City fire marshall Ishmael Codilla said they found the charred bodies of the family members inside their house which was at the second floor of a two-storey building.

Fire investigators said people heard an explosion from the ground floor of the building. They said they tried to call on the family members but they were unable to do so due to the spreading fire.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese tourists learn to pick tea leaves from the local women in Xiaoqi Village of Wuyuan County in east China's Jiangxi Province, on 24 March, 2007. —XINHUA

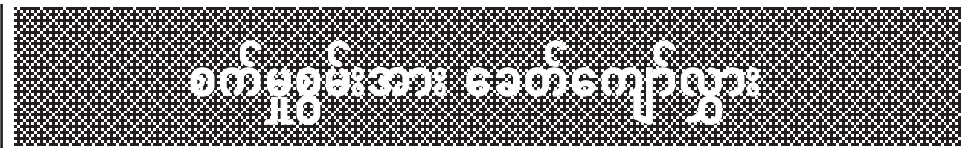
Expressway pileups kill 11 in east China

HEFEI, 26 March—Eleven people were killed on Sunday in six separate accidents caused by heavy fog involving 26 vehicles on an expressway in east China's Anhui Province, local police said.

The accidents, taking place between 6:00 am and 7:00 am near Anhui's Bengbu City, also left about 30 other people injured, including three seriously.

All the injured people have been hospitalized and the expressway have been re-opened to traffic, police said.

MNA/Xinhua



China's textile industry to grow over 15% in 2007

BEIJING, 26 March—China's textile industry will grow by more than 15 per cent in terms of output value, profits and exports year-on-year in 2007, forecast experts with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

With technological innovation and optimization of industrial structure, Chinese textile enterprises have improved their ability to compete

on the world market, according to a study by the NDRC experts.

Chinese textile enterprises recorded a total output value of 2.46 trillion yuan (307.7 billion US dollars) in 2006, a rise of 21.3 per cent from a year earlier. Their profits hit 88.3 billion yuan, up 28 per cent.

The sector's exports amounted to 147.1 billion yuan worth last year, a year-on-year rise of 25.1

per cent. The export volume included 52.3 billion US dollars of textiles, up 18.8 per cent, and 94.8 billion US dollars of clothing, up 28.9 per cent.

Influenced by the export quotas imposed by the European Union and the United States, Chinese textiles and clothing exports to these regions dropped markedly last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Eating meat enhanced with isotopes to a longer life

LONDON, 25 March—Indulging in an isotope-enhanced steak or chicken fillet every now and again could add as much as 10 years to your life. Scientists have shown for the first time that food

enriched with natural isotopes builds bodily components that are more resistant to the processes of ageing. The concept has been demonstrated in worms and researchers hope that the same concept can help extend human life and reduce the risk of cancer and other diseases of ageing, reports Marina Murphy in Chemistry & Industry, the magazine of the SCI.

A team led by Mikhail Shchepinov, formerly of Oxford University, fed nematode worms nutrients reinforced with natural isotopes (naturally occurring atomic variations of elements). In initial experiments, worms' life spans were extended by 10%, which, with humans expected to routinely coast

close to the centenary, could add a further 10 years to human life.

Food enhanced with isotopes is thought to produce bodily constituents and DNA more resistant to detrimental processes, like free radical attack. The isotopes replace atoms in susceptible bonds making these bonds stronger. ‘Because these bonds are so much more stable, it should be possible to slow down the process of oxidation and ageing,’ Shchepinov says.

The isotopes could be used in animal feed so that humans could get the “age-defying” isotopes indirectly in steaks or chicken fillets, for example, rather than eating chemically enhanced products themselves. —Internet



Local residents walk near a huge rock fallen by Sunday's earthquake in Wajima, on Monday, 26 March, 2007. Aftershocks shook central Japan's coast on Monday, a day after a powerful earthquake killed at least one person and injured 193 others as it toppled buildings, triggered landslides and generated a small tsunami along the coast. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

CD pirates back with a vengeance

JOHOR BARU, 26 March—Last Tuesday's RM 10 mil seizure of fake optical discs has failed to stop the syndicates.

Within 24 hours, they were back in business with their 20-odd stalls at a shopping complex here.

In fact, the syndicates are believed to have even invested in a "special chemical spray" to confuse the dogs which sniffed a cache of one million fake optical discs stored in an office tower block at the complex.

In the raid, Labrador

Retrievers Lucky and Flo were instrumental in leading enforcement officers to the discs.

It is learnt that the syndicates have also changed their tactics by using pushcarts and trolleys for easy escape.

Besides that, they have carried out extensions to the stalls by setting up secret rooms, installing remote-controlled doors and additional closed-circuit television cameras.

This is an act of defiance, said state Dome-

stic Trade and Consumer Affairs Department enforcement chief Fahmi Kassim of the syndicates' ability to operate a day after the "massive seizure."

"We will wage an all-out war against piracy all over the state, especially in Jalan Wong Ah Fook and the complex," he said.

Internet

China, Venezuela to cement ties with oil deals

CARACAS, 26 March — Venezuela said on Saturday it was working on a raft of oil deals with China, giving impetus to President Hugo Chavez' attempts to break his country's dependence on oil exports to the United States.

The China National Petroleum Corp will look to develop heavy crude oil production in the Orinoco Belt and cooperate with Venezuela in building three refineries in China and a "super-fleet" of crude tankers, the Information Ministry said.

"The United States as a power is on the way down, China is on the way up. China is the market of the future," Chavez was quoted as saying by an Information Ministry statement after meeting CNPC President Jiang Jiemin in Caracas.

China's economic expansion has turned it into the world's second-biggest oil consumer. OPEC member Venezuela was the fifth-biggest oil exporter to the United States in January. Analysts reckon it pumps about 2.7 million barrels per day.

Chavez has ambitious plans to lift oil exports to China to lessen its dependence on its arch-foe the United States, saying it hopes to send 1 million barrels per day to China by 2012.

This optimistic target follows an earlier goal of more than tripling oil exports to China of 160,000 bpd by 2009.—MNA/Reuters

Bono (L) from U2 holds the award for Global engagement as he stands with German comedian Michael Mittermeier during the "Echo Music Awards" ceremony in Berlin on 25 March, 2007.

INTERNET



IBM to demonstrate world's fastest optical chipset

BEIJING, 27 March — IBM scientists on Monday announced that they will demonstrate this week at the 2007 Optical Fiber Conference a prototype optical transceiver chipset capable of reaching speeds at least eight times faster than optical components available now.

The chipset is able to

move information at blazing speeds of 160 Gigabits per second by speeding the flow of data using light pulses, instead of sending electrons over wires.

The breakthrough could transform how data is accessed, shared and used across the Web for corporate and consumer networks.



IBM's optical chipset is not only fast, but also tiny. INTERNET

The transceiver is fast enough to reduce the download time for a typical high definition feature-length film to a single second compared to 30 minutes or more, according to IBM.

Furthermore, the technology could be integrated onto printed circuit boards to allow the components within an electronic system—such as a PC or set top box—to communicate much faster, dramatically enhancing the performance of the system itself.

Besides higher data speeds, the IBM chip, which is less than a quarter the size of a dime, uses less energy, thereby generating less heat. The latter is important in data

centres because cooler running machines means less money spent on air conditioning.

This compact design provides both a high number of communications channels as well as very high speeds per channel, resulting in an amount of information transmitted per unit area of card space taken up by the chipset (the ultimate measure of viability for practical use) that is the highest ever.

This transceiver chipset is designed to enable low cost optics by attaching to an optical printed circuit board employing densely spaced polymer waveguide channels using mass assembly processes.

Internet



A foreign tourist poses for a photo in front of the Olympic countdown clock displaying 500 days to the Olympic Games in Beijing, capital of China, on 26 March, 2007.—XINHUA

Families of N-E China's colliery fire victims get compensation

SHENYANG, 26 March — The bodies of six miners who died in a colliery fire last Sunday in northeast China have been cremated and more than 200,000 yuan

(25,600 US dollars) in compensation have been paid to each family.

The fire broke out at about 3:40 pm on 18 March when 35 miners were working underground in Dongliang Township of Fuxin City, Liaoning Province. Six miners were suffocated by the fumes and 15 others were injured.

The owners and managers of the mine attempted to handle the accident themselves and failed to report it to local work safety authorities, but on Monday afternoon the disaster was reported by someone close to the company. So far, six people have been detained.

MNA/Xinhua

Actress Bridget Fonda arrives at the premiere of "Meet The Robinsons" in Hollywood on 25 March, 2007.—XINHUA



Thousands of people accord rousing welcome to parade columns of 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, garlands a Tatmadawman of a parade column. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March — Tatmadawmen of Anawrahta, Kyan-sittha, Bayintnaung, Aung Zeya, Hsinbyushin, Bandoola, Myawady columns and members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society led by parade commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung marched to the parade ground of Nay Pyi Taw to mark the 62nd

Anniversary Armed Forces Day for 2007.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the

family members, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, garlands a Tatmadawman of a parade column. — MNA

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

Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the SPDC Adjutant

General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of members of the SPDC, the Commanders-in-Chief (Navy) and (Air), Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior military officers and



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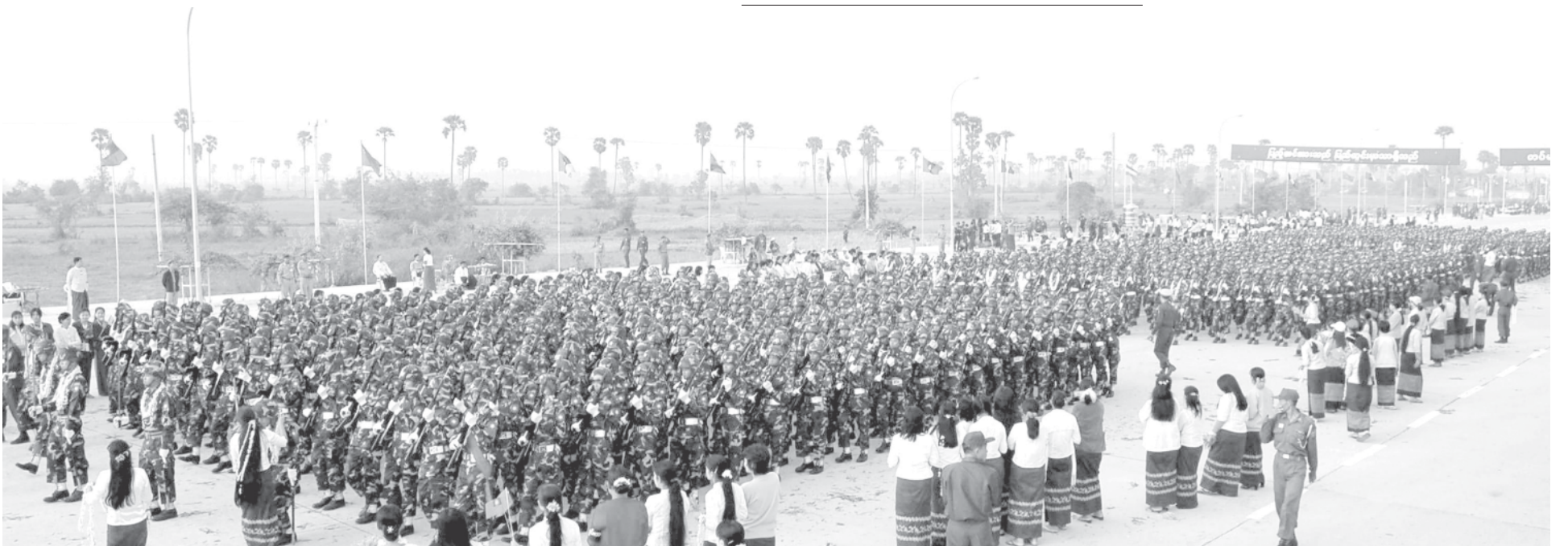
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A nurse garlands a Tatmadawman of a parade column. — MNA

people accorded a rousing welcome to parade columns and so did service personnel from respective ministries, members of social organizations, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and War Veterans Organization, teachers and students.

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Military parade columns marching on 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day held



General Thura Shwe Mann presents best parade award first prize to a company representing the Directorate of Armour. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—The prize distribution of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade took place at the assembly ground here at 9.15 am today attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

Also present on the occasion were Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Chairman of the Working Committee for Presenting Prizes Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers,

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column, Kyansittha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Aung Zeya Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Bandoola Column and Myawady Column led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society.

First, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society of



Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents best parade award third prize to a company representing Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Office. — MNA

respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented prizes to companies representing Myanmar Red Cross Society and Fire Brigade.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented a prize to company representing Myanmar Police Force and best parade award third prize to company representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).

Afterwards, General Thura Shwe Mann presented best parade award second prize to company representing Directorate of Artillery and best parade award first prize to Directorate of Armour.

Later, General Thura Shwe Mann took the salute of columns of Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society of respective columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung and the ceremony came to a close.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents a prize to a company representing Myanmar Red Cross Society. — MNA

People visit Tatmadaw Park and Square for rest and relaxation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—The Tatmadaw Park and Square in the parade ground here was opened from noon to 9 pm today.

It was packed with service personnel of the ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, family members of battalions and units of Pyinmana Station and the public.

The park has been embellished with colourful landscaping plants, coloured lamps and fountains. The visitors were seen at leisure for rest and relaxation.

For the comfort and convenience of those in Nay Pyi Taw and its environs wishing to visit the park, bus service was arranged.

The park is kept open till 31 March from 7 am until 9 pm daily.—MNA

**Residents visit the Park and People's Square in
Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw.**

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Senior General Than Shwe addresses 62nd Anniversary...

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pride and honour for the people and the Tatmadaw, I would like to solemnly address you on some matters of importance.

Comrades,

To defend the State is the duty of all citizens and the Tatmadaw in particular. The two essential requisites in defending the State are to constantly aim at building a strong, efficient, modern and patriotic Tatmadaw and to make the Tatmadaw and the people one and indivisible just as water cannot be divided.



Senior General Than Shwe inspects parade columns at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony at Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

viding arms and ammunition to have the national leaders assassinated.

Following the regaining of independence, armed conflicts among national races erupted in a

the economic strength of the country and the people were in abject poverty. Successive governments hand in hand with the Tatmadaw had had to rebuild the State from such

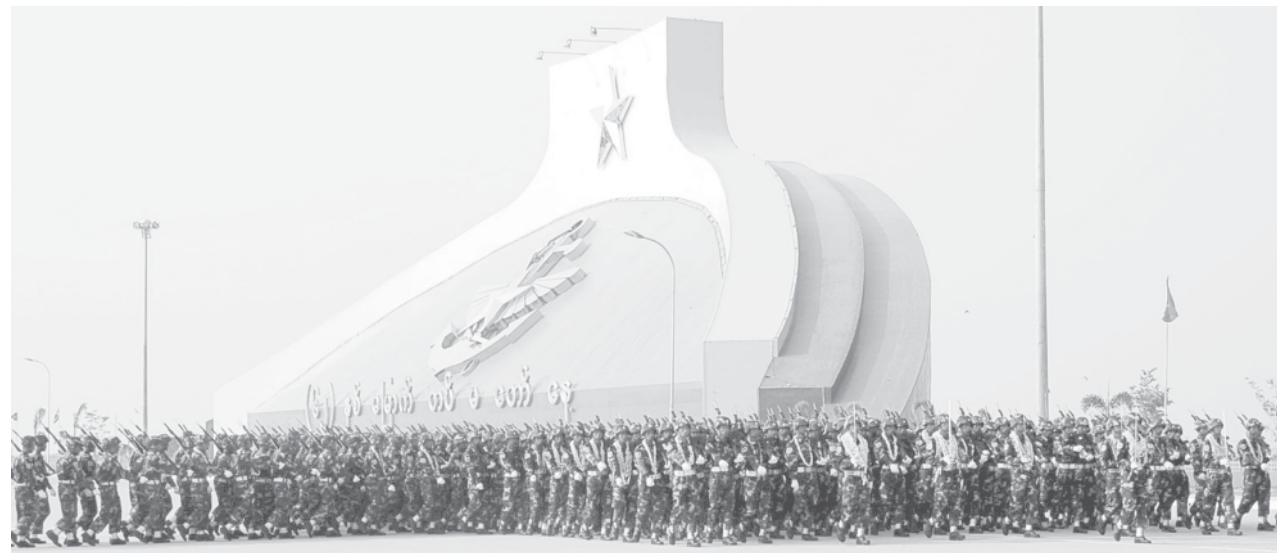
the Tatmadaw.

In an attempt to disintegrate the national unity, they will try to sow the seeds of discord and dissension not only among national races but also

than the national solidarity. In consolidating the national unity, the national policy which should be relied on as the main pillar is non-disin-

tegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and the perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State.

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A parade column marching to Parade Ground at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Comrades,

Colonialists adopted diverse stratagems and practiced divide-and-rule policy among the national races in order to subject the nation to prolonged servitude. Even before the granting of independence, they went so far to commit terrorist acts by pro-

large scale like the unfastened bamboo poles falling apart. Due to internal conflicts, there was no prevalence of peace and stability in the country and the people had had to live in fear. Due to lack of peace and tranquillity in the country, we were not in a position to build up

a worsening situation.

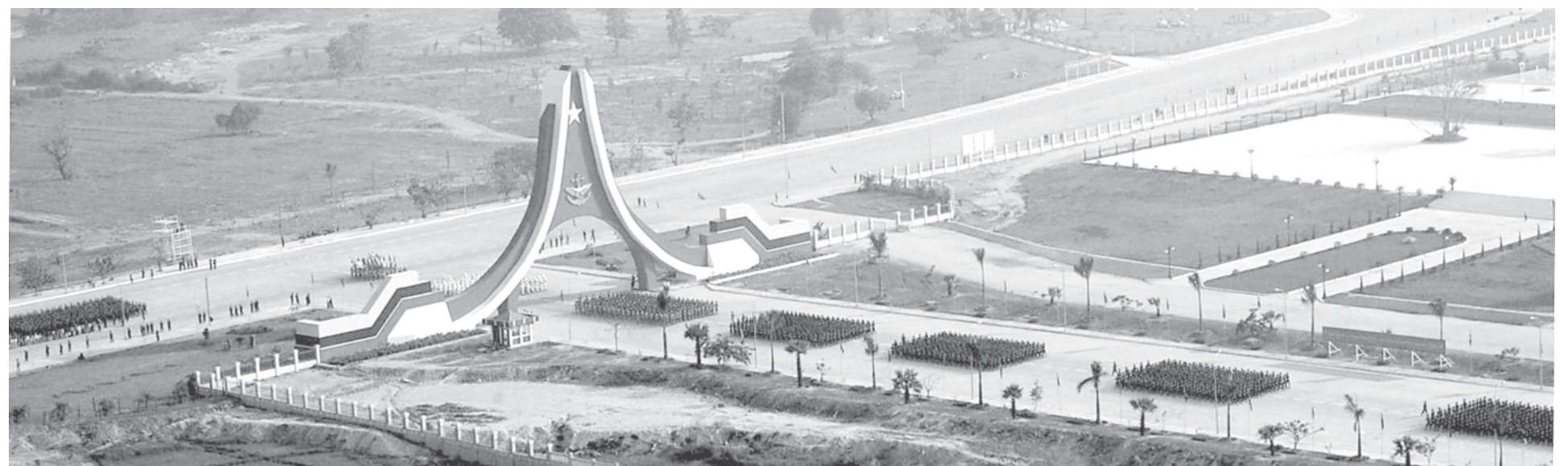
Comrades,

Judging from the lessons of the history, it is certain that powerful countries wishing to impose their influence on our nation will make any attempt in various ways and means to undermine national unity and to weaken

within each particular ethnic group in various spheres such as religions, ideologies, social classes, etc. They will also make efforts to undermine the armed forces and other public service institutions as well. Therefore, the primary requisite of the country is none other

Excerpts from speech of Senior General Than Shwe

- * To defend the State is the duty of all citizens and the Tatmadaw in particular.
- * The two essential requisites in defending the State are to constantly aim at building a strong, efficient, modern and patriotic Tatmadaw and to make the Tatmadaw and the people one and indivisible just as water cannot be divided.
- * The Tatmadaw which never betrays the national cause has the tradition of taking the challenge to solve the problems without hesitation whenever the country confronted with a threat to Our Three Main National Causes.



Aerial view of 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony at Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Dignitaries at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe addresses 62nd Anniversary...

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Comrades,

The Tatmadaw, which never betrays the national cause, has a fine tradition of taking the challenges to solve the problems without hesitation whenever the country is confronted by a threat to Our Three Main National Causes. As has been done in the past, the Tatmadaw is upholding Our Three Main National Causes and will continue to do so in the future as well. All destructive elements bending on the disintegration of the Union, national solidarity and the perpetuation of sovereignty constitute a threat and a danger to the country.

The Tatmadaw entrusted to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes must be well equipped with the “Three Constants”, namely constant military vigilance, constant training and constant readiness for the battle. Only then will we be able to perform well Our Three Main Duties which are duty to defend the nation, duty to undergo training and the duty to serve the interest of the people.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadawmen are born of the people. As we are beloved sons of the people, we must treat the people as our own parents whenever we encounter with them irrespective of our postings and the assigned duties. We must protect them, defend them and serve their interests. As the sons of the people,

all of you have already won the hearts and minds of the people. The members of the Tatmadaw are also building sound infrastructures for each and every sector such as

As the Tatmadaw and the people are united as one, our nation will be able to ward off any danger that may befall the nation.

agriculture, industry, electrical and energy, transportation, health and education in order to effectuate the sustainable development of the State and the prosperity of the

people in future. Our undertaking of these nation-building tasks is not for us to show them off, but to serve the people in accord with the principle that “the Tatmadaw always stand by the people”. Therefore, you all must contribute through your active participation in

nation-building tasks. Moreover, being precious and illustrate sons of the Tatmadaw, all of you must also abide by the 60 rules and regulations contained in the codes of conduct of

soldiers. As the Tatmadaw and the people are united as one, our nation will be able to ward off any danger that may befall the nation.

Comrades,

When the Tatmadaw had to unavoidably assume the State responsibility, the situation of the country was deteriorating severely in terms of both physical and spiritual aspects. The success of the Tatmadaw in building the political strength, economic strength and the defence strength of the State could be attributed to the strength and prowess of the people. Since the Tatmadaw together with the people have been striving for the

successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map of the State, the process for the laying down of basic principles for the drafting of a new constitution has now reached to its final stage. The remaining steps of the work programmes will also be successfully completed with the strength and prowess of the entire people.

Comrades,

I wish to conclude by

system, members of the Tatmadaw must not only serve the duties assigned to you with speedy and strenuous efforts, but also carry out the following tasks in accordance with the objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

- to exert efforts, hand in hand with the people, in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline flourishing demo-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein welcomes a military attaché at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade. — MNA

saying that at a time when the Tatmadaw, in accordance with the will of the people, has been undertaking duties of transforming the era and

- to fulfil any duty with the true Union Spirit for the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map,
- to crush, hand in hand with the entire people, every danger of internal and external destructive elements obstructing the stability and development of the State, and
- to strive for building a strong efficient, modern Tatmadaw in order to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. — MNA



Local and foreign journalists attend 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Media persons attend 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March — Media persons from Thailand-based news agencies and foreign newspapers, Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journals and magazines attended the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade for 2007 held at the parade ground here to cover the news this morning.

A total of 76 media persons— 32 of BBC, CNN, Kyodo News, AFP, Tokyo Broadcasting System, AP, NHK, Fuji TV, Reuters, TV Asahi, Ji Ji Press, EPA, Deutsche Press Agentur (dpa), Mainichi Shimbun, Tokyo Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Sankei Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun, Hokkaido Shimbun and Nihonkeizai Shimbun, 18 of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and 26 of local journals and magazines— were present at the ceremony. — MNA



Local and foreign journalists covering news at 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and wife...

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Senior Military Officers, deputy ministers, the Parade Commander and Column Commanders and foreign military attaches to Myanmar, officials of the SPDC Office and respective ministries, members of the Leading Committee and Work Committee, local

and foreign journalists, delegates from social organizations, artistes and guests.

Before and during the dinner, vocalists presented songs to the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music band.

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Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw being illuminated on 27 March 2007.

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Senior General Than Shwe addresses...

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Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin

Lwin, the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of

the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers, the deputy ministers, military attaches of foreign missions, departmental heads, senior police officers, senior officers of Fire Services Department, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Honour and the Central Military Band led by WOII Aung Moe Lin took the designated places in the parade ground.

Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung led the military columns, followed by Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myint Lwin, the standard bearers of Union Flag and flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Anawrahta Column led by Maj Kyaw Soe Naing and the military band led by Sgt Win Moe.

Column Commander Col Aung Gyi ushered Anawrahta Column, together with Commanding Officer Lt-Col Kyaw Aung, which was made up of Guard of Honour of Directorate of Artillery led by Maj Zaw Min Oo, the company led by Maj Khin Maung Swe representing Directorate of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the company led by Maj Aung Aung representing North East Command, the company No-4 led by Maj Myo Min Oo representing Western Command and the company led by Maj Aung Than Htwe representing No 101 Light Infantry Division and company-4 led by Maj Hsan Aung representing Coastal Region Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Kyansittha Column led by Maj Aung Thaik Tun and the military band led by Sgt Tin Hla Win ushered the column comprising Column Commander Col Thein Zaw, Guard of Honour of Kyansittha Column led

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Foreign military attaches arrive Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Aung Myint Oo, 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, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai



Foreign military attaches attend 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony. — MNA

tion, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, nurses, members of Fire Brigade, Red Cross Society, local and foreign journalists and invited guests.

Members of the parade columns took their designated places at the assembly area at 5 am to march towards the Parade Ground.

At 5.30 am, Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myint Lwin presented the seven parade columns to Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung. Before the parade columns marching to the parade ground, the Guard of

Who dares compete against Tatmadaw?

- * Never in its existence
Has Tatmadaw deviated from original course
But working with unflinching belief
Even amid wants or difficulties
Noble duties discharged
And shining with national pride
A white star in scarlet flag
- * Ever in 62 years of existence
Prominence won as nation builder
So strong is the resolve
That it dares make sacrifices
Tatmadaw where new generation blossoms
Tolerates no intrusion
Crushing all dangers
And ensuring peace
That national races
Can march forward with unity
Who dares compete against Tatmadaw?
The white star of the flying red flag

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Honouring the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Ye Min Htet

Senior General Than Shwe addresses...

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by Maj Zaw Tun Oo representing Directorate of Armour, Commanding Officer of Kyansittha Column Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe, the company led by Maj Soe Naing Tun representing Northern Command, company led by Maj Ba Oo representing Directorate of Signals, company led by Maj Zaw Moe Lwin representing South-East Command, Company-2 led by Maj Ye Tun Win representing North-West Command

Thant Zin Htoo and the military band led by Sgt Kyaw Zeya Win ushered the column comprising Column Commander Col San Win, Guard of Honour of Aung Zeya Column led by Maj Han Win Aung representing No 77 LID, Commanding Officer of Aung Zeya Column Lt-Col Zaw Win Aung, the company led by Maj Zaw Zaw representing Directorate of Military Engineers, company led by Maj Min Nyunt Oo representing South-West Command,

representing Triangle Region Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Bandoola Column led by Maj Kyaw Kyaw Phyu and the military band led by Sgt Aung Zaw Latt ushered the column comprising Column Commander Col Khin Maung Hsint, Guard of Honour of Bandoola Column led by Maj Kyaw Kyaw Han representing Yangon Command, Commanding Officer of Bandoola Column



Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw being illuminated on 27 March 2007.—MNA

and Company-2 led by Maj Aung Myo Oo representing Eastern Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Bayintnaung Column led by Maj Kyaw Thiha and the military band led by L/Cpl Mya Maung ushered the column comprising Column Commander Captain Zaw Oo (Navy), Guard of Honour of Bayintnaung Column led by Lt-Cdr Kyaw Myint Aung representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commanding Officer of Bayintnaung Column Cdr Win Myint Aung, the company led by Maj Thet Oo representing Directorate of Medical Services, company led by Maj Naing Naing Oo representing Eastern Command, company led by Maj Thet Lwin representing Coastal Region Command, company led by Maj Kyaw Zeya representing No 66 LID, Company-3 led by Maj Kyaw Zeya representing South-East Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Aung Zeya Column led by Maj

company led by Maj Ye Naing representing North-West Command and Company-2 led by Maj Nay Myo Win representing Nay Pyi Taw Command and Company-2 led by Maj Aung Aung Lwin representing Coastal Region Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of Hsinbyushin Column led by Maj Min Thein and the military band led by Cpl Win Myint ushered the column comprising Column Commander Col Than Lwin, Guard of Honour of Hsinbyushin Column led by Maj Khin Maung Wai representing Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commanding Officer of Hsinbyushin Column Lt-Col Thet Wai, the company led by Maj Than Min Aung representing Directorate of Ordnance Services, company led by Maj Kyaw Hsan Oo representing Central Command, company led by Maj Saw Aung representing Western Command, Company-2 led by Maj Tin Aung Swe representing Yangon Command and Company-3 led by Maj Naing Oo Hlaing repre-

Lt-Col Thurein Kyaw, the company led by Maj Nay Lin representing Directorate of Supply and Transport, company led by Maj Tin Tun representing Triangle Region Command, company led by Maj Tun Aung Kyaw representing No 33 LID, company-3 led by Maj Zeya Paing representing Eastern Command and Company-3 led by Maj Myat Thu Soe representing North-East Command.

The standard bearers of flags of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society of Myawady Column led by Maj Win Myint Aung and the band led by Sgt Zaw Oo ushered the column comprising Column Commander Col Nay Win, Guard of Honour of Myawady Column led by Police Maj Win Thein representing MPF, Commanding Officer of Myawady Column Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Nyunt, the company led by Assistant Director Ko Ko Gyi representing Fire Brigade, company led by Company Commander Lwin Maung representing Red Cross Society, company led by Maj Myo Thant



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representing Directorate of Defence Industries, company led by Maj Yan Naung representing Southern Command, company-3 led by Maj Thet Lwin Tun representing Triangle Region Command and company led by Maj Aung Myo Oo representing No 99 LID.

Singing military songs, the parade columns comprising 15035 members of Tatmadaw, MPF, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society marched toward the Parade Ground.

Along the route, the marching columns were accorded a rousing welcome by the families of the Camp Commandant's Office and Directorates of the Ministry of Defence,

am.

At 7.25 am, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, arrived at the Parade Ground where he was welcomed and ushered to the dais by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe.

After Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior

the Union of Myanmar.

After paying tribute to the fallen leaders and members of the Tatmadaw, the column members took the four oaths.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. (The address is reported separately.)

Afterwards, the parade commander sought the permission of the Senior General to march past him.

Next, the columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung marched past the Senior General and left the Parade Ground for the assembly area.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe left there and the 62nd Anni-



Parade Ground in Nay Pyi Taw being illuminated on 27 March 2007.—MNA

service personnel of the respective ministries in Nay Pyi Taw, Tatmadawmen, MPF members, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade members, family members of Nay Pyi Taw Station, members of USDA, WAO, MCWA, MWVO, Red Cross, Fire Brigade, nurses, teachers, students and local people who waved the miniature flags, presented flowers and garlands to the parade members.

The columns took their designated places at 6.50

General Than Shwe took position on the dais, the columns saluted him. Next, Parade Commander Brig-Gen Myint Naung presented the columns to Senior General Than Shwe.

Afterwards, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected the columns by car.

The Central Military Band played the National Anthem while those present saluted the Flag of

versary Armed Forces Day parade ended at 8.20 am.

The entrance to the parade ground was decorated with archway of resistance star and emblem of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air). To the east of the ground were the statues of the three kings—Anawrahta, Bayintnaung and Alaung Phaya U Aung Zeya.

Various billboards with mottoes of the Tatmadaw and flags of the Tatmadaw were erected and the parade ground was illuminated. — MNA

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China cooperates with French Co for TB prevention

BEIJING, 26 March—The Ministry of Health signed a letter of intent here on Saturday with a leading French bio-tech company, Merieux Alliance, on cooperation in the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis (TB).

The Fondation Merieux will invest one million euros for cooperation in developing TB diagnostic technology, training doctors and nurses and establishing laboratories in the coming three years.

Huang Jiefu, Vice-Minister of Health, said although China has made achievements in the control of TB, the incidence and death rates of TB remained grave with increasing cases of drug resistance and double infections of TB and HIV/AIDS and poor healthcare among the migrant population.

TB is a chronic disease spread by airborne particles emitted by coughing, sneezing or talking. It is an infectious disease with the highest death toll in China.

According to official statistics, China currently has 4.5 million TB patients and some 130,000 patients die from the disease in China annually.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has set 24 March as the World TB Day, aiming 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

S Korea to prepare for development of inter-Korean industrial complex

SEOUL, 26 March—The South Korea Unification Ministry said Sunday that South Korea will begin to prepare for the development of a 2.5-million-pyeong, or 8.25-square-kilometre area in the inter-Korean industrial complex in Kaesong, a border city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

"The government will conduct a geological survey of the land in Kaesong for the second-

stage construction of the industrial complex," the ministry said.

South Korea plans to build a 20-million-pyeong, or 66-square-kilometre, industrial base in Kaesong in three stages for South Korean companies by 2012.

If the complex is completed, it is expected to employ as many as half a million DPRK workers in about 2,000-3,000 South Korean factories.

The South Korean

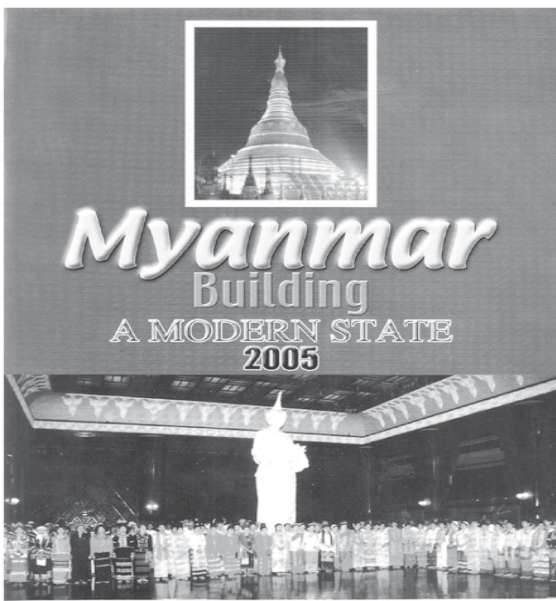
Government had originally planned to launch the second-stage project last year, but the project has been suspended due to tensions caused by DPRK's missile and nuclear tests.

The Unification Ministry said it plans to parcel out a 530,000-pyeong (about 1.75-square-kilometre) lot for

South Korean manufacturers late next month.

Currently, 11,160 DPRK workers are employed in 21 labour-intensive South Korean firms in Kaesong's inter-Korean industrial complex with an average wage of 60 US dollars per capita each month, according to the ministry.

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Zambia, Namibia to enhance communication cooperation

LUSAKA, 26 March—Zambia and Namibia has signed two memoranda of understanding on transport and communication and diplomatic relations between the two countries as well, *Zambia News and Information Services* reported Saturday.

According to a document signed in Namibia's capital of Windhoek during the visit by Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa, Zambia will establish a dry port at the Namibian port of Walvis Bay while the other document on diplomatic relations entails that the foreign affairs ministries of the two countries will always dialogue on issues of common interest.

Mwanawasa said in Windhoek Saturday that he is impressed with Namibia's economic development, 17 years after attaining independence, adding that Namibia is on the right track to economic prosperity.

Before departure for Lusaka, Mwanawasa said his visit has enabled him to see Namibia's success in many areas of economic development.

He said it is through exchange of visits that the two governments can share experiences and learn from each other.

Although two countries are facing similar challenges such as poverty and HIV/AIDS, he was confident that they will overcome all the problems.

While in Namibia, Mwanawasa graced Namibia's 17th independence Anniversary, toured the Namibian Port Authority and addressed the business community in Walvis Bay. The Zambian President returned to Lusaka Saturday afternoon.— MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia plans to beef up police force

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 March—Malaysia plans to take in another 60,000 policemen to raise the total police force to 150,000 strong, local Press reported Monday.

The police force is currently 90,000 strong but many people feel this number is insufficient to meet the increasing policing needs of the nation, said Inspector-General of Police Musa Hassan.

The increase in intake could start later this year, Musa said on Sunday after attending the Police Day celebration here. "A greater presence of policemen on the ground will curb crime," he added.

According to reports of *The New Straits Times*, the capacity of the five police training colleges nationwide will be increased to allow for the plan.

In the future, 14,000 trainees will be trained each year, a 130-per-cent increase compared with the 6,000 trainees passing out from colleges each year at present.

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A model presents a creation by Kazakh designer Kuralai during Fashion Week in Moscow on 26 March, 2007.—INTERNET

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Public SAARC summit issues 25-point declaration paper

KATHMANDU, 26 March — The two-day Public South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit concluded in Kathmandu on Sunday after issuing a 25-point declaration paper.

The declaration paper includes demands such as the implementation of a visa system among the South Asian countries, strengthening the democratic and human rights conditions in the SAARC nations, making the state free of arms and nuclear

weapons and cutting down expenditure on arms and reallocating 10 per cent of the expenses to social development, among others. It also consists of demands such as food sovereignty, proper relocation of refugees and internally-displaced people, guaranteeing right to information and freedom of the media and the implementation of labour rights in the workplace.

According to the summit coordinator Arjun Karki,

the declaration paper will be presented to the 14th SAARC summit to be held in New Delhi next month.

The Public SAARC summit was attended by politicians, civil society representatives, indigenous nationalities, students and women from all SAARC countries except Afghanistan.

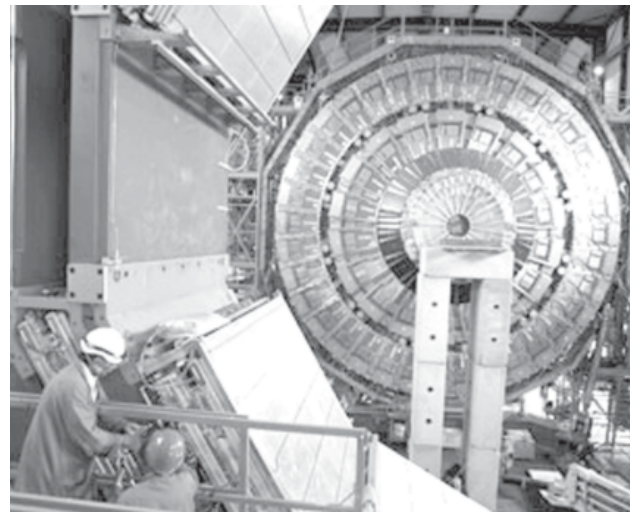
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Chinese, Vietnamese FM's hold talks

BEIJING, 26 March — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing on Sunday held talks with visiting Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem.

The two sides exchanged views on expanding bilateral relations and agreed to take measures to push forward China-Vietnam neighbourly friendship, said a Press release from the Chinese Foreign Ministry. Pham reiterated Vietnam's adherence to the one-China policy.

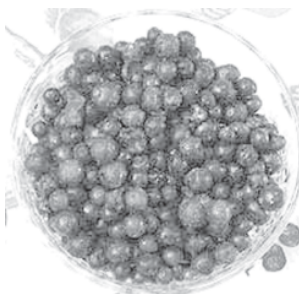
Pham is on an official visit to China from 24 to 29 March.—MNA/Xinhua



Two technicians assemble an element of the CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) experiment at the European Organization for Nuclear Research CERN (Centre Europeen de Recherche Nucleaire) in the French village of Cessy, near Geneva on 22 March, 2007. CMS is part of five experiments which, from the end of 2007 on, will study what happens when beams of particles collide in the 27 km (16.8 miles) long underground ring LHC.

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Berries could be cancer-fighting superfoods



Blueberries: They are high in antioxidants.

BEIJING, 27 March — A compound called pterostilbene found abundantly in blueberries offered protection against colon cancer, according to a new study Monday by researchers at the US Department of Agriculture and Rutgers University.

The animal study by these researchers showed that the compound is a powerful antioxidant and has the potential to be developed into a pill as well.

The findings of the study were detailed at the 233rd national meeting of the American Chemical Society. Colon cancer is thought to be the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Previous studies have highlighted several com-

pounds in fruits and vegetables that are thought to possess cancer-fighting properties.

However this is the first study to actually demonstrate them albeit in laboratory animals. The study included 18 rats in whom colon cancer was induced by using compound (azoxy-methane). Half the rats were then given a

balanced diet, while the rest received a balanced diet plus pterostilbene.

Researchers said that rats with pterostilbene showed 57 percent lesser precancerous lesions in the colon than the rats with only a balanced diet. Additionally pterostilbene also appeared to lower some genes involved in inflammation.

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Technicians work at the production line for MG cars of Nanjing Automobile Group in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 26 March, 2007. Nanjing Automobile Group, who took over MG Rover in 2005, said production in China of cars based on MG Rover technology will begin in March.—INTERNET

Mexican cartel controlling Costa Rican maritime smuggling

SAN JOSE, 26 March — The Sinaloa Cartel, one of Mexico's most powerful drug trafficking organizations, was behind the rampant cocaine trafficking activities among fishermen in Costa Rica, senior security officials said Sunday.

Gerardo Lascarez, Costa Rica's Deputy Minister of Public Security, said the cartel recruited traffickers in Costa Rica and invested

large sums of money in the country to make its operations successful.

The cartel's part in the Pacific cocaine trade was discovered on 8 March, when an arrested Costa Rican drug trafficker confessed that he led a local group allied to the Mexican drug cartel.

Police discovered that the cartel had paid 200,000 US dollars in cash for a boat.

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SPORTS

Angola beat Eritrea 6-1 in African Nations Cup qualifier

LUANDA, 27 March — The Angolan national football team beat Eritrea 6-1 in a Group F qualifying match of the African Cup of Nations 2008 here on Sunday.

The team scored three goals apiece in each half of the match, making Angola the leaders of the group F on nine points. Eritrea is second on four points.

The Angolan scorers were Flavio, Motorras, Ze Calanga, Mendonca, Flavio, and Figueiredo. Tenesgem scored for Eritrea in the second half.

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Louisiana State University Sylvia Fowles celebrates with the winning trophy after beating the University of Connecticut in the NCAA women's Fresno Regional final basketball game in Fresno, California on 26 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Czech players fined after hotel party

PRAGUE, 27 March — Czech soccer officials have fined the national team one million crowns (47,530 US dollars) for throwing a party until the early hours of Sunday, after they had lost to Germany in a Euro 2008 qualifier.

The Czech Soccer Union said the players had been celebrating the 29th birthday of Fiorentina defender Tomas Ujfalusi. "Because the celebration was conducted in an inappropriate way, which does not fall in line with the behaviour of Czech Republic national team members, the whole team was punished by a one-million-crown fine," the union said in a statement.

Coach Karel Brueckner was quoted by news agency CTK as saying it was the worst disciplinary offence he had experienced and that it briefly made him consider resigning. Tabloid daily *Sip* reported on Monday that Ujfalusi, captain Tomas Rosicky, Jan Polak, Martin Jiranek and Marek Cech had held a party in a room at the Praha hotel until at least 5.30 am.

The players, who will share the cost of the fine among the whole team, admitted having a late party.

The Czechs lost 2-1 to Germany on Saturday after a weak performance that sparked wide criticism of the team and Brueckner.

They next meet Cyprus on Wednesday in the northern Czech town of Liberec. — MNA/Reuters



Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki of Japan follows through on his RBI single off Texas Rangers pitcher Jamey Right in the third inning of a spring training baseball game in Surprise, Ariz, on 26 March, 2007. The Rangers won 10-6.—INTERNET

McClaren takes on critics after England's winless run

BARCELONA, 27 March — England coach Steve McClaren dismissed media calls for him to be sacked on Monday and said he was concentrating solely on securing a Euro 2008 qualifying victory against Andorra. Wednesday's game in Barcelona follows a 0-0 draw in Israel on Saturday which left England third in Group E, three points behind Russia and five adrift of leaders Croatia.

Though savaged by the British media on Monday, McClaren refused to be drawn into talking about his position, telling a news conference: "I'm not discussing my issue or 'am I under pressure' because it really is not an issue."

"The issue is doing the job, the

issue is making sure we win on Wednesday." With another seven qualifiers still to play in a faltering campaign, McClaren added: "We have to make sure we beat Andorra, we have to beat Estonia (in June) and then look to next season."

"We still have Russia to play twice and they still have to go to Croatia and to Israel. There are going to be twists and turns in this group, believe you me."

"That's what I believe and that's what we're instilling into the squad."

McClaren also took a more optimistic view of Saturday's draw in Tel Aviv, where England laboured against a well-disciplined side who gave them little room for manoeuvre.— MNA/Reuters

Veteran Chusovitina wins Germany vault gold at Cottbus WC

BERLIN, 27 March — The 32-year-old veteran gymnast Oksana Chusovitina cruised to women's vault title out of two energetic routines for the hosts at the Cottbus gymnastics World Cup in Germany on Sunday.

Chusovitina demonstrated two vigorous vaults with a difficult HS-layout forward 1/1 turn, needing a large step forward to secure the landing.

She then turned out a routine of Tsukahara 1 and 1/2 twists with a very good layout position, but a small hop to the side on landing. The two vaults brought her once again a victory on her favourite apparatus with an average of 14.762 points.

The audience was thrilled by Jade Barbosa's Jurchenko 2/1 twists. The Brazil's girl second vault was as perfect with a RO 1/2 turn and somersault forward. The average 14.725 points was enough to earn her a second place. Elsa Garcia from Mexico finished 14.450 points for making problems in the layout position of both her vaults to grab the bronze. — MNA/Xinhua

San Lorenzo win 7-goal thriller to stay top

BUENOS AIRES, 27 March — San Lorenzo beat Independiente 4-3 in a dramatic game to stay top of the Argentine Clausura Championship on Sunday.

Boca went second, sneaking a 1-0 win with a late goal at Godoy Cruz, and River Plate dropped to third after a shock 1-0 home defeat against Gimnasia-Jujuy.

Andres Silvera gave San Lorenzo an eighth-minute lead but Independiente, coached by Argentina's 1986 World Cup winning striker Jorge Burruchaga, hit back eight minutes later when Lucas Pusineri headed in from a corner.

German Denis fired Independiente ahead from another corner in the 41st minute only for Gaston Fernandez to level for San Lorenzo with the last kick of the first half as he pounced on poor defending.

Silvera and Pusineri were both on target again after the break to make it 3-3 as the scoring spree continued.

Jonathan Bottinelli finally settled the game in the 77th minute, heading in Santiago Hirsig's cross from the byline as Independiente claimed the ball had gone out of play.

San Lorenzo have 19 points from seven games, three ahead of Boca who were on the ropes for most of their game in Mendoza before Mauro Boselli backheeled Pablo Ledesma's cross into the net in the 82nd minute.

Boca's arch-rivals River were jeered off the field after losing to modest Gimnasia-Jujuy.

MNA/Reuters



Kim Clijsters, of Belgium, returns the ball to Nai Li, of China, during the fourth round of the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament, on 26 March, 2007, in Key Biscayne, Fla.—INTERNET

Italy call up De Sanctis as cover for ailing Buffon

ROME, 27 March — Udinese goalkeeper Morgan De Sanctis was added to Italy's squad for their Euro 2008 qualifier against Scotland as their first-choice keeper Gianluigi Buffon struggled to recover from a stomach upset on Monday. Italy coach Roberto Donadoni took the decision after Buffon missed training for the second day in a row.

De Sanctis will be Italy's third-choice keeper behind Buffon and Torino's Christian Abbiati.

Buffon's absence would be a big blow to the world champions ahead of Wednesday's game. Italy are fourth in Group B on seven points — five points behind leaders Scotland and France, who have played a game more, and two behind Ukraine. — MNA/Reuters

New York Knicks' Eddy Curry looks for help past Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard (12) during the second half of the NBA basketball game on 26 March, 2007 at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Magic beat the Knicks, 94-89. INTERNET



Hu, Putin participate in opening ceremony of 'Year of China'

Moscow, 27 March — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin participated in the opening ceremony of the "Year of China" in Russia in the Kremlin Monday evening.

The two heads of state vowed to take the chance of the event to further promote the Sino-Russian strategic partnership of cooperation in all aspects. Addressing the opening ceremony of this theme year, which is a reciprocal event of the "Year of Russia" in China

last year, Hu hailed the history and achievements of Russia and its people as well as the friendship between the two peoples. "Headed by President Putin, Russia has witnessed political stability and fast economic growth. The Russian people are leading a better life, too," Hu said.

Russia has played an important role in international and regional affairs, which enabled Russia to gain respect from the international community, Hu noted.

"As a friendly neighbour and strategic partner, the Chinese Government and people are sincerely happy about that," Hu added.

Since the establishment of the strategic partnership, the cooperation between the two countries has been keeping growing and fruitful, Hu said.

China and Russia decided to mark the theme years during Hu's visit to Russia in 2005, for the sake of enhancing the mutual understanding and friendship, as well as ensuring the sound and steady long-term development of the Sino-Russian strategic partnership of cooperation, he noted.

Hu spoke highly of the "Year of Russia" in China, during which over 300 events were presented to

hundreds of thousands of Chinese people. While in the coming "Year of China", 200 events covering politics, economy, science and culture will be held in Russia.

Putin also hailed the successful "Year of Russia" in China, by saying that the decision to mark the theme years is of "strategic significance".

"The theme years will uplift the bilateral relation to a new level and serve as a foundation for the future cooperation between the two peoples," he said.

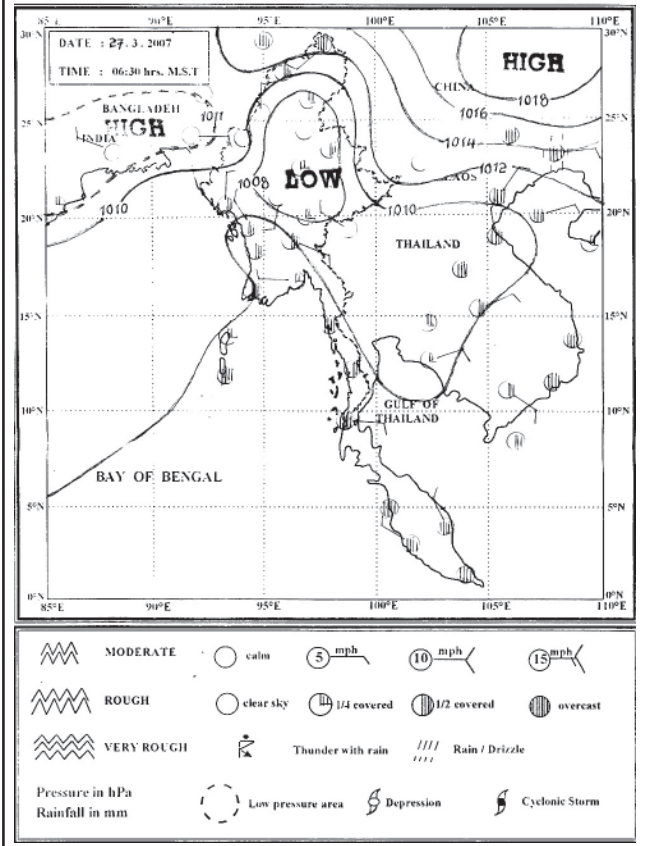
He spoke highly of the strategic partnership of cooperation and foresaw a promising development for bilateral relations in the future.

MNA/Xinhua



Zhang Ziyi promotes jewelry in Beijing on Thursday night, 22 March, 2007.— INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 27 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (42°C), Magway and Monywa (41°C) each, Nay Pyi Taw, Chauk and Aungmye (40°C) each. Maximum temperature on 26-3-2007 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 27-3-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-3-2007 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 26-3-2007 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-3-2007 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 (4) mph from, Southwest at (14:15) hours MST on 26-3-2007.

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 28-3-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-3-2007: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-3-2007: Generally fair.



Wednesday, 28 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -It's alright
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Everyday
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Give it to you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Just like a pill
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Life time affair -My immortal
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune -Always on my mind
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -Happy go lucky -Babe
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 28 March
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအကအစီအစဉ်
- 8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 7. သုံးဆယ်ရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Happy and Educational English

- Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm 6. Classical song
- 5:25 pm 7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm 8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

- 7:00 pm 12. Discovery
- 7:15 pm 13. "ပြတ်လျှောက်ရုံလေးပဲ လျှောက်ပြစ်တော့မှာပါ" ကျော်ဇေယျ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး(စန်းစိုက်)]
- 7:25 pm 14. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:40 pm 15. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် (နယ်စပ်စည်ပင်၊ ဆက်သွယ်ရေး၊ ပြန်ကြားရေး၊ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု)
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. "သားကောင်းမိခင်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (လွင်မိုး၊ ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez), စိုးမြတ်သူစာ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီစိုးမိုး)
- 20. The next day's programme

Senior General Than Shwe addresses 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade



NAY PYI TAW, 27 March— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade at the Parade Ground here this morning.

The 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day was observed in accord with the objectives — to exert efforts, hand in hand with the people, in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline flourishing democratic nation, to fulfil any duty with the true Union Spirit for the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, to crush, hand in hand with the entire people, every danger of

internal and external destructive elements obstructing the stability and development of the State, to strive for building a strong efficient, modern Tatmadaw in order to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes.

Also present at the parade were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General
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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of parade columns. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host dinner to mark 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted dinner to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day at

Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, this evening.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the dinner at 7 pm today.



Senior General Than Shwe greets military attaches at a dinner to mark 62nd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day in Nay Pyi Taw.
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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing together with Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the SPDC, Chairman of Leading Committee for Observance of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin cordially greeted foreign military attaches to Myanmar and their wives and guests.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted dinner to those present. Present at the dinner were Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, wives of Members of the SPDC, the Commanders-in-Chief (Navy) and (Air) and their wives, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint and their wives, wives of the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General,
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