

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects breeding tasks at Central Fish Farm of Yangon Command

YANGON, 29 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, inspected the central fish farm of Yangon Command in Mingaladon Township this afternoon.

The commander reported on breeding of 1.2 million fish in 67.92 acres of fish ponds, sales of fresh water fry shrimps, raising of 3,200 layers, breeding of over 180 pigs and over 80 milch cows.

In-charge of the farm Major Thet Hlaing also reported on progress of the

breeding task, Chairman of the Yangon Division Renewable Energy Research and Development Work Committee Col Thaug Win on generating of electricity with the

use of bio-gas through wastes of animals and arrangement being made for use of the electricity as wood-substitute fuel.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed officials to ex-

tend breeding tasks applying modern methods to supply meat and fish demands of the people.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander inspected breeding of fish

and prawn, construction of bio-gas plant, breeding of milch cows and pigs.

Yangon Command established breeding farms and carries out the breeding of various kinds

of fish, cow, pig and layers and broilers, and distributes meat and fish to markets and tax-free markets in Yangon City and regiments and units under its control. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects cattle farm of Yangon Command. — MNA

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BA SEIN (Religious Affairs)

WEATHER

Forecast for (30-3-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring areas

Generally fair weather.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Fair weather.

SIGNIFICANT DAY

TEMPERATURES

Kyaukse	(41°C)
NyaungU	(41°C)
Minbu	(41°C)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 30 March, 2007

Endeavours being exerted for all-round development of border areas

The government has paid a serious attention to the progress of border areas that have lagged behind in development. And it is making increased efforts to promote the social and economic standards of national races in border areas and cement national solidarity.

The Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races held its meeting 1/2007 at the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office in Nay Pyi Taw the other day. Chairman of the Central Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe in his address said, "It is required to strengthen the rule of law and peace and stability in border areas, while further developing their health, education, transport and economic sectors. We should not lose sight of the fact that a human society will be able to enjoy human rights fully only if the rule of law is firm, in other words only if there is an effective administrative machinery that runs in accord with the law."

The government is striving for the development of human resources and elimination of narcotic drugs, while building social and economic infrastructures in far-flung areas. As a result, local people of border areas are now enjoying the taste of better transport and progress in the education, health and social sectors.

It has so far spent more than 101,066 million kyats on border areas and national races development project that has been launched since 1989.

The emergence of social and economic infrastructures and progress in border areas result from stability and peace restored in the regions, and friendship and mutual understanding and trust between one national race and another.

There will be prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity and the Union will be developed in various sectors if regional work committees, subcommittees, national race leaders and local people make harmonious efforts for greater development of border areas.

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တပ်မတော်စစ်သမိုင်းပြတိုက်

(ရွှေတိဂုံဘုရားလမ်း)

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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

U Nyan Lin appointed as Ambassador to Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyan Lin, Director General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Nana Kwadwo SEINTI as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Nana Kwadwo SEINTI was born in 1941. He obtained his BSc Administration degree from the University of Ghana in 1971. He served as an executive in various private and government institutions for over 40 years in Ghana. He was appointed as Regional Minister in 2003 and reappointed for the second term in 2005.

Mr Nana Kwadwo SEINTI will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Kuala Lumpur.

He is married.— MNA

Reckless driving causes car accidents

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March—A highway passenger bus with number plate 3Kha/8972 steered by U Tun Nyo bound for Yangon from Taunggyi lost its control due to brake disorder and was skewed into the ravine to the left at Htanaungbin bend at mile post No 48/49 at about 4 pm yesterday.

The accident left a member of the Sangha, three men and four women dead and 37 injured. The injured passengers are now in bed at Kalaw People's Hospital.

The camp commandant of the Command and General Staff College, the commanding officer of local regiment and Tatmadaw members, officials of Kalaw Township, policemen, and members of Red Cross Society and social organizations carried out rescue services for the victims.

In another case, a highway bus with number Plate 3Kha/6544 driven by U Than Win on its way from Yangon to Mandalay ran into trailer-G truck and then collided head-on with TE truck with number plate Hta/4576 near Tatkalay Village in Bago Township at about 10.45 pm yesterday. Seven men, a child and two women were killed and 25 were injured in the accident.

Local Tatmadaw members, officials of Bago Township, members of Police Force, Red Cross Society and social organizations carried out rescue work.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 29 March — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons to the services organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Department
(a) U Thaik Tun	Managing Director
Director-General	Myanma Foodstuff
Industrial Coordination and	Industries
Inspection Department	Ministry of Industry-1
Ministry of Industry-1	
(b) U Soe Hlaing	Director-General
Managing Director	Industrial Coordination
Myanma Foodstuff	and Inspection
Industries	Department
Ministry of Industry-1	Ministry of
	Industry-1
(c) U Thein Swe	Managing Director
Principal	Road Transport
Central Institute of	Ministry of Rail
Transport and	Transportation
Communications	
Ministry of Rail	
Transportation	

MNA

Prizes presented to winners in Military Code of Conduct



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin awards a winner in contest of military code of conduct.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the Military Code of Conduct contest in commemoration of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day was held at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of the command and winners.

The commander gave a speech, and presented prizes to winners in the Military Code of Conduct.

MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Portugal opens major solar plant

LONDON, 29 March—Portugal has inaugurated what it says is the world's most powerful solar power plant. The array of electricity-generating solar panels covers about 60 hectares (150 acres) in one of Europe's sunniest areas in southern Portugal. Officials say the plant should produce enough energy to supply 8,000 homes.

The plant is part of Portugal's efforts to cut its reliance on imported fuel and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that add to global warming.

The plant is also meant to bring development and jobs to the Alentejo region 200km (125 miles) southeast of Lisbon, a poor

area traditionally dominated by cork and olive production.

The 11-megawatt plant has 52,000 photovoltaic modules, which will produce 20 gigawatt hours of power each year.

Burning fossil fuels to generate the same amount of energy would result in 30,000 tons of greenhouse

gases being emitted over the course of a year.

"This project is successful because Portugal's sunshine is plentiful, the solar power technology is proven [and] government policies are supportive," said Kevin Walsh of Renewable Energy GE, which built the project. —Internet

Deforestation plan better than Kyoto: PM

SYDNEY, 29 March—The Australian Prime Minister says the Government's plan to help South-East Asia reduce deforestation will have a greater impact on climate change than the Kyoto Protocol. The Government will spend \$200

million over five years planting trees and aiming to end deforestation, mainly in Indonesia. John Howard says the plan will slow the rate of trees being cut down.

"And as everybody knows, if you can do that, you can reduce greenhouse gas emissions," he said. "In fact 20 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions come from clearing the world's forest and that's second only to emissions from burning fossil fuels to produce electricity and it's more than all the world's emissions from transport."

Mr Howard has rejected British economist Sir Nicholas Stern's proposal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent



A bicycling robot "Murata Boy" performs in Beijing, on 26 March. The 6th International Forum and Exhibition on Mobile Communication Industry opened in Beijing at Haidian Exhibition Hall on Monday.

XINHUA

Internet

Create a nation of readers, says Najib

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 March—Datuk Seri Najib Razak said there was a need to create a nation of readers that was knowledge-based, had an endless capacity for learning, research and discovery that could spur the nation to greater heights.

The deputy prime minister wants to see Malaysia joining other developed nations in embracing reading as part of their habit and lifestyle.

"Literary works have an obligation to promote not just social and economic progress, but also international understanding and peaceful co-operation.—Internet

Russia slams missile shield, wants talks with US

BERLIN, 28 March — Russia said on Tuesday US plans to deploy a missile shield in Central Europe would undermine global non-proliferation efforts and demanded serious discussions on the issue with Washington.

"These plans will effectively remove the possibility of dealing with the threat to the nuclear non-proliferation regime with diplomatic means," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov wrote in the German newspaper *Handelsblatt*.

The United States wants to deploy a radar system in the Czech Republic and 10 interceptor missiles in Poland by 2011-12. It says the system would counter threats from so-called "rogue states" like Iran and North Korea.

Teheran denies Western accusations it is secretly developing nuclear weapons in violation of the Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty. It accuses Western powers of hypocrisy in continu-

ing to develop and modernize their own nuclear systems.

Russia, which sees the missile shield as an encroachment on its former sphere of influence, has accused Washington of using Cold War tactics to persuade Europe to host the system.

"What risks do we see

in this US project? In the first place, it will lead to an erosion of strategic stability. Also the balance in global politics can be put in danger," Lavrov said in the article, due to be published on Wednesday. The United States says the project is not aimed at Russia.

MNA/Reuters



Protesters gesture towards the US Embassy in Manila, Philippines during a rally on 29 March, 2007, to request the embassy to produce convicted US Marine Lance Cpl Daniel Smith, who is detained inside. Smith was convicted late last year of raping a Filipino woman and was detained for a few weeks in Manila but was eventually transferred to the US Embassy. —INTERNET



A visitor at Christie's looks at the skeleton of a Siberian mammoth which is displayed in Paris, as the auction house prepares for a 16 April sale of fossils of prehistoric life, on 27 March, 2007.—XINHUA

Abe says to seek Chinese help on Japan UN bid

TOKYO, 28 March — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Tuesday he would seek China's backing for Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council when he meets Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Tokyo next month.

The summit is the latest sign of a thaw in Sino-Japanese ties, which grew frosty under Abe's predecessor, Junichiro Koizumi, partly because of Koizumi's pilgrimages to Yasukuni Shrine — seen by Beijing as a symbol of Japan's past militarism.

Abe has tried to mend fences with China, travelling to Beijing for a summit soon after taking office in September.

"I would like to use the opportunity of Premier Wen's visit to Japan to build reciprocal strategic relations between Japan and China and move a step forward," Abe told a news conference.

"I would like to try to secure support from China for Japan's bid to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council."

Wen is to visit Japan on 11-13 April, the first visit by a Chinese leader in seven years.

Asked about Abe's comment, however, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang told a news conference: "The

UN reforms ... are important reforms which require a consensus as broad as possible and one based on patient and extensive consultations.

"It is a multilateral issue." Two years ago, Sino-Japanese ties took a nosedive when thousands of Chinese took to the streets across the country to protest what critics saw as Tokyo's failure to own

up to its wartime past, and to oppose Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the United Nation's decision-making body.

Abe on Tuesday stuck to his stance of declining to make clear whether he would pay his respects at Yasukuni while in office.

"I want to continue to respect those who fought for the country," Abe said. *MNA/Reuters*



Students stand among sculptures during a performance in Henan Zhongyuan University of Technology in Zhengzhou, Central China's Henan Province, on 27 March, 2007.—XINHUA

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Two visitors look at the set of jade seals of the Qing Dynasty at the exhibition called the Forbidden City Treasures of the Chinese Emperors which opened in the Kremlin in Moscow, on 27 March, 2007.—XINHUA

Two British tourists killed in Zimbabwe elephant attack

HARARE, 28 March — Two British tourists were killed and another seriously injured when an elephant charged them during a safari in Zimbabwe, the state-run Herald newspaper reported on Monday.

The incident occurred on Saturday in Hwange National Park on Zimbabwe's western border with Botswana, according to police, who did not identify the tourists or provide other details on the attack.

The injured survivor was rushed to a hospital in Bulawayo. "We are investigating to see if there was an act of negligence on the part of the tour guides," Edmore Veterai, a senior assistant police commissioner in Matabeleland North Province, told the newspaper.

Tour guides in Zimbabwe's national parks typically carry weapons to protect tourists from elephants, hippopotamuses and crocodiles.—MNA/Reuters

Tales of a Gaza smuggler

JERUSALEM, 28 March — A Palestinian woman wearing a strangely bulging robe was caught at the Gaza-Egypt border trying to smuggle three baby crocodiles strapped to her waist, an official said on Monday.

The reptiles, their jaws tied shut, were apparently bound for a Gaza zoo, said Maria Telleria, a spokeswoman for European observers who run the Rafah crossing. "She looked strangely fat," Telleria said, explaining why the woman was ordered by a policewoman to submit to a search as she tried to enter Gaza from Egypt on Thursday.

Surprised by the three crocodiles, the policewoman screamed, other guards raced to the scene and the reptiles were eventually turned over to authorities on the Egyptian side of the border, Telleria said by telephone. "Two months ago, we had people who tried to cross with baby lions in their suitcases, and we have had many incidents in which travellers attempted to smuggle in exotic birds," the spokeswoman said. *MNA/Reuters*

US Senate backs troop withdrawal from Iraq

WASHINGTON, 28 March — The US Senate on Tuesday endorsed a 31 March, 2008, target date for withdrawing American combat troops from Iraq, prompting the White House to threaten a veto and moving Congress a step closer to a show-down with President George W Bush over the war.

By a vote of 50-48, the Senate defeated an amendment that would have stricken the withdrawal language from a 121.6-billion-US-dollar bill that mostly would fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the outcome in doubt, Vice-President Dick Cheney was on hand in the Capitol in case he was needed to cast a tie-breaking vote. A final vote on the bill is expected this week.

Following the vote, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino cited "encouraging signs" lately in Iraq. "The President is

disappointed that the Senate continues down a path with a bill that he will veto and has no chance of becoming law," she added.

But Democrats showed no signs of backing down. "This war is not worth the spilling of another drop of American blood," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, said in pleading for the troop

withdrawal plan included in the money bill.

Speaking to reporters following the Senate vote, Reid countered the White House veto threat, saying, "We would hope that the President understands how serious we are and the American people are and that, rather than making all the threats that he has, let's work with him" toward a compromise.

In action unrelated to

the Iraq war, the Senate attached to the spending bill a minimum wage hike for some of the lowest-paid US workers, along with tax cuts for small businesses. *MNA/Reuters*

Emergency crews try to rescue six workers trapped underground at a construction site on Line No 10 of the Beijing subway on 28 March, 2007. XINHUA



ECONOMIC NEWS

Honda recalls over 16,000 vehicles across three models in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 March — Japanese car-maker Honda on Tuesday began to recall 16,108 cars manufactured in 2005-06 to deal with potential engine problems in Indonesia, becoming the first company to do so in the country.

Local subsidiary PT Honda Prospect Motor (HPM) said the recall affected 15,435 Honda Jazz hatchbacks manufactured in March 2005-September 2006, 523 Honda Odyssey minivans (February 2005-September 2006) and 150 Honda Accord sedans (September 2005-August 2006).

“The recall policy was issued after a finding (of manufacturing defect) in Japan, and then the headquarters decided to recall the three models in countries like Japan, China, Australia, the United States and Indonesia,” HPM marketing manager Jonfis Fandy was

quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying. “This is the first vehicle recall in Indonesia,” the manager said, adding that the customers of the affected vehicles are invited to visit nearest dealerships for free repair.

MNA/Xinhua

Welsh born actor Ioan Gruffudd (R), star of the film ‘The TV Set’ written and directed by Jake Kasdan, poses with his fiancée British actress Alice Evans (L) at the film’s premiere in Los Angeles on 27 March, 2007. —XINHUA



Thai Govt to sign free trade deal with Japan

BANGKOK, 28 March — Thai Cabinet on Tuesday gave a consent for the government to sign a free trade agreement (FTA) with Japan, despite strong opposition from activists, local media reported.

Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont will visit Japan on 2 to 5 April to sign the Thai-Japanese

Economic Partnership Agreement (JTEPA) with Japan, according to newspaper *The Nation* website.

The signing, scheduled for 3 April, will end the five-year heated negotiation of the agreement.

The decision came a few hours after activists opposing to the signing of the deal submitted a letter

to Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont Tuesday, asking the government to reconsider the plan to sign the JTEPA.

FTA Watch’s Witoon Lianchamroon, who handed the petition letter to Surayud, said that the group was concerned that the deal would affect agricultural and public

health sectors as well as the general public as the deal would allow waste dumping and monopoly on seedlings.

The group also presented an 80-page black-covered book on the Thai-Japanese FTA agreement, detailing the “flawed process” of negotiations.

MNA/Xinhua

China to import over \$500b worth of machinery from Russia

MOSCOW, 28 March — Chinese enterprises will sign four contracts worth over 500 billion US dollars to buy machinery and electric products from their Russian counterparts during a Chinese national exhibition here, a top Chinese trade official said on Monday.

Chinese enterprises will also sign another six contracts to supply machinery and electric products worth 1128 billion dollars to Russia, Vice Minister of Commerce Yu Guangzhou said at an electric trade fair held on the first day of the Chinese national exhibition due in Moscow on 26-29 March.

“It is the common objective of the two countries to

increase the share of machinery and electric products in mutual trade,” Yu said.

“Machinery constitutes a small fraction of bilateral trade turnover. The sides must undertake efforts to increase the competitiveness of the output of their machine-building products,” Yu said.

According to official statistics, the China-Russia bilateral trade turnover of machinery and electric products last year was 5850 billion dollars, but only 247 billion dollars of importation was from Russia. Russia mainly delivered oil, petrochemicals and timber to China last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Kuwait, ROK issue joint statement stressing eco cooperation

KUWAIT CITY, 28 March — The Republic of Korea (ROK) and Kuwait issued here on Tuesday a joint statement, focusing on cooperation in oil and other economical fields, Kuwait’s official KUNA news agency reported.

Upon President of ROK Roh Moon-hyun’s state visit to Kuwait, the two countries issued the joint statement, in which ROK, as a main importer of Kuwaiti oil, agreed to work with the oil-rich Gulf

country to ensure stable supplies of energy and establish a framework for long-term cooperation in this field. The report said that ROK would also share in Kuwaiti infrastructure and construction projects, according to the statement.

With the understanding that Kuwait can benefit greatly from ROK’s economic development experiences, the two countries agreed to initiate a program to share information in collaboration

with concerned and specialized institutions and experts in both countries. Moreover, the two countries also agreed to establish a joint Human Resources Development programme. On Monday, the two countries signed a number of agreements, including a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to sharing legal assistance in criminal cases as well as other MoUs relating to construction and IT. —MNA/Xinhua



A labourer works at the production line for MG cars of Nanjing Automobile Group in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province on 27 March, 2007.

INTERNET



South Korean activists shout slogans during a rally denouncing the FTA talks between South Korea and the United States outside the venue for free-trade talks in Seoul, on 27 March 2007. US and South Korean negotiators wrangled for a third day on Wednesday over the FTA but the US side said a deal is still possible by a weekend deadline despite slow progress so far.—INTERNET

Indonesia-Iran ties not affected by UN sanction

JAKARTA, 28 March — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said on Tuesday bilateral relations with Iran are not affected by Indonesia's support to UN Security Council's sanction against Iran.

He also said that both countries would go ahead with a memorandum of understanding, which was already signed, covering a wide range of cooperation agreements.

"We go ahead with the

Iranian-Indonesian MoU. It is not affected by the issue," Kalla was quoted by the semi-official Antara news agency as saying at the Halim Perdana Kusuma airport here, just before leaving

for Saudi Arabia for talks on Iran. In a move intended to send a strong message to Teheran, the UN Security Council has issued Resolution No 1707, imposing new sanctions against Iran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium.

The resolution was passed 15-0 in a recent voting. Indonesia is now the rotating member of the UNSC.—MNA/Xinhua

China's police seize 789 kilos of drugs in 2006

BEIJING, 28 March — China's Customs police seized a total of 789 kilos of drugs at border crossings and Customs checks in 2006, up 65.5 per cent year-on-year, a senior police officer said here on Tuesday.

The Customs police also investigated 335 cases of drug trafficking, up 91.9 per cent over the year previous, said Li Wenjian, deputy head of the anti-smuggling bureau under the General Administration of Customs.

"The amount of drugs seized at Customs has been on a rise in recent years, which shows that overseas drug dealers are transporting more drugs to and through China," Li said.

China established an anti-smuggling police force at its border crossing and Customs checks in 1999. The force now has more than 9,000 officers.

From 1999 to the end of last year, Customs police across China had investigated 1,034 cases

of drug trafficking and seized 15.2 tons of drugs, GAC statistics shows.

During that same period anti-smuggling police also investigated 395 cases involving the smuggling rare animals, 265 cases involving illegal importation of foreign waste, 202 cases of importing pornography and 220 cases involving smuggling ancient relics, counterfeit money, guns, ammunition and rare metals.

The anti-smuggling police at Customs checks across China have investigated 10,415 criminal cases involving goods valued at 132.14 billion yuan (16.94 billion US dollars) since 1999, Li said.

MNA/Xinhua

Technology-driven homeland security meeting opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 28 March — A technology, solution-driven homeland security meeting opened here on Tuesday, focusing on harnessing technology to tackle security threats.

The three-day Global Security Asia 2007 conference is hosted by Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs, attracting experts from about 25 countries and regions to share experience of anti-terrorism, as well as featuring the latest technologies and products to enhance security.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security S Jayakumar stressed the importance of security technology, especially biometric technology to enhance border security.

"Terrorist elements usually tap illegal passport networks to procure false identities and passports.

A strong passport control and border security regime impedes and disrupts such terrorists," said Jayakumar.

He introduced the Singapore biometric passport system, saying it is part and parcel of the city-

state's ongoing efforts to combat transnational terrorism. He also stressed that governments need to invest more resources in training staff so that the use of technology can be maximized in the global fight against terror.

In addition, he urged governments to form effective partnerships with the private sector to tap on their creative use of technology, and with like-minded govern-

ments to implement world-wide systems that can enhance global security.

According to the organizers, 42 papers will be presented at the conference, with diverse topics, such as terrorist threat in Asia Pacific, the role of technology in combat, and countering terrorist finance. The exhibition is featuring the latest technologies of 120 exhibitors.

MNA/Xinhua



Jennifer Lopez talks to the audience during a CD signing in New York, on 28 March, 2007. Lopez was promoting her newly released album 'Como Ama Una Mujer'.—INTERNET

Woman's body found in bath full of sand near Tokyo

TOKYO, 28 March — The body of a woman believed to be from Britain was found in a bathtub full of sand on the balcony of an apartment block near Tokyo, Japanese media reported on Tuesday.

Police believe the body, found late on Monday night, is that of a 22-year-old British woman who worked at a language school, media reports said on Tuesday.

A police spokesman said the body of what "appeared to be a young woman" had been found, but he could not confirm the nationality of the dead person.

The apartment where the body was found in Ichikawa, east of Tokyo, belongs to a Japanese man in his 20s whom the British woman knew, according to the reports.

Police are now searching for the Japanese man, the reports said.

An English woman who lived with the 22-year-old was reported to have called the police on Monday afternoon to tell them that the woman had not come home and had not been reachable by mobile phone.

MNA/Reuters



The Lloyd's of London building designed by British modernist architect Richard Rogers is shown in this undated publicity photo released to Reuters on 28 March, 2007.—INTERNET

The noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana at home and abroad being implemented by the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

In order to carefully preserve the noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana (teachings of the Omniscient Buddha) at home and abroad, the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar always attaches great importance to the implementation of this noble task.

In this regard, we all Buddhists throughout the country are very pleased and greatly honoured to learn that the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued the Notification No 1/2007 regarding presenting religious titles, on the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar which falls on the 4th January 2007.

According to the Notification No. 1/2007 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, the respective religious titles were presented as follows to internal and international outstanding Buddhist monks, Buddhist nuns and laypersons who earnestly carried out the noble task for promotion, purification, perpetuation and propagation of Buddha Sasana at home and abroad-

Religious titles for distinctively fulfilling two Dhuras (duties), Gantha Dhura (duty of learning and teaching the Pitaka Scriptures) and Vipassana Dhura (duty of engaging in meditation)

- (a) Abhidhajamaharathaguru title to three eminent Mahatheras (Chief monks)
- (b) Aggamahapandita title to twenty-two eminent Mahatheras including two Mahatheras from abroad (Sri Lanka)
- (c) Mahadhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara title to one eminent Mahathera

- (d) Dhammakathika Bahujanakitadhara title to seven eminent monks
- (e) Aggamahaganthavacakapandita title to forty-six eminent monks and four eminent nuns
- (f) Mahaganthavacakapandita title to fifty-six eminent monks and six eminent nuns
- (g) Ganthavacakapandita title to twenty-one eminent monks and ten eminent nuns

Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism

Both internal and international eminent Buddhist monks, nuns and laypersons who distinctively carried out the noble task of the excellent missionary works on Buddhism at home and abroad were presented these religious titles as follows,

- (a) Abhidhaja- aggamahasaddhammajotika title to three eminent Mahatheras (Chief Monks)
- (b) Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to forty eminent chief monks including two eminent chief monks from abroad (Laos and Thailand)
- (c) Mahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to forty five eminent chief monks including five eminent chief monks from abroad (Bangladesh, Thailand, Japan and the Republic of Korea), one eminent chief nun and six laypersons.
- (d) Saddhammajotikadhaja title to forty eminent monks including two eminent monks from abroad (the Republic of India and the United States of America), eight eminent nuns including two eminent nuns from abroad (Nepal and the United States of America), and eight laypersons including two laypersons from abroad (Nepal and Pakistan)
- (e) Aggamahakammathanacariya title to fifteen

eminent monks including two eminent monks from abroad (Thailand and Sri Lanka) and one eminent nun

(f) Kammathanacariya title to eight eminent monks
Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism (only for laypersons)

The outstanding laypersons who generously donated and provided the four requisites for the noble task of excellent missionary works on Buddhism at home and abroad were presented the respective religious titles as follows. It is learnt that these religious titles have been presented since 1990.

For male

- (a) Aggamahasirisudhammanijotadhara title to eight laypersons
- (b) Sirisudhammanijotadhara title to five laypersons
- (c) Sihasudhammanijotadhara title to four laypersons
- (d) Sudhammanijotadhara title to two laypersons

For female

- (a) Aggamahasirisudhamma Theingi title to six laypersons
- (b) Sirisudhamma Theingi to twenty-six laypersons
- (c) Sihasudhamma Theingi title to four laypersons
- (d) Sudhamma Theingi title to four laypersons

It was further learnt that the great grand religious-titles presentation ceremony was held at Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) on Kaba Aye Hillock, Yangon, Myanmar in March 2007. The religious – title recipients at home and from abroad attended this very auspicious ceremony to receive their respective religious titles which were presented by the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar for the year of 2007.



Mr Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province of People's Republic of China, and party meeting with Chinese businessmen in Mandalay on 29 March 2007. (News on page 16) — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe being welcomed by Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman at reception to mark the Anniversary of the National and Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Yangon on 29 March 2007. — MNA

Commerce Minister receives Governor of Yunnan Province



Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein receives Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong. — MNA

YANGON, 29 March — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein received Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong and party of the People's Republic of China at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General U San Pyae of Bor-

der Trade Department, President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, officials of Directorate of Trade and Border Trade Department.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu. — MNA



Myanmar and China (Yunnan)...

(from page 16)

Myanmar entrepreneurs are undergoing training to cultivate a good habit of running regular trade so as to further practise regular trade. It is required to make arrangements to ensure harmony in conducting border trade with regional organizations such as GMS, ACMECS, ASEAN and BIMSTEC. In future, trade will be carried out with other nations through the border of the two nations. So, it is needed to effectively exercise regular trade to achieve that goal.

Leaders of Myanmar have given an instruction on building mutual understanding, friendship and trust in the interests of the two sides. Myanmar will continue its trade in accordance with the instructions, so the bilateral trade is expected to surge many times. He said he believed that Yunnan Province is also eager to cooperate with Myanmar for considerable promotion of bilateral trade.

Director-General of the

Hydropower Management Department U Aung Koe Shwe presented the permit of the Ministry of Hydro Electric Power No (1) for Shwe Li Hydropower project to Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Liu Ping.

The representatives of both sides signed the agreements on mining, fertilizer and chemicals, livestock and marine products, farm implements, agricultural service, transnational animal disease control, and cooperation on news and technology. And they exchanged documents.

The minister and the Yunnan Province governor exchanged gifts.

After the meeting, responsible officials of the two sides held frank discussions on Myanmar-China investment, and the entrepreneurs of the two sides, on matters on marketing, hydropower, alternative development, mining, infrastructure, agricultural, pharmaceutical, trade, finance and manufacturing sectors.

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Representatives of China (Yunnan) and Myanmar sign agreements on trade and cooperation between the two countries. — MNA

Governor of Yunnan Province arrives in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — The Chinese goodwill delegation led by Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by air this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads saw the delegation off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

When the Chinese delegation arrived at Yangon International Airport at 9.45 am, they were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Secretary U Tin Soe and members.

At Bagan Hall of Traders Hotel, the Chinese delegation met with Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin. Also present at the call were YCDC Secretary U Tin Soe, Committee members U Kyaw Soe and U Hla Aye, Head of Public Relations Department U Hla Myint Swe. The Yunnan Province Governor was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu. — MNA

Mr Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province of People's Republic of China, and party call on Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin in Yangon on 29 March 2007. — MNA

Chairman Sayadaw arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 29 March — Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Magway Maha Withutayama Taikthit Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and party, who attended the cornerstone laying ceremony for Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in Sumatra Island of Indonesia, arrived back here by air this afternoon.

The Chairman Sayadaw and disciples were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman Yenangyoung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta



Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and party being welcomed back by laypersons on arrival at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Tejaniya and member Sayadaws, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana,

Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, officials and disciples.

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Yunnan Province Governor and party visit Bagan-NyaungU



Mr Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province and party pose for documentary photo at Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — The visiting Chinese goodwill delegation led by Yunnan Province Governor Mr Qin Guangrong of the People's Republic of China arrived at NyaungU from Mandalay on 27 March morning. They

were welcomed at the Bagan-NyaungU Airport by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and departmental officials.

Next, the Yunnan Province Governor and delegation members paid

homage to Shwezigon and Arnanda Pagodas and presented cash donations. They also visited Bagan Archaeological Museum and U Ba Nyein Lacquer ware industry. Later, they viewed the scenic beauty of sunset from the Pyathatgyi Pagoda platform. — MNA

Deputy FM hosts dinner in honour of Yunnan Governor

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of Mr Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province of

People's Republic of China, at Royal Kumudra Hotel here yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were deputy ministers, departmental officials and Chinese

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu.

After the dinner, the deputy minister and the governor exchanged souvenirs.

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USDA S-G accepts 1,278 membership applications in Thazi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo accepted 1,278 for membership applications of USDA during his visit to Thazi Township on 25 March.

During his tour of Kontaung Village-tract in the township, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo met with residents from four villages and assisted in

implementing the regional development tasks and boosting the agricultural production.

At the meeting, General-Secretary of Thazi Township USDA U Soe Myint Thein donated books to the village's library through an official. Thazi Township USDA also donated text books for the coming academic year to heads of the schools in the village-tract.

After the meeting, Secretary-General U Htay Oo and party also inspected artesian well and a library in Kontaung Village, and fulfilled the requirements.

They also met with townsenders, teachers and residents in Apyauk Village at the village's primary school and discussed matters related to regional development tasks.

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Armed Forces Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 29 March — An exhibition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day continued at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here today.

A total of 1245 people visited the exhibition today. It staged the booths of ministries and commands. It will continue until 4 April.

Eastern Command displayed the map and

records of Shan State, replicas and photo show of Maha Kanbawza Pyi Nyein Aye Pagoda, Pinntaya Shweumin, Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda and Culamuni Lawkachantha Pagoda, excerpt of the guidance of the Head of State and display of Innlay PhaungdawU Pagoda, the documentary photos on the visit of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe in Eastern

Command and other documentary photos.

North-West Command displayed the origin of human beings, documentary photos and records of Mingun area, documentary photos on the task of greening Sagaing region, paintings of famous pagodas, scale models and facts of Ponnyataung tunnel railroad construction project and costumes of Chin and Naga nationals.

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Workshop on biosafety methods for bird flu held

YANGON, 29 March — Jointly organized by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Food and Agriculture Organization, Instructor Level Workshop on Biosafety Methods for Chicken Farm Breeders was opened at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here this morning.

Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping attended

the opening of workshop and made a speech.

Officials of LBVD, FAO, UNICEF, JICA, Aus AID were present on the occasion.

Dr Larry Allen of FAO and experts of LBVD held discussions and altogether 42 trainees of state and division LBVDs are attending the

workshop. The first workshop was held at MiCasa Hotel, here from 22 to 23 March, 2007 and a total of 33 trainees attended the workshop.

The veterinary surgeons have carried out work for disseminating the biosafety methods to chicken farm breeders.

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Donate Blood

MWAF organizes educative talks, discussions in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March —Leader of Nationalities Affairs Working Group Daw Kyin Khaing of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Patron of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung made field trips to Kalaw, Pindaya, Taunggyi and Inlay regions in Shan State (South) from 23 to 25 March and met national race women.

On 23 March, they cordially conversed with about 100 Pa-O women in Ywadow Model Village of Kalaw Township and presented cash assistance, newspapers, cassettes and ball pens.

In Hngetpyawdaw Ward of Pindaya, they held educative talks. Shan State WAO Patron Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung gave a speech, and Leader of the Working Group Daw Kyin Khaing talked on facts about the MWAF, Secretary of Human Smuggling and Human



Members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and members of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization hold round-table discussion with residents in Pindaya. — MNA

Trafficking Sub-Working Group Police Captain Daw Ohnma Yin Mee on trafficking in persons and Leader of Shan State HIV/STD combating team Dr Min Yu Aung on matters related to HIV/AIDS.

Next, they presented MWAF uniforms and school uniforms, exercise books and periodicals do-

nated by MWAF to local women. Next, they accepted 300 membership applications. Afterwards, they held the discussions with 450 local women.

On 24 March, they viewed providing health care services to TB patients in Kyaunggyisu Ward in Taunggyi, and donated refreshments to them. Next, they held the

educative talks and discussions in Hamhsi Village of Taunggyi Township.

On 25 March, the Working Group leader and party gave educative talks and organized round-table discussions in Heya Ywama Village of Nyaungshwe Township. At the floating market in the village, they distributed pamphlets on HIV/AIDS to the people and MWAF member Dr Daw Tin Mi Mi Khaing gave talks on the disease.

The talks were attended by 400 local women in Hamhsi Village and 420 in Heya Ywama Village. The responsible persons of the MWAF accepted membership applications from the villages. They donated cash assistance, copies of journals and magazines to Linyaunggyi Library and the village education centre in Nantpan Village of Inlay region.

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Members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and members of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization hold round-table discussions with residents at Hamsi Village in Taunggyi Township. — MNA

Fisheries Department notifies fingerling sellers to obtain permit

YANGON, 29 March — Fisheries Department had announced order No 5/2001 that African catfishes are not allowed to breed or sell.

However, some entrepreneurs sell African catfish at the fish releasing ceremonies on Myanmar new year day. So those wishing to sell fingerlings on that day are to apply permission of Breeding branch under the Fisheries Department on Hsinmin street in Ahlon Township.

Those wishing to buy fingerlings are to contact Fisheries Department, Hlawga Fish Breeding Farm, Laydaunkan Fish Breeding Farm, Twantay Fish Breeding Farm and Township Fish Breeding Farms, Ph: 01-222962, 228624, 211382, 635196, 611120, 708519, 09-5110128. Fingerling Sale Centres of Fisheries Department will be opened at some outlets.

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WAO members hold discussions in Hkamti

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Head of Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation together with chairpersons and members of Sagaing Division WAO and Hkamti District WAO went on a working tour of Hsinthay Village, Khamti township, where they held round-table discussions with women on 19 March.

First, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo explained salient points of the federation, chairperson Daw Myint Myint Thu of Sagaing Division WAO gave talks on HIV/AIDS and member Daw Tin Tin Nyunt, on trafficking in persons.

Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and members held round-table discussions frankly with those present. A total of 212 local women participated in the discussions. Afterwards, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and members visited Hsinthay Village Dhammapala monastery and donated cash and kinds to the Sayadaw. — MNA



Head of Organizing Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gives talks at middle school in Hsinthay Village in Hkamti. — MNA

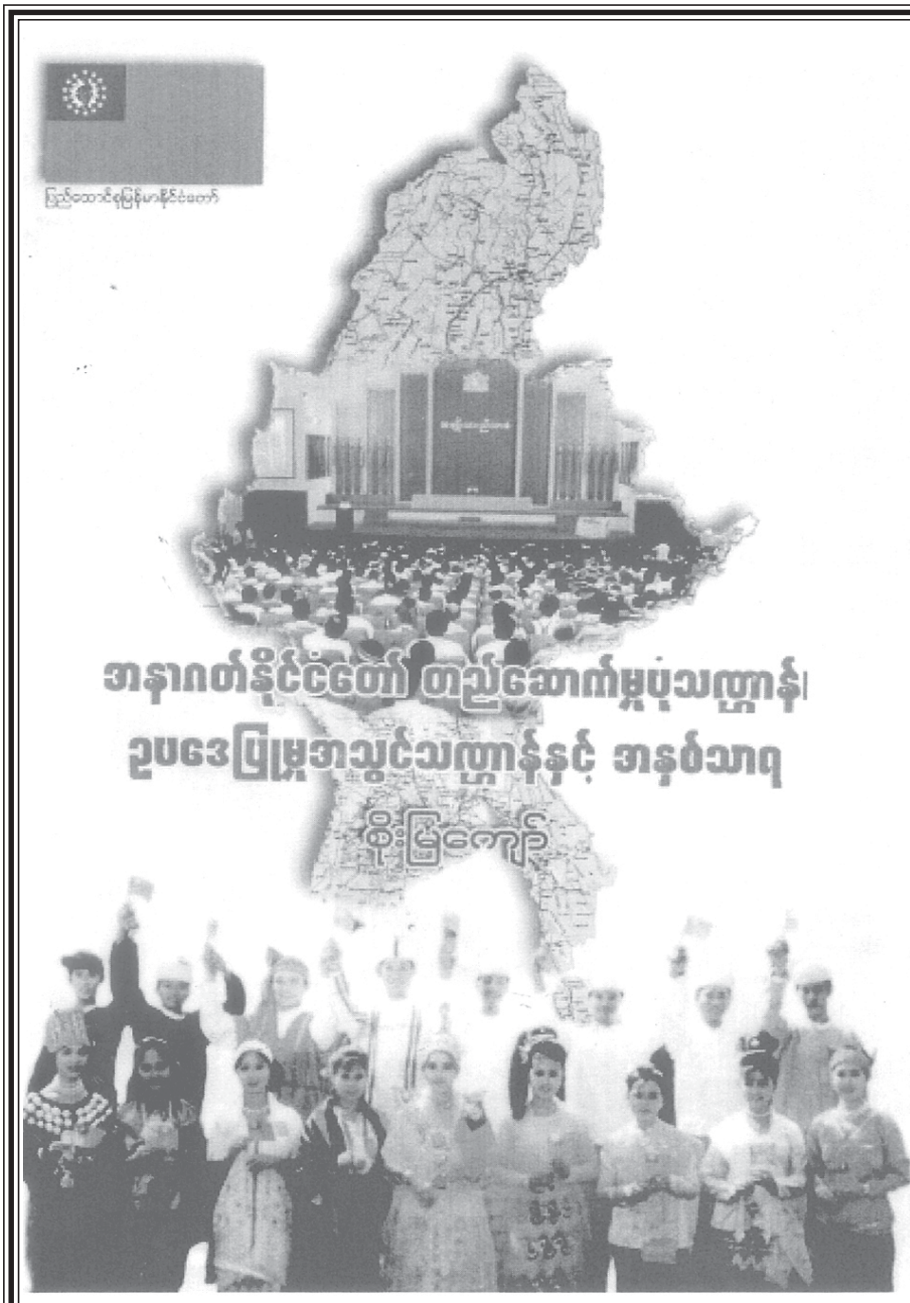
Three people, one monk wounded in insurgent-planted mine explosions

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — The insurgents are committing destructive acts through various ways with the intention of disrupting stability of the State and community peace and tranquillity and killing the innocent people and making them panic.

Forty-year-old U Win Myint, son of U Tin Shwe in Yayosin Village, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division along with Sayadaw U Sandhi took a bullock cart ride heading to MyaungU village and they were wounded at their left calves after running on the mine planted by the insurgents and it went off on 23 March.

Similarly, twenty-three-year-old U Myo Aung, son of U Soe Myint in Thabyay village, Htantabin township together with twenty-seven-year-old Daw Chaw Su, daughter of U Than Kyi rode on a bullock cart in search of firewood, ran on the mine planted by the insurgents and suffered minor injuries at the right leg of U Myo Aung and on the right temple of Daw Chaw Su on 25 March.

Injured U Win Myint and Sayadaw U Sandhi were sent to Mone Station Hospital and U Myo Aung and Daw Chaw Su to Htantabin Township People's Hospital. Medical treatment and supplies were provided to the victims and the authorities concerned are making arrangements to expose the insurgent terrorists. — MNA



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Zimbabwe to cull elephants as numbers explode

HARARE, 29 March — Zimbabwe plans to cull its growing elephant population to limit damage to the environment and reduce conflict with humans, state media said on Tuesday.

The reports came after a rampaging elephant trampled to death a British woman and her 10-year-old daughter on Saturday in the Hwange national park in northwest Zimbabwe.

The animals have also often stomped through villages, destroying crops and property.

Zimbabwe's parks and wildlife authority says the southern African country's elephant population has risen above 100,000, more than twice the 45,000 it can sustain.

"We are having an explosion of the elephant population," the regional *Chronicle* newspaper quoted wildlife authority spokesman Edward Mbewe as saying. "This has proved to be destructive to the environment and there are more cases of humans encountering elephant invasions and attacks."

The culling plans face opposition from local conservation groups who dispute the official figures, arguing that the government had not conducted a wildlife audit for almost seven years.

Mbewe said the cull would take place within the country's annual hunting quota of 500, allowed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Zimbabwe earns about 15 million US dollars every year from elephant hunting.

MNA/Reuters

Zambia says floods leave 1.4 mln people hungry

LUSAKA, 29 March — More than 1.4 million Zambians need food after floods destroyed white maize crops and left thousands of people without homes, Vice-President Rupiah Banda said.

Banda told journalists from state media the government had concluded a disaster assessment exercise which showed that 1.4 million people would need relief food in 2007.

Banda said 41 of Zambia's 73 districts had been affected by floods which destroyed maize,

cassava, sorghum and millet crops.

"It's estimated that the floods have affected 1,443,563 people (and) 295,148 (people) need immediate relief assistance," Banda was quoted as saying by the state-owned *Zambia Daily Mail* newspaper on

Tuesday.

Officials say heavy rains which swept across southern Africa also

destroyed homes, schools and clinics in several parts of rural Zambia.

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Gaza sewage sweeps through village, three dead

GAZA, 29 March — Raw sewage erupted from holding pools and swept

through a village in the northern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, killing at least three people and injuring 15, Palestinian hospital officials said.

Local witnesses said dozens of residents of Gaza's small Bedouin Village were still unaccounted for after the sewage overflowed from ground-level treatment pools, destroying at least 25 makeshift homes.

Parents searched for their children and other relatives in the sewage-filled streets.

Some poorly built houses were almost completely buried.

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Workers walk at the construction site of the National Olympic Stadium, also known as the 'Bird's Nest', in Beijing, on 27 March, 2007.

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Brazil, Italy launch cooperation to develop bio-fuel projects

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 March—Brazil's state-owned oil and gas company Petrobras and Italy's energy company ENI on Tuesday signed an agreement to develop new technologies to produce bio-fuels on a large scale.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi attended the ceremony to sign the document in Brasilia.

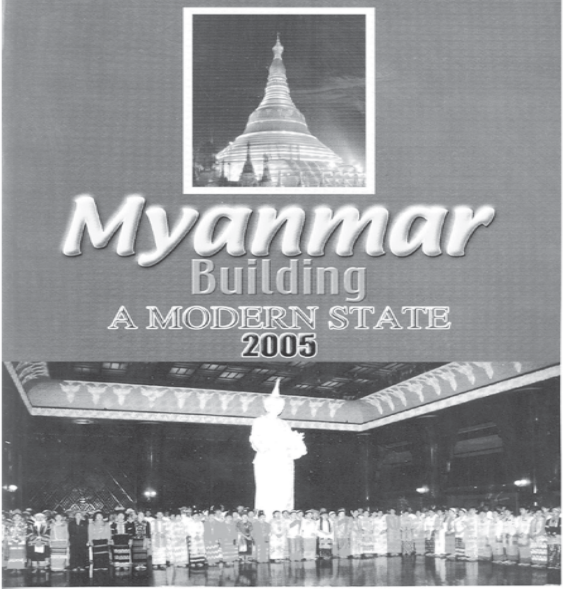
According to the agreement, the study will include the selection of supplies to the production of bio-fuels, as well as the improvement of the refining process of heavy oil in Brazil.

Petrobras said it would broaden cooperation with the ENI in refining and transportation projects, apart from exploitation and production.— *MNA/Xinhua*

China aims to slash main power plant pollutant

BEIJING, 28 March —China said it plans to cut acid-rain causing pollution from power stations by nearly two thirds over the next five years, promising intensified efforts to meet environmental goals that have so far been missed.

China has said it will reduce emissions of major pollutants by 10 per cent by 2010, but growth-driven local officials and industries have ignored the target and last year output of sulphur dioxide instead grew by 1.8 per cent.—*MNA/Reuters*



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Zarni Lwin

Indonesia agrees to share bird flu virus samples with WHO

JAKARTA, 28 March — Indonesia on Tuesday agreed to share its samples of avian influenza virus with the World Health Organization (WHO), aiming at combating bird flu threat.

The agreement came at a high-level technical meeting of officials from 16 countries. The decision made by the Indonesian Government was a breakthrough as the country had been opposing to providing

samples of H5N1 virus to the WHO. Indonesia has been hardest hit by bird flu with 66 human deaths.

“We will resume to share the virus with WHO, because there has been commitment that can be trusted,” Indonesian Health Minister Siti Supari Fadillah told a joint Press conference.

“(Because) WHO has committed to make improvement of the mechanism,” she said. The minister declined to

mention the exact timetable when Indonesia would begin to deliver the samples, but she said it would be conducted immediately. Fadillah said that the previous mechanism was not fair and transparent in terms of expectation of the developing countries. “We think that the mechanism like that was more dangerous than the threat of pandemic of the H5N1 itself,” she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi bomb attacks kill 75

BAGHDAD, 28 March — Bomb attacks killed 75 people in Iraq on Tuesday, including 48 who died in twin truck bombings in the northwestern town of Tal Afar, police said.

Among other attacks, suspected al-Qaeda militants killed 21 people in bombings targeting police and Sunni Arab tribes who have formed an alliance against the militants, officials said.

The attacks follow an

upsurge in violence in recent days. US and Iraqi security forces have deployed thousands more soldiers in Baghdad to try to stem a sectarian war that threatens to tear the country apart. Outgoing US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said on Monday al-Qaeda was trying to undermine efforts by the Iraqi Government to court tribal leaders and some insurgent groups to collaborate against the

militant group.

One of the blasts in Tal Afar, a mixed town of Shi'ites, Sunni Arabs and Turkmen near the Syrian border, was detonated by a suicide bomber in front of a Shi'ite mosque, police and witnesses said.

Police Brigadier Karim Khalaf al-Jubouri said the bomber lured victims to buy wheat loaded on his truck. A second truck bomb exploded in a used car lot. — *MNA/Reuters*

Vietnam to record higher GDP growth this year

HANOI, 28 March — Vietnam is estimated to post gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 8.3 per cent in 2007, and 8.5 per cent in 2008, compared with the annual average of 7.3 per cent in the last 10 years, an official from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said here on Tuesday.

“If Vietnam accelerates reform, a sustainable high level of growth will follow,” ADB Country Director to Vietnam Ayumi Konishi said at a Press conference on launching the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2007, the annual ADB publication that forecasts economic trends in Asia.

Equitization of state-owned enterprises (SOEs), financial sector reforms, simplification of public administration for greater efficiency, transparency and infrastructure improvement are all important to Vietnam, he said. Developing Asian economies are forecast to post GDP growth of 7.6 per cent in 2007 and 7.7 per cent in 2008, according to the ADO. The growth of Southeast Asian economies is projected to slow down somewhat to 5.6 per cent in 2007 from 6 per cent in 2006.

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China's actress Zhou Xun poses during the premiere of their movie 'Ming Ming' as part of the 31st Hong Kong International Film Festival in Hong Kong on Wednesday, 28 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Japan radar spy satellite out of action

TOKYO, 28 March—One of a set of four spy satellites Japan launched to keep an eye on neighbouring North Korea is not functioning, a Japanese Government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The news is another setback for an intelligence-gathering programme that has suffered delays since a domestically developed H2-A rocket carrying two spy satellites veered off course and had to be destroyed in 2003. The malfunctioning radar satellite was one of the first pair launched in March 2003, an official at the Cabinet Satellite Intelligence Centre said.

It ceased to function on 25 March apparently due to power supply problems, meaning that it is unable to take photographs, the official said.

“The initial intended life of the satellite was five years, and it may be that it has reached that stage a year earlier than planned,” the official said. “We do not think it will be easy to repair.”

Japan has no plans to launch a replacement radar satellite until 2011, he said.

Two other satellites, one optical and one radar, were finally launched last month to complete a set of four that enable Japan to monitor any point on earth once a day. — MNA/Reuters

Research links sperm deficit with beef

LOS ANGELES, 28 March — Insufficient sperm in men maybe due to too much intake of beef by their mothers during their pregnancy, according to a new research.

If pregnant mothers eat too much beef, their sons may have a sperm count about 25 percent below normal and three times the normal risk of fertility problems, researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center said in a report published in the latest journal Human Reproduction.

The research attribute the lower sperm count to anabolic steroids used in the United States to fatten the cattle.

It could also be due to pesticides and other environmental contaminants, said Dr Shanna H Swan who took part in the research.

The finding applies only to North American women, because beef-producing practices vary widely elsewhere, she said.

Swan and her colleagues studied 387 partners of pregnant women in five US cities. Each man provided a sperm sample and his mother filled out a questionnaire about her food consumption during pregnancy.

The mothers were asked how often they ate beef and other meats. On average, they ate beef about 4 times per week, and other meats much less frequently.

The researchers found that, in general, the more beef a woman ate, the lower her son's sperm count. For women who ate beef at least seven times a week, the son's sperm averaged 24.3 percent below normal. And even though those sons produced a pregnancy, they were three times as likely to have consulted a fertility doctor.

Swan emphasized that the study needs to be confirmed, adding that it is too soon to recommend that pregnant women not eat beef. But if a pregnant woman wants to be cautious, she said, she could switch to organic beef or other high-protein food.

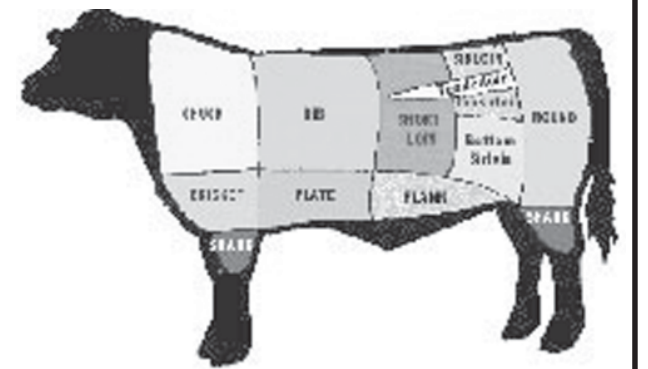
If the sperm deficit is related to the hormones in beef, Swan's findings may be “just the tip of the iceberg,” wrote biologist Frederick Vom Saal of the University of Missouri-Columbia in an editorial accompanying the paper.

In daughters of the beef-eaters, those same hormones could alter the incidence of polycystic ovarian syndrome, the age of puberty and the postnatal growth rate, he said.

Six growth-promoting hormones are routinely used in cattle production in the United States and Canada: the natural steroids estradiol, testosterone and progesterone, and the synthetic hormones zeranol, trenbolone acetate and melengestrol acetate. At slaughter, not all of these hormones have been metabolized.

The use of these hormones in beef was banned in Europe in 1988, and the United States has disputed the EU's attempts to ban imports of US beef containing hormones.

The Food and Drug Administration limits how much hormone residue is permissible in beef. Those limits may need to be reexamined if Swan's findings can be confirmed, Vom Saal said.—Internet



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Chinese Premier calls for unremitting fight against deserts

BEIJING, 28 March — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has called for “unremitting efforts” to stop the spread of deserts and to ensure sustainable economic and social

development.

Wen told a national meeting on desertification prevention and treatment, held in Beijing on 26 and 27 March, that desertification prevention and

treatment was a long-term and arduous task.

He called on officials and the public in desert areas to continue their fight against desertification guided by the scientific

concept of development. Wen warned of the grave challenges China faced, saying desert areas now account for one-fifth of the country's total land area.

MNA/Xinhua

China provides half of world's carbon credits

BEIJING, 28 March—China has provided half of the world's carbon credits under the Kyoto Protocol after developing 279 foreign-invested carbon reduction projects, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) announced on Monday.

These projects involved total investment of nine billion US dollars,

said Xie Zhenhua, vice chairman of the NDRC.

As a developing country, China is not obligated to meet targets set by the Kyoto Protocol, but under the clean development mechanism (CDM) it can provide so-called carbon credits to developed countries if they invest in projects that help reduce carbon emissions in China.

A carbon credit is given for the reduction of every ton of carbon that prevented from being emitted into the atmosphere.

The CDM allows developed countries to fulfil their emission reduction obligations at much lower cost by investing in clean energy projects in developing countries.—MNA/Xinhua



South Korean protesters hold banners during a South Korea and US joint military exercise, dubbed RSOI (Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration) on the beach at Taean, west of Seoul, on 29 March, 2007.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Donadoni hits out at critics after Italy beat Scotland

BARI (Italy), 29 March — Italy coach Roberto Donadoni hit out at his critics after the world champions beat Scotland 2-0 to relaunch their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign on Wednesday.

The win, thanks to a goal in each half by Fiorentina striker Luca Toni, put an end to 10 days of fierce criticism by the Italian Press, who had suggested Donadoni's job was on the line after a slow start in Group B.

The victory left the world champions fourth in Group B on 10 points from five matches, two points behind France, Ukraine and Scotland, though the Scots have played one game more.

Donadoni denied Italy had made a poor start in their qualifiers. The Azzurri drew 1-1 Lithuania, then lost 3-1 to France before notching up back-to-back wins over Ukraine and Georgia.

"We can't afford to underestimate anyone. We should look out especially for Ukraine, because they have something extra compared with the Scots."

Scotland coach Alex McLeish, who began his tenure with a 2-1 win over Georgia on Saturday, admitted he was disappointed with the way his side had gifted Italy a series of early free kicks.

One of them resulted in Massimo Oddo curling in the cross for Toni to get Italy's opening goal.

MNA/Reuters



Italy's Luca Toni (R) shoots and scores as Scotland's goalkeeper Craig Gordon (L) tries to stop the ball during their Euro 2008 Group B qualifying soccer match at the San Nicola stadium in Bari on 28 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Doyle goal clinches Ireland win over Slovakia

DUBLIN, 29 March — An early goal from striker Kevin Doyle gave Ireland a 1-0 victory over Slovakia on Wednesday and cemented the home side's fourth consecutive win in their Euro 2008 Group D qualifying campaign.

The Reading striker, brought into the team to replace suspended captain Robbie Keane in attack, opened the scoring after 13 minutes, heading the ball into the net from a Damien Duff free kick.

The result moved Ireland on to 13 points from seven games, level on points with Germany and the Czech Republic who both have games in hand.

Ireland manager Steve Staunton said he was delighted with his team's performance, which followed an uninspiring 1-0 win over Wales at the weekend.

Twenty-year-old Shane Long, who played the last quarter of the game in place of his Reading teammate Doyle, made two determined assaults but failed to drive the ball home in a goalless second half.

MNA/Reuters

Gerrard spares England's blushes against Andorra

BARCELONA, 29 March — Steven Gerrard scored twice to spare England's blushes as they stuttered to a 3-0 win over Andorra in a Euro 2008 qualifier that will turn up the pressure on beleaguered coach Steve

McClaren. Booed at halftime and the final whistle, England got the breakthrough with Gerrard's 54th minute opener against a side ranked 163rd in the world, and the midfielder coolly added his second in

the 76th minute.

Substitute David Nugent, the first Preston North End player to appear for England since Tom Finney last played in 1958, celebrated his debut by tapping in the third in the 89th minute.

Having beaten Andorra 5-0 at Old Trafford in September, England had been hoping for another convincing win after Saturday's 0-0 Group E draw in Israel had prompted calls from the British media for McClaren to be sacked.

Croatia are top of the group with 13 points, while Russia, Israel and England are all on 11.

The result, on a cold and rainy night, was enough to keep England's hopes of qualifying for the

Euro 2008 finals alive.

But it did not completely satisfy England's frustrated fans, who continued to shout for coach McClaren to be sacked and regularly booed the performance at Barcelona's Olympic stadium where the match was played because Andorra did not have a ground large enough to host it.

England were without Frank Lampard because of a fractured wrist and fielded Gerrard in his more favoured central midfield role as a result.

He responded with a dynamic performance on what at times was a frustrating night for his side, who were roundly booed at half-time when they went in level at 0-0.

MNA/Reuters



England's Steven Gerrard (R) scores against Andorra during their Euro 2008 Group E qualifying soccer match at the Lluís Companys Stadium in Barcelona, northern Spain, on 28 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Wales earn comfortable 3-0 win over San Marino

CARDIFF, 29 March — Wales earned their second win of their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign with a comfortable 3-0 home victory over San Marino in their Group D match on Wednesday.

Ryan Giggs, Gareth Bale and Jason Koumas all scored to ease the hosts to victory and keep alive a small chance of still making it to the Euro 2008 finals.

Manager John Toshack admitted he was pleased to bounce back from the weekend's 1-0 defeat by Ireland. Wales opened the scoring after just three minutes when Koumas fed captain Giggs to score from close range. Young defender Bale curled home the second on 20 minutes with a left-footed effort from just outside the box.

MNA/Reuters

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, left, breaks away from Serbia's defence during their Euro 2008 Group A qualifying soccer match in Belgrade, on 28 March, 2007. Portugal drew with Serbia 1-1.—INTERNET

Spain edge out Iceland to boost qualification hopes

PALMA DE MALLORCA (Spain), 29 March — A late strike from midfielder Andres Iniesta gave Spain a hard-earned 1-0 win over Iceland at a rain-soaked Son Moix that gave a major boost to their hopes of qualifying for Euro 2008.

A dominant Spain looked as though they might be frustrated by the visitors after some superb saves from an inspired Iceland keeper Arni Arason who stopped everything the home side could throw at him.

But just as Spain looked as though they might be running out of ideas, Barcelona midfielder Iniesta finally beat Arason when he fired home at the near post 11 minutes from time.

MNA/Reuters



Spain's Fernando Morientes, left, competes for the ball against an Iceland player during their Euro 2008 group F qualifying match at Ono Stadium in the Balearic island of Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on 28 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Debutant Benzema gives France win over Austria

PARIS, 29 March — Teenage striker Karim Benzema celebrated his international debut with a goal to give France a 1-0 win over Austria in a friendly at the Stade de France on Wednesday.

Olympique Lyon forward Benzema

struck from the edge of the box on 53 minutes from a free kick by midfielder Samir Nasri, also winning his first cap.

Benzema and Olympique Marseille's Nasri, both 19, were two of several youngsters selected by France coach Raymond Domenech for the occasion, four days after a rather dull show in a 1-0 win in Lithuania in a Euro 2008 qualifier.

Domenech's largely experimental side offered an entertaining display against Austria, Euro 2008's co-hosts with Switzerland, who have not beaten France since a 1-0 win in 1970.

Austria, who looked brave but limited on a mild evening on the outskirts of Paris, threatened after 10 minutes with an angled effort from captain Andreas Ivanschitz which France goalkeeper Gregory Coupet managed to deflect.

MNA/Reuters



Children freed as Philippine hostage drama ends

MANILA, 29 March — Gunmen freed 31 children and two teachers held hostage for over nine hours in a bus in the Philippine capital Manila on Wednesday and then surrendered without violence.

Scores of onlookers lit candles outside the bus, parked in front of Manila City Hall, just before 7 pm (1100 GMT), the time the

hostage-takers had said they would surrender.

A minute after the deadline, the door of the bus opened and children, many

carrying school bags and toys, were lifted and handed over to waiting policemen, live television showed.

Onlookers cheered and many said they sympathized with the hostage-takers, one of whom said he wanted to highlight corruption in the Philippines and the lack of educational opportunities for poor children.

One man from within the bus handed over what appeared to be two grenades to a negotiator. He and another man also believed to be a hostage-taker were whisked away in police vehicles.

"Everybody helped in resolving this crisis," said Luis Singson, governor of the province of Ilocos Sur who was drafted in to help negotiate an end to the crisis. "I was a former police chief so I am used to this situation."

The children were unharmed and were being checked by doctors at hospital. They would be allowed to go home later on Wednesday, officials said.

A man identified as Jun Ducat, accompanied by

at least one other man and believed to be armed with grenades, an Uzi submachine gun and a revolver, had been holding the children, all aged between four and six.

The children and the teachers were from a day-care centre that Ducat is believed to have founded three years ago. They had just set out for a day trip to a nearby town when the bus was seized.

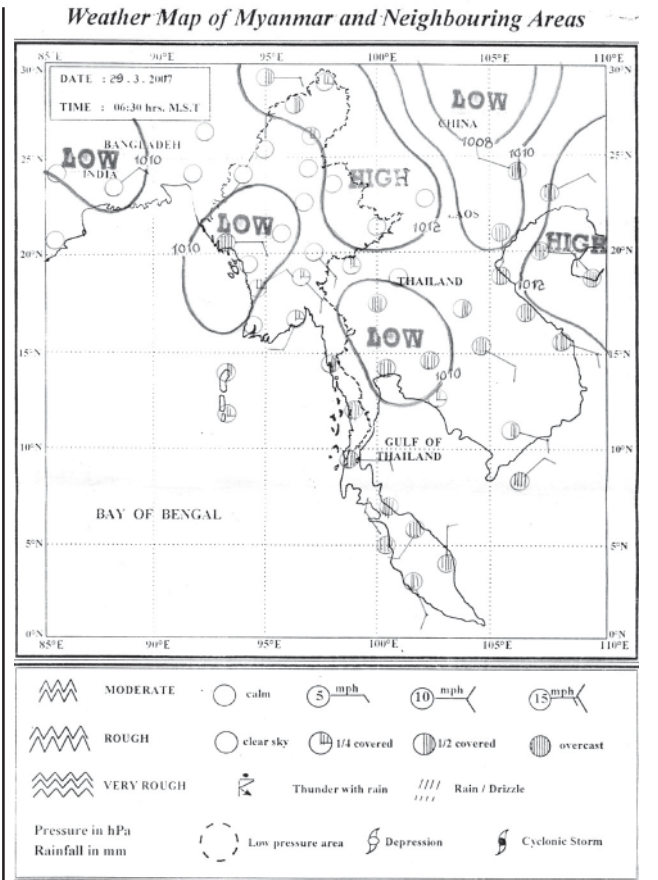
The bus was parked outside Manila City Hall from 9:30 am and surrounded by elite police teams and thousands of onlookers. Life in the capital came to a near standstill as television networks carried live pictures from the scene through the day.

MNA/Reuters



An albino baby wallaby peers out of his mother's pouch at 'Le Cornelle' zoo park in Valbrembo, Italy, on Friday, 23 March, 2007. The uncommon birth took place on 18 March, 2007. This smaller cousin of the kangaroo, also known as Bennett's Wallaby, is common in eastern Australia and a mature specimen averages a weight between 10 and 15 kilogrammes. The cub normally remains in his mother's pouch for some 6 months after the birth.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 29 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Kyaukse, NyaungU and Minbu (41°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 28-3-2007 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 29-3-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-3-2007 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 28-3-2007 was (9.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (16:30) hours MST on 28-3-2007.

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 30-3-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, 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 increase of day temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-3-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-3-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-3-2007: Fair weather.



Friday, 30 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Jump for joy
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Mambo No.5
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
-Cloud No.9
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
-Let the music heal your soul
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-A new day has come
-By your side
- 9:00 pm WOM
-Songs from China, Japan, Korea, Laos
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-Down town train
-Take me home country road
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 30 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
- 7:50 am
5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am
8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. 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. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)
- 4:45 pm
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm
6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:30 pm
7. Song of yesteryears
- 5:40 pm
8. "လောကရဲ့အလှရတနာ" (ရဲအောင်၊ မေသာဦး၊ သူထူးစံ၊ ပွင့်နီမောင်၊ ချစ်စနိုးဦး၊ ချောရတနာ၊ မေဇာဗျာ)
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 17. The next day's programme

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Myanmar and China (Yunnan) Trade & Investment Promotion held



Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivers an address at China (Yunnan) and Myanmar Trade & Investment Promotion. — MNA

YANGON, 29 March—Myanmar and China (Yunnan) Trade & Investment Promotion took place at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here at 3 pm today.

Present on the occasion were Patron of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong and party, Chinese Amba-

sador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, heads of department, UMFCCI President U Win Myint, advisers, CEC members and executives, chairmen, executives and members of brother organizations, Myanmar entrepreneurs, and Chinese entrepreneurs from Yunnan Province.

The governor of Yunnan Province made an introductory speech.

The minister in his address said that the Peo-

ple's Republic of China and Myanmar have a fine tradition of restoring bilateral friendship for many years. Yunnan Province bordering Myanmar for 2192 kilometres deals with Myanmar more than any other province of China. And the bilateral relations are improving day by day.

He expressed his belief that the visit of the Chinese delegation led by Yunnan Province governor to Myanmar will promote bilateral cooperation and trade.

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Governor of Yunnan Province and party visit Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — A 55-member delegation led by Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong of the People's Republic of China arrived at Mandalay by air from Kunming on 26 March.

They were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials, Chinese Consul-General Mr Duan Zhi Quan and party.

The Chinese guests visited Myanan Sankyaw Palace in Mandalay. Director U Aye Maung of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department conducted them round the Palace and the Cultural Museum.

At Yunnan Buddhist Temple on 80th Street, Vice-Chairman of the Temple Board of Trustees U Min Thet and executives welcomed the Chinese delegation.

The Yunnan Province Governor met with Chinese entrepreneurs residing in Mandalay.

At Lawka Marazein Kuthodaw pagoda, they paid homage to the pagoda and made cash donations.

They also visited Hsutaungpyae Pagoda on Mount Mandalay.

In the evening, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han hosted a dinner in honour of the Governor of Yunnan Province and party at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel at the foot of Mandalay Hill. After the dinner, the visiting governor and the mayor exchanged gifts. — MNA



Governor of Yunnan Province of People's Republic of China Mr Qin Guangrong and party visit Myanan Sankyaw Palace in Mandalay. — MNA

NLD courting patronage and lackey within party, while handful of NLD leaders prospering by the outside help, the rank and file of the party impoverished

Two members of Hlinethaya Township NLD quit

YANGON, 29 March — Two members Secretary U Win Bo and Ma Win Pa Pa of Hlinethaya Township National League for Democracy of Yangon Division resigned from NLD of their own violation on 24 March.

They sent their resignation letters to the NLD headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Hlinethaya Township Multi-party general election sub-commission, they said NLD ignoring national politics has relied on the support of some big nations and is courting patronage and lackey in the party. In addition, It has concealed disunity within the party and sought only self-interest. While a handful of NLD leaders prospering by the outside help, the rank and file of the party are getting impoverished. Owing to the confrontation policy and call for economic sanctions of the party, the people have been in a predicament. Those are the reasons for their resigning from the party, they said.—MNA