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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Saidin, Thahtay hydropower projects to supply more electricity to Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March – Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited the chosen site to build Sittway Railway Station yesterday in Sittway, Rakhine State. And when the train running from Pyitawtha to

Yechanbyin arrived at the temporary railway station of Sittway, he cordially greeted university students on board the train. The Prime Minister also looked into the requirements of the ferry rail service.

The train is plying between Pyitawtha and Yechanbyin, which is a 12-mile journey, twice a day carrying an average of 1000 passengers including students of arts and
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially converses with townselders, administrative staff, social organization members and locals at Ponnagyun railway station.

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Union Election Commission issues announcement on Rights of Formation and Registration of Political Party

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(18th March, 2010)**

The Rights of Formation and Registration of Political Party

1. For the formation of political parties that set the objective of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty in the Union of Myanmar, that are loyal to the State and that accept and practise a genuine and discipline-flourishing multi-party democratic system, the State Peace and
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Union Election Commission issues announcement on Rights of Continued Existence and Registration of Political Party

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March – The Union Election Commission issued Announcement No.2/2010 today. The translation of the announcement is as follows:

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PERSPECTIVES

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To shape a better future

Transport between Rakhine State and other states and divisions was rather difficult in the past because of the existence of a large number of creeks and rivers and hilly areas in the state which is a thin stretch of land lying between the Bay of Bengal and the Yoma mountain range.

But now, the three major motor roads—Sittway-An-Minbu-Magway road, Thandwe-Taungup-Pyay road, and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung-Yekyi road—have facilitated trade and passenger transport services between the state and the rest of the country.

Two busiest airports in the region one in Sittway and another in Thandwe have been upgraded to handle more flights and passengers and goods. What is more, Sittway-An-Minbu railroad is under construction at present to introduce a rail service between Sittway, the capital of the state and Yangon, the nation's commercial city. Some of its sections are in operation at present.

In addition, Rakhine State has excellent potentials for progress as the coastal region holds a large array of resources including farms, fish and livestock.

Hence, efforts are being made to produce intellectual, technical and technological resources to effectively utilize them in the state's interest.

In order to produce such human resources, the government is building more basic education schools, upgrading the existing ones and has opened an arts and science university, a university of computer studies and a technological university in Sittway, where local youths can now pursue their higher education till completion.

As we now have a myriad of infrastructures serving as sound foundations for development of multi sectors including economy, health and education in almost all the areas of the Union, what we need is to produce more intellectual, technical and technological resources to shape a better future of our country.

Gigabyte Notebook for notebook lovers

YANGON, 18 March—Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd, a distributor of Gigabyte Notebook, will import Q1458 Multimedia Notebooks soon which can be available at cheap price with two years international warranty. An authorized service centre has also been launched for customer convenience.

As the notebook has powerful 2.2 GHz Intel CPU, 320 GB Hard Disk, 2 GB Memory and 14.1-inch screen with stunning outer design, it is suitable for all.

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

Myanmar to enhance industrial cooperation with ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Vice Chairman Mr. Choi, Han Young of Hyundai Motor Company from the Republic of Korea and party at the ministry here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters for cooperation in industrial sector between two countries.

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Industry-2 Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein receives Vice Chairman Mr Choi, Han Young of Hyundai Motor Company.—MNA

Naturalized US citizen Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin pardoned and deported in giving special consideration to bilateral friendship and at request of US State Department

NAY PYI TAW 18 March — Originally, Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin was a Myanmar citizen. But the 40-year-old man got naturalized himself in the US. Holding US passport No 711851465, he arrived in Yangon airport from Thailand by Thai Airways TG-305 flight on 3 September 2009.

Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin, son of U Aung Din, illegally left Myanmar in the late 1988 and was naturalized in the US. Afterwards, he entered Myanmar many times, supporting the activities of unlawful anti-government organizations and making contacts with and giving encouragement to internal anti-government groups to cause monks disturbances. A laptop and related accessories, foreign currency and a forged national scrutinization

card bearing his photo with other name "San Naing" were seized from him.

As Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin was found guilty, he was sentenced to three years imprisonment under Section 468 of Criminal Code, Section 24 (1) in connection with foreign currency exchange law and Section 6(2)/6(3) of National Registration Act.

However, in giving special consideration to bilateral friendship in accordance with the request made by the US State Department, the naturalized US citizen is pardoned and the deportation order was issued on him.

Under the deportation order, Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin left Myanmar by air this afternoon.

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Coolmist Water Cooling Fan gives fresh air

YANGON, 18 March—It is Coolmist Water Cooling Fan that can reduce extreme temperature with the help of Misting System.

The introduction ceremony of newly arrived notebook will be held at dealer booths at Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 from 19 to 21 March at which notebooks will be sold at special price over K 400,000 as a special promotion if it is bought in advance.

The dealer booths at the exhibition are CitiCom, Bluray, Thein Min, King Power, Top Power, I-Com, Life Mark, ADT, ICE, Neo Tech, Technoland and Notebook Mart.

The showroom of Myanmar Technology Zone Co Ltd (T-Zone Computer Sales & Distribution) is No. 125/B, Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 542569 and 723009). The company has been distributing Gigabyte Notebook in addition to BenQ Electronics.

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The 30-inch radius Coolmist Water Cooling Stand Fan includes Aluminium Blades and High Pressure Pump with connections and switches while the 26-inch radius Coolmist Water Cooling Stand Fan is installed with High Pressure Pump with connections and switches.

The 24-inch-es

radius Coolmist Water Cooling Wall Mounted Fan has High Pressure Pump with connections and switches.

Lin Technical Services will give installation service to the customers. Those wishing to buy the products may contact Lin Technical Services No (90), Saya San Street, Bahan Township here (Ph: 543054 or 4412270).—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures



A visitor poses for a photo in front of the exhibits at a Chinese silk art exhibition in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 17 March, 2010. The "Silk Road—Chinese Silk Art" exhibition was opened on Wednesday at the Kasteyev Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibition will last till 15 April.—XINHUA

Eight Canadians killed in Afghanistan in Q4, 2009

OTTAWA, 18 March — A total of eight Canadians, military and civilian, were killed in Afghanistan in the last quarter of 2009, a report from Canada's foreign ministry said on Wednesday. The seventh quarterly report on the Canadian mission in Afghanistan since 2008 said Canada provided mine risk education, literacy and vocational training to tens of thousands of residents in the southern province of Kandahar.

"Canadian funding helped the World Food Programme provide over 95,500 tons of food nationally," Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said in the quarterly report. "We also contributed to the extension of microfinance loans nationally through the Microfinance Investment Support Facility, and exceeded our 2011 target for Kandahar," he added.—Xinhua

Clash leaves two militants dead in former Taliban bastion

LASHKAR GAH, 18 March — A gun battle in Taliban's former bastion of Marja district in the southern Helmand province of Afghanistan left two militants dead and injured another on Thursday, a local official said.

"The insurgents attacked a police checkpoint in Marja district today and police returned fire killing two enemies and wounding another," Ghulam Sakhi, the police chief of Marja district told Xinhua.

There were no casualties on police, he contended.

A former bastion of Taliban in south Afghanistan, Marja district was recaptured in the wake of massive joint Afghan

and NATO operation with the involvement of 15,000 soldiers launched in mid February.

Four more militants, according to the official, were killed in Marja last week.

Xinhua

Canada adopts new avalanche warning system

VANCOUVER, 18 March — Canada on Wednesday adopted a new avalanche warning system to better advise skiers and snowmobilers, officials said. The new system, unveiled just days after a huge man-caused snow slide having killed two people, modified the existing system by incorporating likelihood and consequences of an avalanche in a specific area.

The new warning system, to enter into effect next winter, was jointly developed by the Canadian Avalanche Centre, Parks Canada, the US Forest Service and the US Colorado Avalanche Centre.—Internet

Militancy, conflicts claim over 100 lives last week in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 March — Continued militancy and conflicts have claimed more than 100 people's lives with overwhelming of them non-combatants over the past week in the insurgency-plagued Afghanistan.

The Taliban-led militants who staged a violent comeback in 2005 have largely relied on suicide bombings and roadside attacks which often claim the lives of civilians than the military.

Since last Friday, according to officials, 105 people including civilians, Taliban militants and NATO soldiers have been killed and dozens others got wounded in the war-ravaged Afghanistan.

However, the bloodiest one is the multiple explosions in Taliban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan.

The militants in a commando-style attack carried out four suicide at-

tacks and gun battle in their former spiritual fiefdom Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar province, on Saturday evening, killing 35 people and injuring 57 others.

Internet

Afghan troops discover huge weapon cache

KABUL, 18 March — Afghan forces pursuing Taliban militants discovered a huge weapon cache in western Herat province, a press release of the Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

"The commando unit raided Zirkoh village of Shindand district on Wednesday and after a six-hour operation found three caches containing 50 tons of arms and ammunitions including explosive devices, suicide vests and mines," the press release added.

One person has been arrested in this regard, it said. There were no casualties on the soldiers, it stressed.

This is the ever-biggest weapon cache discovery in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan over the past one year. Taliban militants have not comment yet.—Internet



Hot air balloons prepare to fly at the outskirts of Malaysia's administrative centre Putrajaya on the first day of the 2nd Putrajaya international hot air balloon fiesta 2010, 18 March, 2010.

XINHUA

Pupils from the Huanghe Road Elementary School visit the Jiyuan Municipal Sciences and Technology Hall, as the Jiyuan City's month of sciences and technology for pupils formally starts, in Jiyuan, central China's Henan Province, on 16 March, 2010.

XINHUA

Sudanese gov't to ink peace framework with Darfur's rebel group

DOHA, 18 March — The Sudanese government is expected to sign here on Thursday a peace framework with the Liberation and Justice Movement (LJM), a newly-integrated rebel group, in a step aimed at ending years of conflicts in Darfur.

The accord would be the second the Sudanese government inked within a month with rebel groups in the western Sudanese region.

On 23 Feb, Sudan signed a temporary ceasefire deal with the Justice and Equality Movement, a key rebel group, breaking up a standstill in Darfur's peace process.

The LJM was formed by ten rebel groups shortly before that signature.

Internet



Russia must tap Arctic resources

Moscow, 18 March—Russia must defend its claims to mineral riches of the Arctic in increasing competition with other powers, President Dmitry Medvedev said on Wednesday.

Medvedev said global climate change will likely fuel arguments between nations seeking access to energy and other resources.

"Other polar nations already have taken active

steps to expand their scientific research as well as economic and even military presence in the Arctic," he told a session of the presidential Security Council.

Medvedev added that attempts have been made to limit Russia's access to Arctic resources, but he didn't name a specific nation.

"Regrettably, we have seen attempts to limit Russia's access to the ex-

ploration and development of the Arctic mineral resources," he said. "That's absolutely inadmissible from the legal viewpoint and unfair given our nation's geographical location and history."

Russia claims a large part of the Arctic seabed as its own, arguing that it is an extension of its continental shelf. In 2007, scientists staked a symbolic claim by dropping a canister containing the Russian flag onto the seabed from a small submarine.—*Internet*



Tourists pose for a photo beside straw men in the cole field at the Shenxianju scenic area in Taizhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 March, 2010.

INTERNET

GM Holden recalls 9,000 cars over faulty fuel hose

SYDNEY, 18 March—General Motors' Australian subsidiary GM Holden on Thursday recalled 9,000 Cruze sedans over a faulty fuel hose, after a raft of damaging glitches hit Japan's Toyota and Honda.

A company spokesman said some of the hoses on 1.8-litre MY10 JG Cruze models had sprung a leak, and some owners may notice leaking fuel, a petrol smell or loss of power. No accidents or injuries have been reported.

"A condition has been identified where, in some instances, the fuel feed

hose may not have been manufactured correctly and could result in a fuel leak," the spokesman said in a statement.

"We are aware of 71 cases of a reported fuel leak due to this condition."

The recall, which affects 9,098 cars in Australia and another 485 in New Zealand, comes after Toyota pulled eight million cars over accelerator and brake problems.

Internet



Cambodia, China agree to deepen friendship, cooperation relations

PHNOM PENH, 18 March—Cambodian and Chinese senior officials agreed on Thursday to further strengthen friendship and cooperation relations to bring more benefits to the peoples of the two countries. The common view was reached when visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu held talks with Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of

the Office of the Council of Ministers Sok An on Thursday. During the meeting, Hui highly valued the relations between China and Cambodia, saying that China and Cambodia "are good neighbours, good friends and good partners." He said that the bilateral relations between China and Cambodia "serve as a model for state-to-state rela-

tions."

In recent years, the bilateral relations have maintained sound development momentum, Hui said, adding that China and Cambodia have kept close high-level exchanges, deepened economic and trade cooperation and maintained close coordination and cooperation on major international and regional affairs.—*Internet*

Workers are seen on GM Holden's assembly line in South Australia. The Australian subsidiary of the US auto giant General Motors has recalled 9,000 vehicles over a faulty fuel hose.

INTERNET

US wholesale prices drop 0.6 percent in February

WASHINGTON, 18 March — US wholesale prices declined by 0.6 percent in February, larger than the economists' expectation, the Labour Department reported on Wednesday.

The rise in the department's Producer Price Index (PPI), a measure of inflation at the wholesale level, followed a 1.4 percent gain in January. Economists had forecasted a 0.2 percent drop.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, core wholesale prices rose by 0.1 percent in February, matching the economists' expectation.

Over the past 12 months, wholesale prices are up 4.4 percent, core inflation is up a much more subdued 1 percent over the past year.—*Xinhua*

The growing worldwide demand for meat is likely to have a significant impact on human health, the environment and the global economy in the next 50 years, according to the report, Livestock in a Changing Landscape, released in March 2010.

INTERNET



Environmental and Social Impact of the 'Livestock Revolution'

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 March—Global meat production has tripled in the past three decades and could double its present level by 2050, according to a new report on the livestock industry by an international team of scientists and policy experts. The impact of this "livestock revolution" is likely to have significant consequences for human health, the environment and the global economy, the authors conclude.

"This is the first time that we've looked at the social, economic, health and environmental impacts of livestock in an integrated way and presented solutions for reducing the detrimental effects of the industry and enhancing its positive attributes," he said. Among the key findings in the report are:

* More than 1.7 billion animals are used in livestock production worldwide and occupy more than one-fourth

of the Earth's land.

* Production of animal feed consumes about one-third of total arable land.

* Livestock production accounts for approximately 40 percent of the global agricultural gross domestic product.

* The livestock sector, including feed production and transport, is responsible for about 18 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

Internet

Released Chinese nationals arrive in Cameroon's port city Limbe, all in good condition

LIMBE, 18 March—The released Chinese nationals who were kidnapped in Cameroon days ago arrived in Cameroon's port city Limbe late on Wednesday and the seven are all in good condition.

The Chinese nationals left the Bakassi peninsula by boat where they were released. Limbe is the port city of Cameroon in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Seven Chinese nationals on board two fishing boats owned by China's Dalian Beihai Fish-

ing Company were abducted early Friday morning by gunmen off the Bakassi peninsula.

An "Africa Marine Commando", which had been unknown, claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

The two fishing vessels returned to the port of Limbe hours later with two sailors on board slightly injured.

Chinese Ambassador Xue Jinwei told *Xinhua* that the Chinese and Cameroonian authorities

had worked hard to save them. Negotiations went on for days during which the captives had no risk of lives and were provided with water and food.

The Bakassi peninsula, which has an area of 1,000 square km and a great potential of oil and gas, has been a hotbed for banditry in the Gulf of Guinea. It was handed over from Nigeria to Cameroon in August 2008 under a ruling by the International Court of Justice in the Hague.—*Xinhua*



Released Chinese nationals call their families after arriving in Cameroon's port city Limbe on 17 March, 2010. The released Chinese nationals who were kidnapped off Cameroon's Bakassi peninsula days ago arrived in Cameroon's port city Limbe late on Wednesday and the seven are all in good condition.—XINHUA

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Xue Long (Snow Dragon) icebreaker arrives at Fremantle port, Australia, on 18 March, 2010. China's 26th Antarctic expedition team arrived here on Thursday for a replenishment, which would be the last supply for this expedition travel.—XINHUA

Brunei to help reconstruct Indonesia's quake-hit West Sumatra

JAKARTA, 18 March—Brunei to provide aid to help reconstructing Indonesia's West Sumatra Province that was hit by 7.6-magnitude earthquake on 30 Sept, 2009, an ambassador told reporters on Thursday.

Brunei's Ambassador in Indonesia Tuan Yang Terutama Dato Paduka Muhammad bin Haji Saidin said that the aid is one of the realizations of good relationship between the two countries.

"This is the contribution from all Brunei's people," he said, without revealing the details.

He also said that in the future, Brunei will continue its help in mitigation disaster in Indonesia.

Xinhua

Southeast Asia's first Universal Studio theme park opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 18 March—Universal Studios Singapore, Southeast Asia's first and only Universal Studio theme park, opened its door to the public here on Thursday.

The theme park opening ceremony kicked off at 8:28 am on 18 March, an auspicious starting time as the number "eight" represents prosperity in the Chinese culture. During the ceremony, 18 lion dancers entered the park via the "Streets of Hollywood," actresses dressing as Marilyn Monroe and Betty Boop led the first group of guests into the park.

Greg Semon, an American who got the first season ticket to the theme park, said, "The Universal Studio Singapore maybe one of the smallest theme parks in the world, but it is very compact and a lot of fun."

Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, executive chairman of Resorts World Sentosa said, "This is the region's only Universal Studios theme park, and it will be a tourism crown jewel for not just Singapore, but Asia as a whole."

Expecting to attract 4.5 million tourists for the first year, Lim said that he's not worried about the competition with other theme parks around the world, as 18 of the 24 tourism spots here are specially designed for Singapore and cannot be found anywhere else.

Xinhua

China's 26th Antarctic expedition team arrives in Australia

FREMANTLE, 18 March—China's 26th Antarctic expedition team aboard the *Xue Long* (Snow Dragon) icebreaker arrived here on Thursday for supplies before beginning the final leg of the ship's trip home.

The *Xue Long* was expected to stay in Fremantle for seven days and load up with fresh water, fruits and vegetables, and have some maintenance work done. During its stay, 13 team members will embark for China by plane.

China's 26th Antarctic expedition team embarked on its home journey on 5 March, leaving China's Antarctic Zhongshan station after completing all of its planned scientific research and logistical tasks.

Setting out from Shanghai on 11 Oct, 2009, the Chinese expedition team has done scientific research involving all three of China's Antarctic stations (Changcheng, Zhongshan and Kunlun) during its voyage, the first time in China's Antarctic exploration history.—*Xinhua*

Two injured in Algerian petrochemical plant blast

ALGIERS, 18 March—Two people were injured on Wednesday from an explosion of Algeria's state-run petrochemical company Sonatrach's plant in Skikda, 500 km east of Algiers, state-run APS news agency reported.

The explosion occurred on Wednesday afternoon due to hydrogen leak, said the report, adding that the situation has been under control and rescue work was underway.—*Xinhua*

Venezuela, Belarus sign bilateral cooperation agreements

CARACAS, 18 March—Venezuela and Belarus on Wednesday signed a series of bilateral agreements on energy, construction, agro-industry and trade.

Among the 22 agreements signed by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his Belarusian counterpart, Alexander Lukashenko, the two countries agreed on a daily sale of 80,000 barrels of Venezuelan crude oil to Belarus and allocate three fields in the Orinoco Oil Strip.

Both sides decided to expand a programme, which originally planned to build 5,000 houses in Aragua state, about 100 km west of the capital city Caracas. They have agreed that 10,000 more houses will be built in Barinas state, 710 km southwest of Caracas.

The two countries also agreed to create commercial offices in each other's capital city, in a bid to facilitate the distribution of products.—*Xinhua*



Visitors ride on the roller coaster during the opening ceremony of Resorts World Sentosa, Southeast Asia's first Universal Studios movie theme park, in Singapore, on 18 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Key al-Qaeda figure believed killed in Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 18 March—An al-Qaeda figure who helped plan a deadly attack on the CIA in Afghanistan is believed to have been killed in a US drone strike in Pakistan, a US counterterrorism official said.

"We have indications that Hussein al-Yemeni — an important al-Qaeda planner and facilitator based in the tribal areas of Pakistan — was killed last week," the official said on Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

Yemeni's specialty was in "bombs and suicide operations" and he was suspected of playing "a key role" in the December attack at a CIA post in eastern Afghanistan that killed seven Americans, the official said in an email.

The Al-Qaeda operative was apparently killed in a US drone strike in the Pakistani city of Miranshah in North Waziristan, in the country's northwest tribal belt.

Internet

An unmanned Predator aircraft is prepared for a training flight.—INTERNET



Fear grips Mexican border families amid violence

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 18 March—Elodia Ortiz drops her children at school in the morning, picks them up in the afternoon and makes an occasional trip to the supermarket. Anything else, she says, is too dangerous.

Parents in Ciudad Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas, are afraid to venture into the streets amid a turf war between two powerful drug cartels that has left more than 4,500 people dead during the past two years.

Their fears spiked last weekend when hit men attacked two white SUVs leaving a birthday party, killing parents from two US Consulate families in front of their screaming children.

The violence has risen to such levels in Ciudad Juarez that everyone feels at risk in the city of 1.3 million, where innocent people have been increasingly caught in the crossfire. Hit men have gone to wrong addresses or shot indiscriminately into homes, mowing down not only the targeted people but anyone nearby.

Internet

Nuclear power a possibility for Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 March — Indonesia's House of Representatives gave a green light to the government's plan to build nuclear plants.

That decision on Monday came after the parliamentary commission for energy, technology and

the environment visited the country's National Nuclear Energy Agency, which is known as Batan, during the weekend.

"Indonesia can no longer rely on non-renewable energy sources such as gas and coal to generate electricity in future," said

Teuku Riefky Harsya, chairman of the commission, in a statement. Coal is estimated to account for 44 percent of state-owned utility PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara's total energy production this year with natural gas another 26 percent.—Internet

Dozens killed in bus accident in Afghan mountains

KABUL, 18 March—A bus plunged off a mountain road in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush mountains on Wednesday, catching fire and leaving as many as 35 people dead, though authorities were still pulling burned bodies from the wreckage.

Dr Sanim Rasouli,

health director in Baghlan province, says the bus picked up speed, struck other vehicles and then plunged off a road near the Salang Pass, a major route through the mountains about 70 miles (115 kilometres) north of the capital, Kabul.

"The bus failed to

brake and hit several other small vehicles on its way down a hill," Rasouli said, adding that the brakes might not have been working.

He said dozens of people — some of them children — burned to death when the bus caught fire.

Internet

Oldest temple in the world found in Turkey

Archaeologists say a temple being excavated in south-eastern Turkey is 12,000 years old and is likely the oldest temple ever uncovered.

The site was first identified in 1986 when a farmer tilling his field in Sanliurfa found a statuette in the soil, the *Radikal* newspaper reported on Wednesday.

Since then, archaeologists have uncovered the foundation of the temple built in the Neolithic Age along with carvings of pigs, foxes, snakes, fawns and

headless humans.

Officials with the Harran University Archaeology Department have yet to identify the culture that built the temple or their belief system, the newspaper said.

German teams were the first to excavate beginning in 1995, but the Turkish Culture and Tourism Ministry placed the site on its first-degree protection list in 2005, taking control of the research.

Prior to its discovery, the world's oldest known temple was in Malta, dating from 5,000 BC.



A cow painting entitled "It Sees" by Inushige displays at the Marunouchi shopping district during the "CowParade" in Tokyo in 2008. A Brazilian artist launched a subversive protest against the popular "CowParade" travelling art exhibit, which he deemed an affront to his country's homegrown art scene.

Woman accused of stealing plane and ditching it

A Santa Rosa woman was arrested for allegedly stealing her landlord's airplane, then abandoning it in a field after it ran out of gas.

Authorities said a 27-year-old woman had access to the Piper Cherokee because she had been borrowing it for piloting lessons.

But she allegedly took the plane without permission on Tuesday from a hangar at the Sonoma County Airport.

Authorities said she landed it in a Modoc County

ranch field when she ran out of gas, didn't report the incident and hiked to a nearby hotel to spend the night.

Curious residents called authorities about the abandoned plane, and deputies arrested the woman the next morning on suspicion of grand theft and aircraft theft.

Modoc County Undersheriff Gary Palmer said the woman was found with keys to the plane and admitted to taking it.

Loneliness linked to higher blood pressure

People age 50 and older who feel lonely and do not connect with others may have higher levels of blood pressure, US researchers found.

Louise Hawkley of the University of Chicago and colleagues also looked at the possibility that depression and stress might account for the blood pressure increase but found that those factors did not fully explain the increase in blood pressure among lonely people age 50 and older.

"Loneliness behaved as though it is a unique health-risk factor in its own right," Hawkley wrote in an article published in the journal *Psychology and Aging*.

People who have many friends and a social network can feel lonely if they find their relationships unsatisfying, while people who live solitary lives may not be lonely if their few relationships are meaningful and rewarding, Hawkley said.

The study involved 229 people ages 50-68, who were randomly chosen among whites, African-Americans and Latinos who answered questions on loneliness and their connections to others. The loneliest people saw their blood pressure rise by 14.4 millimetres of mercury more than the blood pressure of their most socially contented counterparts over the four-year study period.



Photo shows a wooden house which is built upside-down in a zoo in Gettorf, northern Germany. The so-called "crazy house" has a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room and a sleeping room. It will open to the public on 30 March.

NEWS ALBUM



An archaeologist cleans the stone engraved with a seven-branched Menorah (candelabrum), in Israel, in 2009. Ruins in northern Israel previously thought to have been a synagogue have now been identified as a 7th century palace used by the Umayyad caliph who started construction of Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, archaeologists said on Tuesday.

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Development Council issued the Political Parties Registration Law under the Law No.2/2010 of the SPDC on 8 March 2010 in accord with the Article-443 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

- For the formation of political parties, the Union Election Commission issued the Political Parties Registration Bylaws under the Notification No.1/2010 on 17 March 2010.
- Those wishing to form political party may apply at the Union Election Commission Office, Building No.22, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours as of the date of this announcement issued in accord with the already issued laws and bylaws.

By order

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

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sovereignty in the Union of Myanmar, that are loyal to the State and that accept and practise a genuine and discipline-flourishing multi-party democratic system, the State Peace and Development Council issued the Political Parties Registration Law under the Law No.2/2010 of the SPDC on 8 March 2010 in accord with the Article-443 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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- Parties that fall within the competence of Political Parties Registration Law Section-25, if they wish to continue their existence may apply at the Union Election Commission Office, Building No.22, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours as of the date of this announcement issued in accord with the already issued laws and bylaws.

By order

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Dredger and Huller Project and Technical Training School (Magway) Project

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe

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agricultural machinery and tools with the aim of improving the agricultural sector. Being user-friendly and powerful, agricultural machinery and tools win customer satisfaction.

There has been another good news that the ministry is pursuing the project to produce hullers, whose milling capacity ranges from three to five tons of paddy a day.

Hullers imported for farmers and middle entrepreneurs are expensive, but not durable. So, they are not the best choice of the consumers.

Before long, the Ministry of Industry-2 will fulfil that requirement by manufacturing hullers with a view to reducing import, fulfilling customers' wishes, and disseminating producing methods.

The ministry plans to produce 500 units of hullers a year. It will also produce six-inch rubber roll huskers, gravity grain separating screens, every roll rice whiteners, and spare parts.

According to my first hand knowledge gained in a trip to factories under the ministry, the factory's productivity is higher than the fixed annual rate of 500 units. There, I was amazed to see the largest factories in Myanmar.

The 12-month project is due to be completed by October 2010.

The ministry will produce hullers at Malun Factory in Minhla Township. So, it is now making all necessary arrangements. It will complete the project design, layout plan, foundation drawing & installation drawing by March 2010 in cooperation with Chinese experts.

The project is intended to reduce the import of goods and get advanced technology about rice milling and sustainable benefits.

I have never heard that dredgers are produced in Myanmar. Now, I am glad to note that Myanmar will begin to produce dredgers.

The project is aimed at manufacturing dredgers and accessories for maintenance of waterways in the nation, gain technology, and produce import-substitute goods.

The Ministry of Industry-2 has a lot of experience of manufacturing bulldozers, excavators, mini excavators, compactors, road rollers and forklifts. The ministry will manufacture small dredgers.

According to some officials, the ministry will produce cutter suction dredgers and accessories at Malun Factory in Minhla Township till it meets the

local demand.

In the process, most of the parts of the machinery will be based on the machines in the factories under the ministry. The project will be much beneficial because Myanmar is a land where there are numerous watercourses.

In my trip to Technical Training School (Hsinte) and Technical Training School (Thagara) to write bylines, I learnt that the nation needs to produce a growing number of human resources in the industrial sector for industrialization, and the ministry has been attending to the requirements as much as it can.

Technical Training School (Magway) will be built in Magway Industrial Region. The 18-month project will be completed by 2010.

As to the project, the ministry will build the training school with the assistance of designs, teaching aids and raw materials from the Republic of Korea.

The school will conduct vehicle maintenance course, auto industry course, and quality control course with the intention of producing skilled labour, providing advance training to improve the performance of workers, curbing road accident, systematizing the maintenance processes, and enhancing the quality of locally-produced vehicles.

Those who have completed high school education and workers skilled in the auto industry can apply for the course.

In the process, normal training course will include three-month automobile engine course, automobile electrical system course, automobile transmission course, and automobile course. Advance training course include three-month automobile production technology course and two-month automobile inspection course.

The Technical Training School (Magway) will help boost production of industrial technicians, auto industry of the nation, dissemination of auto maintenance technology, and national development.

All in all, the special projects the Ministry of Industry-2 will launch soon will make significant contribution towards nation-building tasks.

Translation: MS



Some buildings of Technical Training School (Magway) under construction.

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science university, university of computer studies and technological university every trip.

At Kandawgyi potable water lake in Mingan ward, the Prime Minister

summer, local people were in trouble with water. Now, the waterworks is channeling 600,000 gallons of water daily from the freshwater lake to Kandawgyi to ensure adequate water supply for

project from the observation deck.

KTA company compiled the final feasibility study report in 1956. But the project could not be implemented due to the existence of insurgents that made the area unsafe.

It has become a medium-size hydropower

education, health, transport and economic activities. He presented gifts to townselders.

Sittway-An-Minbu railroad is under construction section-wise for the people to travel from Sittway to Yangon by rail soon.

The 12-mile-long Pyitawtha-Yechanbyin

ganizations at the guest house of Station in Taungup, the Prime Minister presented clothes, medicines and household utensils to townselders.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected Thahtay Hydropower Project. The Minister for Electric Power No. 1 reported on the aim and location of

So far, the project has been completed by 20.24 per cent. On completion, the project will be able to satisfy the electricity demand of the whole southern part of Rakhine State.

The Prime Minister inspected the site chosen for construction of Lonetha Jetty in Jadedaw Village, Myabyin Village-tract,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects the extension of runway of Thandwe Airport.—MNA

viewed supplying of water to the lake through an eight-inch pipe from Aungdine freshwater lake with the help of waterworks. During inspection of the waterworks, he facilitated water supply operation after hearing reports presented by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and an official.

Kandawgyi stores rain water every year for Sittway people. But in

Sittway rains even in the dry season.

At Saidin hydropower project in Buthidaung Township in the state, the Prime Minister fulfilled the transport, education and health requirements of the locals.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min presented a report, saying that efforts to harness the waterfall failed during the past successive eras because of certain reasons. U Aung Zaw Naing of Anagutswanah Co Ltd explained geological, weather and land survey.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the

plant project only at the time of Tatmadaw government. It will generate an average of 220 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

The project will provide additional power to all the towns in Rakhine State in addition to supplying electricity to ten northern towns of the region.

After inspecting Ponnagyun-Yotayok railroad project at the railway station in Ponnagyun, the Prime Minister met with townselders, administrative staff, social organization members and local people and made arrangements to facilitate

section was commissioned into service in May 2009. Efforts are being made to open the 24-mile-long railroad from Kundaung station near Minchaung bridge to Yotayok station in May 2010 and the 18-mile-long Yotayok-Kyauktaw section in October 2010.

In Kyaukpyu, Yanbye and Thandwe also, the Prime Minister held meetings with townselders, administrative staff and social organization members. He inspected extension of Thandwe airport from helicopter.

In meeting with townselders, local authorities, and social or-

the dam, construction of the main dam, diversion tunnel, spillway, intake structure and sluice gate, strength of the machinery, and workforce.

In response, the Prime Minister attended to the needs, and viewed the worksite.

The zone-type project is being implemented by damming the Thahtay Creek, about 12 miles northeast of Thandwe. With a 2028 feet long and 298 feet high embankment, the dam has two diversion tunnels. On completion, the plant with a generation capacity of 111 megawatts will be able to produce 386 million kilowatt hours a year.

Thandwe, and fulfilled the requirements.

At Thandwe Airport Runway Project, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on arrangements for extension of the runway to a 12,000 feet long one, completion of the earthen runway for 8500 feet, and follow-up programmes.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions.

At the meetings with local authorities, social organizations, townselders and local people on his tour around Rakhine State, the Prime Minister said that the state lagged behind other (See page 9)



Photo shows Saidin hydropower project in Buthidaung Township, Maungdaw District, Rakhine State.—MNA

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regions in development due to lack of stability, peace and stability

menting Thahtay and Anchaung hydropower projects. It is preparing to launch Saidin and

will be supplied with sufficient electric power.

Rakhine State is rich in natural resources. So, what the state needs is develop-

opening new schools and upgrading old ones. And it has opened an arts and science university, a university for computer studies, and a technological univer-

tion in their home region.

Due to extensive opening of hospitals health care centres and appointment of more specialists, local peo-

all national brethren have to equip themselves with a stronger sense of Union Spirit. In conclusion, the Prime Minister called for upholding the na-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Thahtay Hydropower Project.—MNA

sparked by armed insurgency.

To ensure smooth transport essential for development of Rakhine State, the Tatmadaw government is taking measures such as construction of a highway to link the state with western Bago Division, Magway Division and Ayeyawady Division, Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad to establish a direct rail link between Yangon and the state, and upgrading Sittway and Thandwe airports.

For supply of adequate irrigation water, the government has many dams. Now, the government is imple-

Laymyo hydropower projects soon. When all the projects are completed, the whole state

ment of human resources. In order to fulfil this requirement, the government has been

sity in Sittway. As a result, the youth of the region now have easy access to higher educa-

ple have enjoyed better health care.

The Union is a multicultural nation, so

tional policy: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets passengers on Pyitawtha-Yechanbyin train at Sittway Railway Station.

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Bird eye's view of Ponnagyun-Yotayok Railroad.—MNA

and perpetuation of sovereignty, doing their bit in pursuing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, and effective use and maintenance of the infrastructural buildings the government has constructed for national development, combined work of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw to restore security, stability and community peace.

MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe makes inspection tour



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects roadwork of six-lane Yangon-Bago Highway.—MNA

YANGON, 18 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 Win Myint

heard report on roadwork at supervisory office for maintenance and upgrading of six-lane Yangon-Bago Highway and inspected production of tarmac today.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected roadwork

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

at mile post No. 6/2, Mahuya forest reserve (teak) in Hlegu Township and condition of inflow water to Mahuya dam which is a supporting dam of Ngamoeyeik dam. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party also oversaw Ngamoeyeik dam. He then left necessary instruction.

MNA

FMs exchange messages to mark Fiftieth Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the following messages of felicitations were exchanged between the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the two countries.

Message from U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar to Ms. Sujata Koirala, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

I have the immense pleasure to convey to Your Excellency my warmest congratulations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Myanmar and Nepal have strong cultural linkages and cordial relations which date back to early time of our history. Nepal is well known to our country not only for its Mount Everest but also for the holy site of the Lumbini Garden, the birth place of Lord Buddha, which is highly regarded by Myanmar Buddhist people. It is these religious affinities and cultural links that have brought our two peoples closer and strengthened the ties of friendship.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries in 1960, our ties of friendship have been strengthened especially through exchange of official visits as well as through people to people contacts. The recent exchange of visits between our two Foreign Ministers has paved the way for revitalizing our existing friendly relations between our two countries. The commemorative activities planned for celebration of the golden jubilee of the diplomatic relations between our two countries will accord us even more opportunities to expand the existing bilateral relations.

I believe that the commemorative occasion of the 50th anniversary of our diplomatic relations will promote awareness among our two peoples about the existing bilateral relations and renew the traditional bonds of friendship.

Message from Ms. Sujata Koirala, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar

On behalf of the people and Government of Nepal as well as on my own, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to you and through you to the Government and the friendly people of Myanmar on this auspicious day, 19 March 2010, which marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two countries.

In fact, friendly relations between Nepal and Myanmar predate the establishment of formal diplomatic relation. Our relations have always been marked by cordiality, friendship and mutual understanding. Both countries share similar views on a number of issues of international and regional concern, including international peace, security, stability and the general interest of Developing and the Least Developed Countries. Exchange of high level visits and the presence of diplomatic missions in each other's capitals since long have also contributed to further cementing our age old ties. Here, I would like to recall my visit to Myanmar last December and the recent official visit of Your Excellency to my country to mark the Golden Jubilee year of our diplomatic relations. Both these occasions provided important opportunities for us to understand each other even more deeply and further our cooperative relations.

Buddhism has been one of the major links that binds our two countries into this ever deepening friendship. I am also pleased to note that all sections of Nepalese people take pride in the fact that Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha, lies in Nepal. In addition, Myanmar citizens of Nepalese origin are also important connecting links in our bilateral relations.

Given the excellent state of our political and diplomatic relations, there is enough potential to further expand the trade and economic dimensions of our bilateral relations by encouraging increased people-to-people interface between the two countries in various sectors including tourism, investment and commerce. There is already a modest level of exchanges between the two countries in the fields of religious studies, pilgrimage and culture. In this context, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome more and more Myanmar Buddhist pilgrims to visit Lumbini and other historical and religious sites in Nepal.

As we celebrate the 50 years of Nepal-Myanmar diplomatic relations today, I am confident that the warm and friendly ties we have been enjoying can be further enhanced in the coming years.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MNA

Gusto for better life of youths

YANGON, 18 March—Gusto Computer Training School will start a course for youths wishing to study basic computer technology on 31 March.

The course covers five modules including Microsoft Office Module, Basic Programming Module, Database Module, Graphic Design Module

and Networking Module. The modules are designed to make trainee understand the importance of Information Technology.

The course will last for three months and seats are limited.

Those who want to attend the course may enroll not later than 28 March.

Those interested may contact Gusto at No (26), 14th Street (Lower Block), Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 222052 and 224496); and Shwephyu Plaza (second floor), between 32nd and 33rd Street and 77th and 78th Street, Mandalay (Ph: 0291000722, 0260873 and 72668 Ext:212).

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Planck images the galaxy's cold dust

PASADENA, 18 March—The Planck spacecraft—part of a European Space Agency-led mission—has nearly completed the first of at least four separate scans of the entire sky.

The spacecraft—launched by the ESA last May with NASA participation—has returned a large image that shows tendrils of the cold dusk in our galaxy. The mission, designed to learn more about the birth of our universe, is to be completed in early 2012.

Scientists at NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said the new image highlights a swath of our Milky Way galaxy occupying about one-thirteenth of the entire sky. "It shows the bright band of our galaxy's spiral disk amidst swirling clouds where gas and dust mix together and, sometimes, ignite to form new stars," NASA said. "The data were taken in the so-called far-infrared portion of the light spectrum, using two of nine different frequencies available on Planck."

The mission's primary goal is to provide the most detailed information yet about the size, mass, age, geometry, composition and fate of the universe. In addition, Planck will address such astronomy topics as star formation and galactic structure.

"Planck is the first big cosmology mission that will also have a large impact on our understanding of our galaxy, the Milky Way," said Charles Lawrence, the mission's NASA project scientist at JPL.

Internet



Heavy machines work on a runway with cracks caused by severe drought at Kunming Airport, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 March, 2010.

XINHUA



A Pakistani youth looks at a burnt-out NATO tanker in Peshawar on 1 March. A bomb attack in a restive Pakistani tribal area on Wednesday destroyed a tanker carrying fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan, officials said.—INTERNET

Spitzer views two unusual black holes

PASADENA, 18 March—US astronomers say they have identified what appear to be two of the earliest and most primitive supermassive black holes ever seen.

NASA said the discovery, based largely on observations from its Spitzer Space Telescope, "will provide a better understanding of the roots of our universe, and how the very first black holes, galaxies and stars came to be."

"We have found what are likely first-generation quasars, born in a dust-free

medium and at the earliest stages of evolution," said Linhua Jiang of the University of Arizona, the lead author of the research.

NASA said black holes are distortions of space and time, with the largest and most active ones—supermassive black holes—usually seen at the cores of galaxies, surrounded by doughnut-shaped structures of dust and gas that feed and sustain the giant growing black holes that are called quasars.

Scientists have theorized the very early universe

didn't have any dust, meaning the most primitive quasars should also be dust-free. But nobody had seen such immaculate quasars—until now.

The newly observed black holes, the smallest on record, are about 13 billion light-years from Earth. The Spitzer observations were made before the telescope ran out of its liquid coolant last May, when it started its "warm" mission.—Internet

Scientists transform protein into glass

DURHAM, 18 March—US researchers say they have devised a method to dry and preserve proteins in a glassified form that seems to retain the molecules' properties.

Duke University scientists say they are now investigating whether their glassification technique could bring about protein-based drugs that are cheaper to make and easier to deliver than current techniques that render proteins into freeze dried powders to preserve them.

Professor David Needham, who led the research, describes the glassification process as "molecular water surgery" because it removes virtually all the water from around a dissolved protein by "almost magically" pulling the water into a second solvent.

"It's like a sponge suck-

ing water off a counter," said Needham, who has formed a company to develop the innovation. That firm has also applied to patent the idea of turning proteins into tiny glass beads at room temperature

for drug delivery systems.

The study is reported by Needham, graduate student Deborah Rickard and former graduate student P Brent Duncan in the *Bio-physical Journal*.

Internet

Robot helps stroke victims use their arms

GENOA, 18 March—Italian scientists say they have developed a robot that could become a teacher to help paralyzed stroke patients learn to use their arms again.

Researcher Elena Vergaro at the University of Genoa worked with scientists at the Italian Institute of Technology to develop the robotic arm for a pilot trial involving 10 patients.

The researcher's robot assists patients as they attempt to guide its "hand" in a figure-of-eight motion above a desk, with the robot pulling in the correct direction and resisting incorrect movements to a minutely controlled degree. The scientists said the interactive assistance allows for alternating levels of help.

"Our preliminary results from this small group of patients suggest that the scheme is robust and promotes a statistically significant improvement in performance," Vergaro said.—Internet



File photo shows a meat shop worker displaying imported US beef at a shop in Tokyo. The United States has pressed Japan to throw open its lucrative markets to foreign farm products, as US lawmakers demanded an end to curbs on American beef.—INTERNET

New risk score better predicts heart risk

ATLANTA, 18 March—US researchers have devised a better way to determine an individual's risk for heart attack and heart failure. Researchers at the Intermountain Medical Centre's Heart Institute in Murray, Utah, said adding the results of blood tests—complete blood count and metabolic profiles—to the currently used Framingham Risk Score that measures cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, age and gender substantially improved results.

The researchers were 30 percent more likely to correctly determine a woman's cardiovascular risk and 57 percent more likely to determine a man's cardiovascular risk when the Intermountain Risk Score was combined with the Framingham Risk Score.—Internet

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Hundreds of WWII shells removed in Moscow

Moscow, 18 March—Sappers removed hundreds of unexploded artillery shells from World War II that were discovered by maintenance workers in northwestern Moscow, Russian news agency reported on Wednesday.

Lt Col Sergei Vlasov, a Moscow military spokesman, was quoted by *Interfax* as saying that 916 shells were removed in total.

He said the shells were loaded into special trucks and would be destroyed later on Wednesday at one of the testing sites of the Moscow military district.

Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Yevgeny Bobyllov confirmed that the shell removal operation was completed and people who had been evacuated from nearby apartment buildings were returning to their homes.

A city administration source told *Interfax* earlier that at least 200 residents had been taken outside the cordoned-off area around the depot.

According to media reports, as many as 2,000 shells could be located in the former underground storage facility.—*Internet*

Mexico, Spain to deepen cooperation on global issues

MEXICO CITY, 18 March—Mexican President Felipe Calderon met visiting Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos on Wednesday, with both pledging to deepen cooperation on global issues of common concern.

Moratinos, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the European Union (EU), discussed with Calderon on how to work

more closely together to fight climate change and overhaul the global financial system, Calderon's office said. Calderon said Mexico welcomes closer cooperation with other countries on political and economic issues.

For his part, Moratinos said at a Press conference that Spain and Mexico now have the opportunity to make joint decisions on global issues such as reforming the international financial system.

Both countries were

greatly affected by the ongoing global financial crisis. Spain has been Mexico's second largest investor.

Besides, Moratinos also called on the two countries to adopt a more global perspective. "The bilateral frame is already small, so Mexico and Spain have to look at the world," Moratinos said.

Calderon will visit Spain in May to discuss a Mexico-EU action plan which will be presented at the EU-Mexico summit in June.

Internet

Japan's economy to improve but private demand remains sluggish

TOKYO, 18 March—Japan's economy is picking up and economic conditions are likely to continue improving, said the Bank of Japan (BOJ) in a report on Thursday.

However Japan's central bank maintains that there is "not yet sufficient momentum to support a self-sustaining recovery in domestic private demand," although on the whole exports and production have been increasing.

Private consumption, which accounts for roughly 60 percent of Japan's economy, is picking up, said the BOJ, mainly due to policy measures, despite the continued severe employment and income situation.

Meanwhile, compared with last month, stock prices have risen, while the yen's exchange rate against the US dollar and long-term interest rates have remained at more or less the same levels, the BOJ indicated.

In broad terms the financial environment, with some lingering severity, has continued to show signs of improvement, Thursday's report surmised and with regard to credit supply, although many firms still see financial institutions' lending attitudes as severe, firms as a whole regard the situation as improving.

Internet

China Mobile revenue up on surprise ARPU gain

HONG KONG, 18 March—China Mobile (0941.HK), the world's largest mobile operator, reported its best quarterly profit in a year, beating expectations for little growth, as customers began spending more on value-added services.

China Mobile, the world's largest mobile carrier by market value and subscribers, has about 500 million users, more than the combined populations

of Britain, Germany and the United States.

"The convergence across telecommunications, Internet and radio and TV broadcasting networks will form a new market beyond the traditional telecommunications industry," Chairman Wang Jianzhou said in a statement on Thursday.

China's Mobile's average revenue per user (ARPU) in 2009, a key performance indicator in

the telecoms sector, rose to 77 yuan for the full year from 75 yuan in the first nine months — a rare rise for an industry that has seen figures fall steadily in recent years due to competition.

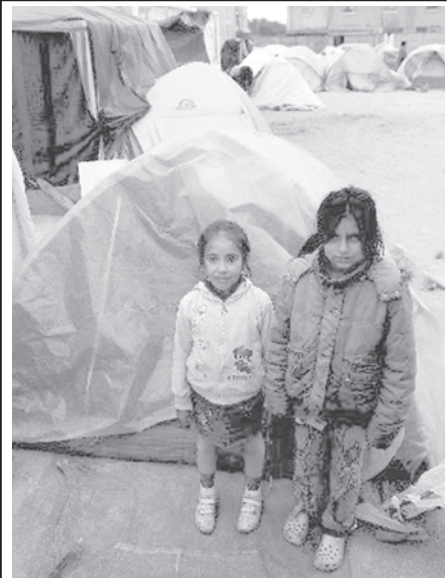
This was largely a result of growth from the firm's value-added services, with revenue growing 16 percent from 2008 to contribute for about 29 percent of China Mobile's total operating revenue.—*Xinhua*

Earthquake leaves 840,000 children out of school in Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 March—The devastating earthquake has left about 840,000 children out of school in Chile, it is reported. The reconstruction of public schools and private colleges will cost the government 3 billion US dollars, Chilean Education Minister Joaquin Lavín said on Wednesday. He believed that President Sebastian Pinera would keep his promise that all students would return to schools before 26 April.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 17 March, 2010 shows the views of disaster area of Northern Fijian islands after hitting by Cyclone Tomas. Reliefs from New Zealand reached Fijian on Wednesday.

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Two children stands in front of a tent in Concepcion, Chile, on 17 March, 2010. A 8.8-magnitude earthquake battered the Chilean city on 27 Feb.—XINHUA

New breast study to tailor drugs to patients

BEIJING, 18 March—Researchers launched a clinical study on Wednesday to test five experimental breast cancer drugs in a collaboration between the US government and three major drug companies, *Reuters* reported on Friday.

The study called I-SPY2, will aim to use DNA from the tumors of individual patients to match the most effective drug to each patient and to find the most promising treatments.

Five new experimental anti-cancer drugs will be tested as part of the study, which is expected to cost 26 million dollars over five years. The trial will match patients to one of five experimental: ABT-888, AMG 655, AMG 386, CP-751,871 and HKI-272.

"I-SPY 2 promises to leverage convergence of progress on a number of research fronts to speed the evaluation of promising new breast cancer drugs using molecular cancer biomarkers to identify those agents that are effective in specific subpopulations of breast cancer patients," said Anna Barker, deputy director of the National Cancer Institute.—*Internet*



Tourists find shade under grass umbrellas on a beach in Colombo on 18 March, 2010. Sri Lanka's tourist arrivals jumped by nearly 70 percent in February compared to a year earlier to its highest level in over two years, boosted by the end of a 25-year war, according to the tourism board.—INTERNET

Falls, accidents cause most brain injuries

ATLANTA, 18 March — Falls and road traffic injuries are the major causes of the estimated 1.7 million US traumatic brain injuries annually, health officials said. The report, released by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, is based on data from 2002-2006 and identifies the leading causes of traumatic brain injury and incidence by age, race and gender.

There were 52,000 deaths, 275,000 hospitalizations and almost 1.4 million treated and released from a hospital emergency department, the report said.

The report also found: — Children from birth to age 4, adolescents ages 15-19 and adults age 65 and older are most likely to sustain a traumatic brain injury.

— 35 percent of the injuries are caused by falls — rates are highest for children from birth to 4 years and for adults age 75 and older.

— In every age group, traumatic brain injury rates are higher for males than for females. Dr Richard C Hunt of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said individuals with traumatic brain injury may have short- or long-term consequences that affect thinking, perception, language or emotions, and these consequences may not be readily apparent.

Internet

Regular mealtimes help kids with asthma

URBANA, 18 March — Children with asthma do better if their families have regular family mealtimes, US researchers found.

Barbara H Fiese, director of the University of Illinois Family Resiliency Center, said family members play an important role in helping children emotionally manage their asthma symptoms. A supportive, organized environment during mealtime puts a child at ease whereas a chaotic, unresponsive atmosphere fosters worry and anxiety, Fiese said.

"It makes sense that children who have difficulty breathing might be anxious and prefer to keep their parents, who can help them in an emergency, close by," Fiese said in a statement.

"Supportive interaction during family mealtimes helps increase a child's

sense of security and eases separation anxiety symptoms. And, when children are less anxious, their lung function improves."

During the six-week study, 63 children ages 9-12 with persistent asthma completed questionnaires and were interviewed about their physical and mental health, including an assessment for separation anxiety.

"Children need regularity and predictability," Fiese said.

"When families are overwhelmed or lack the skills to keep routines in place, there are often physical and psychological costs to their children. Left untreated, separation anxiety can lead to adult panic disorder."

The study is published in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*.

Internet

Workers get flu shot if co-workers do

IOWA CITY, 18 March — Increasing vaccination rates of healthcare personnel substantially improves patient safety, lowering flu deaths by 40 percent, researchers suggest.

Epidemiologists and computer scientists at University of Iowa Health Care found healthcare personnel are more likely to be vaccinated if their close contact co-workers — referred to as neighbours in the study — are vaccinated.

The researchers constructed a social network of hospital-based healthcare personnel as a proxy for social relationships to examine the impact of co-workers' vaccination status on the vaccine status of their neighbours.

Donald Curtis, a computer science graduate student, constructed a social network of more than 6,500 healthcare personnel using data, stripped of personal details to protect privacy, from UIHC's electronic medical record system, including log in time and location and vaccination status.

When vaccination data were compared with log in information, researchers were able to confirm the level of vaccinated neighbours for each individual.

The researchers found that unvaccinated healthcare personnel tended to be more isolated and have fewer vaccinated co-workers. By comparison, vaccinated healthcare personnel tend to have more interactions with co-

Cardiac rehab helps heart stent survival

ROCHESTER, 18 March — Cardiac rehabilitation is linked with reduced mortality rates for patients who have had stents to treat coronary blockages, US researchers found.

Dr Randal Thomas, a preventive cardiologist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., found patients who had coronary angioplasty — stent placement, also known as percutaneous coronary intervention — and participated afterward in a cardiac rehabilitation programme had a 45 percent to 47 percent decrease in mortality com-

pared to those who did not participate in a cardiac rehabilitation programme. "Patients need to know that once they've had a coronary artery stent placed, they are not cured," Thomas said in a statement. "Participation in a cardiac rehabilitation programme will improve their health outcomes and quality of life." The research team examined records from a special da-

tabase of 2,351 Mayo Clinic patients who underwent coronary angioplasty between 1994 and 2008. The overall participation rate in cardiac rehabilitation was 40 percent. Individual patients were followed for an average of six years.

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta.—Internet

Genes don't help predict breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 18 March — The inclusion of newly discovered genetic factors modestly improved the performance of risk models for breast cancer, US researchers said.

Researchers from the National Cancer Institute and colleagues said the level of predicted breast-cancer risk among most women changed little after the addition of currently available genetic information.

The researchers used information on traditional risk factors and 10 common genetic variants associated with breast cancer in 5,590 case subjects and 5,998 control subjects, 50-79 years of age, from four US cohort studies and one case-control study from Poland.

The researchers calculated the fraction of case subjects in quintiles of estimated absolute risk after the addition of genetic variants to the traditional risk model.

Using the traditional breast cancer risk model, the researchers were able to predict breast cancer 58 percent of the time.

Adding 10 genetic variants, the number rose slightly to 61.8 percent, the study said.

The findings are published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Internet

Clothes from Zara, the flagship outlet of Spain's Inditex group, stand ready for departure at Inditex's headquarters in Arteixo, Spain, in 2006. Spain's Inditex, Europe's biggest clothing retailer, on Wednesday posted a rise in fourth-quarter net profit as strong sales abroad, especially in Asia, offset sluggish domestic demand.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Messi-inspired Barcelona reach Champions League quarters



Barcelona's Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring during their UEFA Champions League match vs Stuttgart at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca won 4-0.

MADRID, 18 March—Barcelona will rely on the magical skills of Lionel Messi to lead them to the Champions League final in Madrid and become the first team to defend the title since the competition's inception in 1993.

With Real Madrid and Sevilla both eliminated at the last 16 stage, Barcelona were left to fly the Spanish flag in Europe and they showed their class with a 4-0 destruc-

tion of Stuttgart on Wednesday.

It gave them a 5-1 win on aggregate and booked their place in Friday's quarter-final draw.

Messi, who scored in the Champions League final win last season, followed up his hat-trick against Valencia on Sunday by scoring twice to make it eight goals in his last four games and 29 for the season in all competitions. "He (Messi) is in excellent form. We've got the best player in the world," said Brazilian teammate Dani Alves.

"He pulls the team forward, takes charge and we are the keys that help the commander work."

Messi and Barcelona will certainly be a tough draw in the last eight but coach Pep Guardiola insists his side will not get overconfident whoever they get in the next round.

Internet

Bordeaux edge Olympiakos, into Champions League last eight



Bordeaux' midfielder Yoann Gourcuff (2nd L) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during the Champions League cup football match Bordeaux versus Olympiakos, at the Chaban-Delmas stadium, in Bordeaux, western France.

INTERNET

BORDEAUX, 18 March—Bordeaux squeezed into the Champions League quarter-finals after a tense 2-1 victory over Olympiakos on Wednesday that saw three men sent off.

Laurent Blanc's men were 2-0 up on aggregate and apparently cruising after Yoann Gourcuff's sublime early free-kick and the second-half dis-

missal of Olympiakos striker Matt Derbyshire.

But substitute Konstantinos Mitroglou drew the visitors level with a fine opportunistic strike and Bordeaux then lost captain Alou Diarra after he received a second booking.

It made for a jittery final 20 minutes at the Stade Chaban-Delmas, but Marouane Chamakh finally put the tie to bed with an emphatic headed finish in the 88th minute to seal a 3-1 aggregate win. "We scored the goal but then we shouldn't have taken any risks," said Bordeaux midfielder Wendel.

"They equalised when it was 10 against 11 and then we had a few problems. "For the next round, I have no preference. There are great sides like Barcelona, Inter and Manchester (United) who are playing well at the moment.—*Internet*

Honda scoring run boosts Japan's WC build-up

TOKYO, 18 March—Japan and CSKA Moscow midfielder Keisuke Honda's goal-scoring run in European football has given a big boost to the Blue Samurai's World Cup build-up after a recent crisis.

Japanese sports dailies were full of praise Thursday for Moscow's new signing after he set up a goal and scored the winner in a 2-1 away victory over Sevilla that sent the Russian side to the Cham-



CSKA Moscow's Japanese midfielder Keisuke Honda.

pions League quarter-finals. Japan Football Association president Motoaki Inukai watched the game on television with executives of football governing body FIFA in Zurich.

Internet

Terry injures Chelsea official in car accident

LONDON, 18 March—Chelsea captain John Terry accidentally struck a club security official with his car after the Champions League defeat to Inter Milan, the Premier League side revealed on Wednesday.

The staff member sustained a leg injury in the incident, which happened as Terry was leaving his side's Stamford Bridge stadium after Tuesday's match.

The 29-year-old centre-back was reportedly not aware of what had



Chelsea captain John Terry

happened at the time but later spoke to police about it and also made contact with the member of staff involved.—*Internet*

Benzema set for Real return

MADRID, 18 March—Real Madrid are set to welcome back French striker Karim Benzema to their squad for Saturday's league match away to Sporting Gijon following a month-long injury absence.

Benzema last played for the Spanish league giants in the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie against Lyon on February 16 and was subsequently sidelined with adductor and groin problems.

After that 1-0 defeat in Lyon, Real were sent crashing out of the Champions League after a second leg 1-1 draw at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium last week.

Real said on their website they were happy that Benzema completed a full training session early Wednesday morning.

Press reports now suggest the 22-year-old French international, who is currently battling Argentine star Gonzalo Higuain for the number one striker's spot, will come off the bench to play on Saturday.

Real sit top of the Spanish Primera Liga with arch rivals Barcelona in second, also on 65 points from 26 games. Gijon are 12th on 32.

Internet



French striker Karim Benzema.
INTERNET

Nadal wins, Djokovic stunned at Indian Wells

WASHINGTON, 18 March—World number three Rafael Nadal became the highest seed remained in the men's draw on Wednesday at Indian Wells with a 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 fourth-round victory over American John Isner.

The Masters event earlier saw second seed Novak Djokovic of Serbia was upset 7-5, 6-3 by No 20 seed Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia, a day after top-ranked Roger Federer dropped a third-set tie-breaker to 27th-seeded Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis.



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot to John Isner of the US during the BNP Paribas Open on March 17, in Indian Wells, California.

INTERNET

Seeking his third title at Indian Wells, No. 3-seed Nadal withstood Isner's serve-and-volley game as the American fired 22 aces and had just one double-fault.—*Internet*

Sharapova, Safina, Davydenko out of Miami

MIAMI, 18 March—Three-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova will miss the Sony Ericsson Open, as will women's world number two Dinara Safina and 2008 men's champion Nikolay Davydenko, organizers said Wednesday.

The Miami tournament is the second of prestigious back-to-back hardcourt tournaments in the United States, coming immediately after this week's event at Indian Wells, California.

Sharapova, who won



Three-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova

the WTA title in Memphis in February, had been slated to play in Miami for the first time since 2007.

Internet

Radwanska beats Dementieva for semi-final spot

INDIAN WELLS, 18 March—Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska booked a semi-final berth at the Indian Wells WTA hardcourt tournament Wednesday, denying Elena Dementieva a shot at a fourth final of the year.

Radwanska, seeded fifth, finished off a 6-4, 6-3 victory over the fourth-seeded Russian with a flourish, serving a love game and reach the semi-finals for the first time after quarter-final defeats the past two years.

She has reached her second semi-final of the season without dropping a set in four matches.

"This year it's already my second semi-final, so I think I'm doing good,"



Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska.

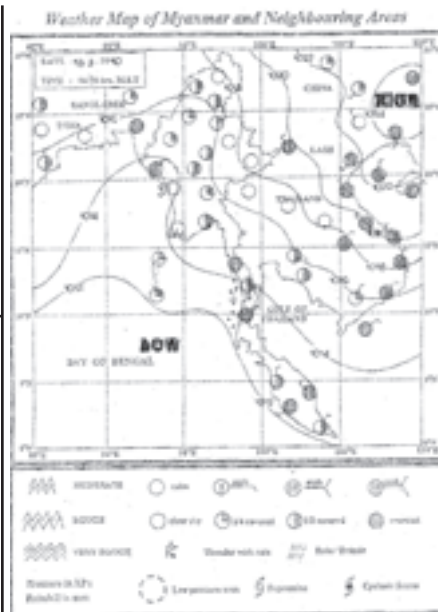
said the world number eight, who had surgery on the middle finger of her right hand after the season-ending Tour Championships last year.

"I will just keep going, working hard. Here, especially in the big tournaments, you have good matches since the third round.—*Internet*



The AC313, China's first domestically-made large civil helicopter, flies in its test flight in Jingdezhen City, east China's Jiangxi Province, 18 March 2010. The AC313 helicopter completed its maiden flight on Thursday.

INTERNET



MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (19-3-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (19-3-10 11:30 am ~ 20-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

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- * News
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- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Gold Leaf Works
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Poem Garden "School is over"
- * Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars! (Vincent Min Lwin)
- * Teen-aged Pops "Only when you're near me"
- * News
- * Pan-Say Region, Home to Kho-Hlon-Lishaws
- * Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- * News
- * A Village on Pearl Island
- * The Fascinating Oceanography of Myanmar
- * Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

WEATHER

Thursday, 18th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and Divisions. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin state, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) below March average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Patheingyi and Hpa-an (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kyaikkhame (0.63) inch, Paung (0.20) inch, Yay, Myeik and Kawthoung (0.08) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 17-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 18-3-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-3-2010 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 17-3-2010 was (2.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 17-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-3-2010: Generally fair.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-3-2010: Partly cloudy.



Friday, 19
March

View on today

- 7:00 am**
- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
- To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး)တေးရေး-

- မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 7:50 am**
- Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
- The Mirror Image Of The Musical Oldies
- 8:20 am**
- Dance Of National Races
- 8:25 am**
- "ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာသန့်စင်သောအစာ"
- 8:30 am**
- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:40 am**
- International News
- 8:45 am**
- Musical Programme
- 3:30 pm**
- Myanmar National

- League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (နေပြည်တော် FC အသင်းနှင့် Southern Myanmar United FC အသင်း)
- 5:00 pm**
- တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ
- 5:05 pm**
- အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဓမ္မဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓမ္မဗေဒ)
- 5:20 pm**
- Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:25 pm**
- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm**
- မူလကဏ္ဍကျောင်းတော်

- 6:00 pm**
- Evening News
- 6:10 pm**
- Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်
- 7:00 pm**
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm**
- News
 - International News
 - Weather Report
 - "သစ္စာမေတ္တာ" (ပထမပိုင်း) (သုတေသနမင်းတိတ်သားညီ၊ မြေတီဦး၊ နန္ဒာသက်မွန်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညိုမင်းလွင်)
 - သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ဇွဲမင်းဦး)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Dredger and Huller Project and Technical Training School (Magway) Project

Byline: *Maung Maung Myint Swe*

Just as informed about the project I am interested in, I could not wait to collect all data and statistics about it. Therefore, I had to contact and ask responsible persons about the projects the Ministry of Industry-2 has yet to see to.

It was very kind of the officials of the ministry to allow me to collect facts about the project. So, I had an opportunity to study the projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Industry-2.

Based on the experiences I gained from my field trips, I have written several bylines about the drive the ministry has been pursuing to manufacture

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Amyotha Hluttaw Election, Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Bylaws in supplement

A total of 24 supplementary pages carrying the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Bylaws issued under Notification No. 3/2010 and 24 supplementary pages carrying the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Bylaws issued under Notification No. 4/2010 of the Union Election Commission are inserted in today issue of *The New Light of Myanmar Daily*.



A sample of huller to be produced by the Ministry of Industry-2.

16-hour trip between Mandalay and Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — For the convenience of passengers, Myitkyina No (37) up and No (38) down Express Trains of Myanmar Railways will start plying 16-hour trip between Mandalay and Myitkyina starting 24 March.

The No (37) up Train will leave Mandalay at 4.30 a.m., stop at Shwebo, Kawlin and Mohnyin railway stations, and arrive at Myitkyina at 8.30 p.m. on the same day. The No (38) down Train, will leave Myitkyina at 4.30 a.m., stop at Mohnyin, Kawlin and Shwebo railway stations, and arrive at Mandalay at 8.30 p.m. on the same day.

The change in schedule of the above trains affects the timetable of No (41) up, No (42) down, No (55) up, No (56) down, No (57) up and No (58) down trains plying between Mandalay and Myitkyina.

The No (41) up Train will start its journey from Mandalay at 6.30 p.m. and arrive at Myitkyina at 6.30 p.m. the next day. The No (42) down Train will leave Myitkyina at 5 a.m. and arrive at Mandalay at 4.20 a.m. the next day. The No (55) up Train will leave Mandalay at noon and arrive at Myitkyina at 8 a.m. the next day. The No (56) down Train will leave Myitkyina at 9.45 a.m. and arrive at Mandalay at 5.45 a.m. of the next day.

The No (57) up Train will leave Mandalay at 4.15 p.m. and arrive at Myitkyina at noon the next day. The No (58) down Train will leave Myitkyina at 1.45 p.m. and arrive at Mandalay at 9.30 a.m. the next day. The trains will stop at the stations as usual.

Tickets for the No (37) up and No (38) down will be available at Mandalay and Myitkyina stations three days ahead and at the other three stop-over railway stations one day ahead.

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