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

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- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
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- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

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- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
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- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Peasantry have to elect representatives capable of building peaceful, modern, developed nation and exercising democracy correctly

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the Peasants Day (2010).

Esteemed peasantry,

The Union of Myanmar has been traditionally engaged in agricultural farming since the times of our forefathers to fulfil the basic needs of food and clothing of its people. As a gesture of honouring the role of the peasantry, the Peasants Day is designated in the Union of Myanmar. On this auspicious occasion of the Peasants Day (2010), I wish you the peasantry physical and mental well-being and greater success in the agricultural farming.

In its bid to shape the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, the State Peace and Development Council is well convinced that only when the living conditions of the peasantry have improved, will it be possible for the whole nation to enjoy economic growth. Therefore, “Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well” is the highest in the economic objectives of the State.

In addition, the council has been working hard for ensuring better transport, supply of adequate irrigation water and potable water, improvement of education standard, better health care, and rural economic development in pursuance of the Rural Development Project designed for greater development of rural areas, home to the peasantry.

In order to scale up the development momentum of the agricultural sector, the government has given assistance in various sectors and taken measures such as reclamation of vacant lands, providing advanced agricultural methods and fertilizers for boosting per acre yields of crops, supply of irrigation water to launch mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns, and designating the 10 major crops of the nation.

Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw) inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—In its bid to fulfill domestic cement demand, Myanmar Ceramic Industries of Ministry of Industry-1 has been working to establish more Cement plants in the country. Today, it inaugurated Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw) which is located near Taungphila limestone mountain in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening of the plant. The Prime Minister together with (See page 8)
MANA's annual meeting on 19 March

YANGON, 1 March—Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association will hold its 11th annual meeting at its head office on Kyundaw Street in Kamayut Township here at 8 a.m. on 19 March.

Chairmen of state/division MANAs are invited to attend the meeting in person.—MNA

Strong wind warning

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March — From now on till May, day temperatures will rise significantly. So, cloudy skies will be formed in the afternoon and in the evening, causing occasional strong winds. While strong winds blow, ground winds can be at 35 to 40 mph. Heavy rain with hailstones are likely to be isolated in some areas, Hydrology and Meteorology Department announced.

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Peasantry to boost agricultural production


In pursuit of the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government focuses special attention on the drive for improving the living status of the people.

In the process, the government is trying its best for extensive reclamation of fallow lands and speeding up utilization of farmlands by harnessing the natural resources in the most efficient way. Furthermore, it has placed greater emphasis on boosting agricultural production for food security, one of the basic needs of the people.

From 1988 to 2008-2009, the nation’s total sown acreage rose from 19.9 million to 29.32 million; utilization of farmlands, to 56.9 million acres; and the output of paddy, the staple food, from 631 million to 1561 million baskets.

The dams, river pumping stations and underground water tapping stations the government has constructed across the nation for supply of irrigation water benefit more than 3.6 million acres of farmlands.

With development in the agricultural sector, the government is boosting production of agricultural machinery and tools to transform the nation from conventional to mechanized farming. In order to expedite the drive, it not only manufactures tractors, combine harvesters, and winnowers but also provides agricultural equipment that can be used in combination with tractors, along with ploughs, harrows, paddy reapers and trailers.

Therefore, agricultural machinery should be operated at full capacity in order that farmers can save time and energy and boost agricultural production all the more.

Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award winners awarded

YANGON, 1 March—A ceremony to award winners of Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Contest organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at Traders Hotel here today. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan graced the prize presentation ceremony.

Winners of this year also the eighth year Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award are U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), Chit Oo Nyo, Dr Aung Gyi and Maung Yint Mar (Kyaunggon). After the ceremony, the minister posed for documentary photos with literary award winners.

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Pyuntaza Association (Yangon) meets

YANGON, 1 March—Pyuntaza Association (Yangon) held the 52nd Annual General Meeting, the respect-paying ceremony and the prize presentation for outstanding students at the Dhammayon of the Ministry of Transport in Dagon Township, here, on 21 February. The patron and the chairman of the association made speeches.

Next, the report of the executive committee and the financial statement were submitted to the meeting. Those present paid respects to elders persons. Responsible persons presented prizes to outstanding students for 2009 matriculation examination.

A new executive committee was elected for 2010-2011. Later, the new chairman of the association extended greetings.—MNA

MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Haung) accepts cash donation of Daw Aye Thant, wife of Sayawun Tin Shwe.—MNA

Six special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Sein Hlaing sitting at court room No.1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment of one special criminal appeal case. And then heard six special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 1 March 2010.—MNA

Chess masters congratulated

YANGON, 1 March—Prizes were presented to winners of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman’s Trophy Inter-Division Chess Tournament 2010 at Aung San Gymnasium on 27 February.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htai, General Secretary of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation Central Work Committee Daw L Khuin Yi and officials awarded the winners in individual and team competitions.

In the tournament, Zaw Win Lay emerged champion in the singles event, and Dagon Myothit (North) Township stood first in the team event.

Beware of Fire

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11 civilians killed as roadside bomb struck minibus in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 March — Nearly a dozen non-combatants were killed in Taleban hotbed Helmand Province in south Afghanistan as roadside bomb struck a civilian vehicle on Sunday afternoon, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Almadi said.

"It occurred at 2:30 pm when a mini-bus ran over a mine planted by militiants on a road in Nawzad District. As a result, 11 innocent civilians, including two children and two women, were killed," Almadi told Xinhua.

He put the attack on the "enemies of peace," a term used against Taleban militiants, but the outfit has yet to make comment.

The bloody incident occurred while a military offensive has been going on against Taleban bastion in the neighbouring Marja district since 13 Feb.

To slow down the military onslaught, Taliban fighters rely on roadside bombings which often claim civilians’ lives.

Two killed in car bombing in western Iraq

RAMADI, 1 March— Two people were killed and three others injured in a car bomb explosion near a convoy of vehicles carrying out election campaign in a town in western Iraq province of Anbar on Sunday, a provincial police source said.

The blast targeted the elections campaign of Ashur al-Karbouli, a Sunni candidate for the al-Iraqia List, in the town of Khadiyah, some 80 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Karbouli, who is also a member of Anbar provincial council, was not at the convoy when the attack occurred, the source said.

The Iraqia List is a mixed Sunni and Shiite secular bloc, headed by the former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. The bloc is scheduled to run in the country’s crucial parliamentary election slated for 7 March.—Xinhua

Chile President steps up quake rescue

SANTIAGO, 1 March — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet has announced emergency measures to deal with the destruction caused by Saturday’s massive earthquake.

The 8.8 magnitude quake — one of the most powerful recorded — devastated central parts of the country, killing more than 700 people. Troops are being deployed to help with rescue efforts and prevent looting.

A curfew is in force in some areas. Basic supplies are to be distributed as rescuers reach worst-hit areas.

“We face a catastrophe of such unthinkable magnitude that it will require a giant effort,” Ms. Bachelet told reporters on Sunday in the capital, Santiago.

The curfew, which began at 2100 local time (2400 GMT), applies in the region of Maule — where more than 541 are confirmed dead — and in Concepcion, Chile’s second city. Both areas are being placed under special rules to speed up the delivery of aid.

The army has been sent to support police to prevent unrest in Concepcion, south of Santiago.

The mayor has said food is running out and the situation in the city is getting out of control. Supermarkets and chemists have been looted and thousands of people remain homeless.

US family killed in Belize plane crash

BELIZE CITY, 1 March — Authorities in Belize have identified the victims of a small-plane crash as a family from Albany, New York, and a prominent Belizean businessman.

Police Sgt Leslie Logan says Michael and Jill Casey and their two young children died in the accident on the island of San Pedro along with former senator and bottling magnate Sir Barry Bowen. Logan says Bowen was piloting the single-engine aircraft as the group headed to a fundraising event he was hosting in San Pedro when the plane crashed near the town’s runway on Friday night.—Internet

Israel begins distributing gas masks to citizens

JERUSALEM, 1 March — Israel has begun distributing new gas masks to its 7 million citizens to offer protection against a possible chemical attack.

Israel’s postal service is handing out the equipment. It says the process will take about three years.

An Israeli man tries on a gas mask at a distribution centre in a post office in the town of Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, on 28 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Distribution began Sunday. The Israeli military says it is routine and in response to a specific threat. Israel believes a chemical attack could potentially come from Syria or Iran.

Israel has distributed gas masks and kits with antidotes in the past, beginning with the first Gulf War in 1991. Three years ago, Israeli recalled masks after some components passed their expiration date.—Internet
Peru’s free trade pact with China to boost exports

LIMA, 1 March — Peru’s Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China will create “immense opportunities” for Peru’s export and external investment, Peru’s Exterior Commerce and Tourism Minister Martin Perez said on Sunday. “China is the second biggest commercial partner of Peru and the FTA between both countries will serve not only to consolidate the commercial ties with China but also the investments which already are very important for the country,” Perez said.

Currently China’s investment in Peru has exceeded 1.2 billion US dollars, the largest among Asian countries, he added.

The FTA, to be valid on 1 March, will enable many Peruvian products to enter the Chinese market duty-free, Perez said.

Peruvian entrepreneurs are ready to take this opportunity to expand business with their Chinese counterparts, he said.

Currently more than 1,000 Peruvian companies export goods to China, the number is expected to increase after the implementation of the FTA, he said.

Besides the traditional exports such as fish and minerals, the FTA will open door to new products, like farm produce.

Oil rises above $80 as regional stocks gain

SINGAPORE, 1 March — Oil prices rose above $80 a barrel Monday in Asia as crude traders followed regional stock markets higher.

Benchmark crude for April delivery was up 56 cents to $80.22 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract added $1.49 to settle at $79.66.

Oil traders, who often look to equities as a measure of overall investor sentiment, were cheered by a jump in all major Asian stock indexes Monday amid recent signs that Asian manufacturing is recovering from last year’s slump.

This week, investors will be eyeing US jobs data to get a better sense of the recovery in the world’s largest economy.

The Labour Department is scheduled to announce February’s unemployment rate on Friday. Joblessness was 9.7 per cent in January.

Oil prices have touched the low $80 level several times in the last six months, but fallen back into the $70s when US crude inventory data failed to justify investor optimism. — INTERNET

Car makers emerge from gloom into Geneva glitz

GENEVA, 1 March — Car makers will emerge from the gloom of 2009 by presenting about 100 new models at the Geneva motor show over the coming week, hoping to counter uncertainty by wooing drivers with dreams, “downsizing” and discounts.

GM Daewoo vehicles are loaded onto an auto-transport ship at Incheon port in South Korea. The country has reported a trade surplus of 2.33 billion dollars in February, helped by improving overseas demand for semiconductors and other key export items. — INTERNET

Japan’s auto sales increase on year in February

TOKYO, 1 March — Sales of vehicles in Japan increased in February despite a safety crisis involving the vehicles of the nation’s biggest auto-maker, Toyota, data released by the Japan Automobile Dealers Association showed on Monday.

Sales of all vehicles were up by 35.1 percent compared with the previous year, with 294,887 units sold in February.

Sales of cars stood at 131,548 for the month, an increase of 72.2 percent on the same month in 2009. Compact cars also saw sales grow by 17.8 percent, selling 138,841 vehicles over the course of the month.

Industrial vehicle sales also grew by 1.3 percent, with 22,994 units bought in February.

Some 1,504 buses were bought in February, a 17.2 percent increase on the same month in 2009.

Japan’s auto industry has been hit by a global crisis involving the safety of Toyota’s cars. Over the last few months millions have been recalled due to faults with brakes and accelerators, and in late February, Toyota company President Akio Toyoda testified before the US Congress in Washington, DC, on the safety of his company’s cars.
Indian PM eyes further energy cooperation with “reliable” Saudi

RIYADH, 1 March—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday said his country seeks further energy cooperation with Saudi Arabia, terming the Gulf kingdom as “reliable partner” in meeting its country’s energy needs.

“We believe that conditions are ripe for moving beyond a traditional buyer-seller relationship to a comprehensive energy partnership,” Singh said during a meeting with the Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Riyadh.

Singh, who is on the second day of a historic visit to the Saudi capital, said the Indian companies were well-equipped to participate in upstream and downstream oil and gas sector projects in the oil-rich Arab country.

“We should also establish new partnerships in the area of new and renewable energy through sharing of clean technologies and joint collaborations,” he said.

Singh’s visit is the first by an Indian premier in 28 years to the Gulf kingdom, which is India’s top crude oil supplier, amounting to 20 percent of the South Asian country’s total needs. “We deeply value Saudi Arabia’s role as a reliable partner in meeting our energy needs,” he said.

Russia, Georgia reopen mountain border crossing

MOSCOW, 1 March — A mountain border crossing between Georgia and Russia was reopened early Monday morning, in a rare sign of easing tensions between the two former Soviet republics, Russian media reported.

The Verkhny Lars border crossing on the Caucasian mountains had been closed since mid-2006 by Russia as the relations between the two countries got strained. The Georgian Foreign Ministry said earlier the Verkhny Lars checkpoint would open to vehicle traffic on Monday.

Somali pirates release Greek-owned cargo vessel

NAIROBI, 1 March — Somali pirates have released a Greek-owned Panama-registered cargo ship which was hijacked in December last year, a regional maritime official confirmed on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers’ Assistance Programme (SAP), said the Navios Apollon which was seized about 650 km off the Somali coast north of the Seychelles was freed late Saturday.

“The Greek ship was released on Saturday evening. The vessel has 19 crew members (18 Filipinos and one Greek) and was seized while sailing from Florida, the United States, to India with a cargo of fertilizer,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

Unknown amount of money was air-dropped on to the vessel, maritime officials said on Sunday.

It was the second ransom drop to the pirates in two days, demonstrating the difficulties merchants and governments face in their efforts to avert rampant piracy in the world’s most dangerous waters of Somalia.

Piracy has become rampant off the coast of Africa, especially in the waters near Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991.

Violent winter storm whips Europe, killing over 50

PARIS, 1 March — The violent winter storm, dubbed as “Xynthia,” has lashed most eastern European countries as of Sunday with heavy rain and strong gust, leaving over 50 deaths and massive devastation on its routes.

Developed in the Atlantic off the Portuguese island Madeira, storm Xynthia landed on France’s western coast late Saturday after causing three deaths in Spain, and went on to Germany via Belgium on Sunday afternoon. France, the worst hit country, recorded at least 45 victims and several disappearances, mainly in Vaucluse and Charente-Maritime, the two western coastal departments which registered the biggest toll.

Children holding Haibo, the mascot of 2010 Shanghai Expo, pose for photo on a folk custom festival to celebrate the Lantern Festival on Suzhoutan Road in Shanghai, east China, on 27 Feb, 2010, the day before Chinese traditional Lantern Festival. — Xinhua

Contestants play flower drums on the first Linfen Gong and Drum Competition in Linfen City of north China’s Shanxi Province, on 28 Feb, 2010. The gong and drum competition was held in Linfen on Sunday among 12 representative troupes to observe the Lantern Festival. — Xinhua

Indian Air Force launched large scale exercise

MUMBAI, 1 March — Indian Air Force launched a large scale exercise to show its power in a western state on Sunday, the Indian newspaper Hindustan Times reported on its website on Sunday evening.

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World's largest dinner party held for Lantern Festival

More than 50,000 people dined together to celebrate the annual Lantern Festival in Yangyang County in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province on 28th February. According to the Times News, it took a whole year to prepare the large banquet and more than 1,000 local villagers served as temporary chefs and waiters for the event, which used a total of 5,000 tables. Ji Xiaobing, the chief organizer, said the turnout exceeded their expectations — they had only planned to use 2,500 tables. It is estimated that guests from the neighbouring cities of Hangzhou, Shanghai and Wenzhou reached 6,000.

Taiwan's “Hundred-Family Banquet” began in the Song Dynasty (960-1279) and has over 1,000 years of history. Banquets have historically been known as a time to ask for blessings during the Lantern Festival. Locals regard the event as a time for family reunions, and they discuss family affairs, ask for blessings from Gods and pray for long-term peace.

In 2007, the “Hundred-Family Banquet” was listed as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Archaeologists have unearthed a massive red granite head of one of Egypt’s most famous pharaohs. The head was nearly 3,400 years old, the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities announced on Sunday.

The head of Amenhotep III, which alone is about the height of a person, was dug out of the ruins of the pharaoh’s mortuary temple in the southern city of Luxor.

The leader of the expedition that discovered the head described it as the best preserved sculpture of Amenhotep III’s face found to date. “Other statues have always had something broken: the tip of the nose, the face is eroded,” said Dr Hourig Sourouzian, who has led the Egyptian-European expedition at the site since 1999.

“But here, from the tip of the crown to the chin, it is so beautifully carved and polished, nothing is broken.”

“Playing following ancient copper trade routes in Yunnan Province on Feb 28, 2010, shows the newly unearthed 3,400-year-old red granite head, part of a huge statue of the ancient pharaoh Amenhotep III, at the pharaoh’s mortuary temple in the city of Luxor.”

The official state news service Agencia Brasil said about 100 city employees working full-time cleared nearly 80 tons of fish as of Sunday. There was no immediate estimate of how many died, but several species were involved. Rio's environmental secretary speculated that increased levels of a harmful algae may be the immediate cause of the sudden die-off on Friday. She told Globo's G1 Web site that authorities were still investigating, but the problem was not affecting the fish anymore.

The smell of rotting fish dampened runners' and cyclists' usual enthusiasm for leisurely jaunts along the Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon's paths.

“According to our information, the (suspects) have been trying to sell the sculptures for about a year,” senior Thessaloniki police official Dimitris Tsaknakis told The Associated Press. “They have been asking euro7 million for the Alexander sculpture and between euro6-ml

(150.03 million) for the boy's "Thriller" mask. 

It is one of China's 40 "newly discovered" towns featured in an International Channel Shanghai (ICS) programme to promote tourism in little-known, unspoiled places with great development potential. In 2005 the town was recognized as a National Cultural and Historic Village, known for its ore transport network and gorgeous assembly halls built by copper merchants from different Provinces. The halls display distinctive regional architecture. They were used for business, socializing and stage performances.

“Romance of the Three Kingdoms.”

“Three Saints Palace,” in the centre of Baiwu Village, is a well-preserved Taoist temple honoring Guan Yu, Guan Ping and Zhou Cang-all heroes in classic novel "Romance of the Three Kingdoms."
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TV, Internet top US news choices

WASHINGTON, 1 March — US respondents to a Pew Research Centre poll on media usage indicate they are more likely to get daily news from television or the Internet.

The Pew Research Center’s Project for Excellence in Journalism asked more than 2,200 people where they get their news. Nearly all — 92 percent — of the respondents said they use multiple platforms but television topped the list.

The data indicate 7 percent of those asked got news from a single platform, which was typically the Internet or local TV news.

About 80 percent said they heard and saw news from a local TV station’s newscast while 73 percent cited a national network, such as CBS, or cable news outlet such as CNN or Fox News, as a source of news.

And 61 percent told pollsters they read some kind of news online.—Internet

Australia homes project rejected over sea level risk

SYDNEY, 1 March — Fears over rising sea levels have prompted planning authorities in Victoria, southern Australia to reject a coastal development. It is a decision that could affect other parts of the country. Officials say the residential scheme at Port Fairy, 300 km (186 miles) west of Melbourne, will not go ahead because of safety concerns.

There is growing fear in Australian coastal areas about storm surges and possible inundation from rising oceans.

The mayor of Port Fairy, James Purcell, says allowing houses and apartments to be built on such a vulnerable strip of land would be irresponsible.—Internet

An injured man is escorted away from the site of a blast in Afghan capital Kabul on 26 Feb, 2010.

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Seawater moves upward (from left to right) in the mouth of the Kamo River that flows into the Pacific Ocean at Kamogawa in Chiba prefecture near Tokyo, on 28 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Operators of the world’s largest atom smasher re-started their massive machine on Sunday in a run up to experiments probing secrets of the universe, a spokeswoman said.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, sent sent protons at energies three times greater than the previous record-holder — the Tevatron at Fermilab outside Chicago. The Large Hadron Collider was built to examine suspected phenomena such as dark matter, antimatter and ultimately the creation of the universe billions of years ago, which many theorize occurred as an explosion known as the Big Bang.

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The restart follows a 2 1/2 month winter shutdown during which scientists made improvements and checked out the smasher’s ability to collimate protons at energies three times greater than has ever been achieved previously.

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So far, the government has constructed 200 dams, 31 sluice gates, 322 river water pumping stations, 8001 tube-wells, and 658 small-scale rural dams, and the agricultural sector has made significant progress, as a result. Every year, the nation has put over 20 million acres of land under monsoon and summer paddy, producing over 1500 million baskets of paddy annually. Now, the nation’s rice supply has far exceeded the demand of the growing population. And regions concerned have achieved great success in growing such major crops as corn, black gram, green gram, pigeon pea, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, long staple cotton and sugarcane, thus increasing the nation’s total sown acreage to 33.33 million, and utilization of farmlands, to 171.1 per cent.

The rapid development in the agricultural sector suggests that it is highly required to transform the nation from conventional into mechanized farming. Many new plans are now ongoing for the State-owned and private-owned industries to boosting production of farming machinery and tools. Therefore, I would like to urge you the peasantry to work harder than ever for your better socio-economic life.

Esteemed peasantry,

Now, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are implementing the State’s seven-step Road Map in concert. This year, elections will be held to elect members of parliament in accordance with the State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar, which has been approved with the massive support of the public. The role you the peasantry have played in the Myanmar politics is very important. So, you have to elect representatives capable of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and exercising the democracy correctly. You also have to ward off potential dangers of those who will disrupt State stability and community peace with assistance of aliens in the background.

In conclusion, I would like to call on you the peasantry to do your bit in the drive for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.—MNA

Cement Plant

(Nay Pyi Taw)…

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint looked round the plant and left necessary instructions.

Managing Director Mr Wang Jian of Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd of the People’s Republic of China gave away commemorative gift to the Prime Minister who presented him back with fruit basket.

Construction of the cement plant began in July, 2008 and was completed in October, 2009. The plant with the capacity of 500 tons of cement per day is now in full operation.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views sample raw materials, cement and coal at Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw).

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents fruit basket to Managing Director Mr. Wang Jian of Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd at Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw).

Cement Plant (Nay Pyi Taw) of Myanma Ceramic Industries of Ministry of Industry-1.—MNA
Officials seek means to enhance road safety

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—Patron of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Aung addressed the meeting of the committee at Nay Pyi Taw Command on 22 February.

Industry-1 Minister inspects Wundwin Textile Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 25 February inspected production process of Wundwin Textile Factory of Myanmar Textile Industries. The minister also looked into Betalactam and Non-Betalactam industries. He urged the officials to produce the products in line with GMP system and to make efforts for achieving the production objectives.

Sasana flourishing in Laukkai hoisting umbrella atop pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—A new Htadaw (umbrella) was hoisted atop Lawka Minisula Mahamuni Pagoda in Laukkai of Shan State (North) on 27 February.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint conveyed Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Brig-Gen Aung Zaw Ho, and party at the ministry today. The Indian delegation led by the foreign secretary is arriving here to participate in Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations. At the call, the both sides discussed concerns over promoting mutual interests.—MNA

More practice to show capability of performing drill

YANGON, 1 March—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe called for more practice to show the capability of performing drill and singing marching songs accompanied by good discipline in the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade in meeting with members of work committees and firemen of Myawady column representing Myanmar Fire Brigade who will take part in the parade at Thida hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

The minister stressed that, members of fire brigade, being the reserves of the State, are to do more practice not to lag behind in skill and ability compared with servicemen. The minister pointed out that members who are going to participate in the parade are required to be in high spirits and in good health while adhering the code of conducts.

Officials received cash donations and presented certificates of honour to well-wishers.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures
Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the 5th prize presentation ceremony of Thuta Swesone Literary Award organized by Thuta Swesone Book House of Swesone Media Group under the supervision of Myanmar Writers and journalists Association. It was also attended by departmental heads and officials of the Information Ministry, CEC members of MWJA, members of award selecting committee and responsible persons.

Managing Director Dr. Khin Moe Moe of Swesone Media Group and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo of MWJA spoke on the occasion.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented the Lifetime Achievement Literary Award to U Chit San (Chit San Win) and Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Socio-economic) to Dr Chit and Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Arts) to Tekkatho Sein Tin.

Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presented Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Foreign Affairs) to Ye Htut and Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Translation) to Kyi Min.

U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Dr Tin Tun Oo and Dr Khin Moe Moe presented Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Youth Literature) to Dr Tin Soe, Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Reference Literature) to Kyaw Win, Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Belles-lettres) to Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho) and Thuta Swesone Literary Award (Applied Science) to Dr. Soe Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Managing Director Dr. Khin Moe Moe presented K 800,000 for respect-paying ceremony to mark Sarsodaw Day for 2010 and gifts for award selecting committee through responsible persons.

The ceremony came to an end after winners U Chit San (Chit San Win) and Dr Soe Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan together with members of the award selecting committee and winners had documentary photo taken.—MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint opened the dam and inspected it.

The 2,300 feet long and 28 feet high Wunyu Dam with the water storage capacity of 2,400 acre feet was the 47th facility for the division. It was built on Wunyu Creek near Kazuma Village in Seikpyu Township of Pakokku District, Magway Division. The dam can contribute to keeping the region lush and green and irrigating 345 acres of farmland, thereby increasing sown acreages of summer paddy and chickpea.—MNA

Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint open Wunyu Dam in Seikpyu Township.—MNA

Wunyu Dam helps facilitate cultivation of summer paddy, chickpea in Seikpyu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—As part of drive for greening the region and supplying more irrigation water to the farmlands, Wunyu Dam was inaugurated on 28 February.

Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint opened the dam and inspected it. The 2,300 feet long and 28 feet high Wunyu Dam with the water storage capacity of 2,400 acre feet was the 47th facility for the division. It was built on Wunyu Creek near Kazuma Village in Seikpyu Township of Pakokku District, Magway Division. The dam can contribute to keeping the region lush and green and irrigating 345 acres of farmland, thereby increasing sown acreages of summer paddy and chickpea.—MNA

Labutta residents gain practical knowledge for occupation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 March—Carpentry, Mason and Steel Work Course No. 3 for Labutta residents, organized by Education and Training Department of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, concluded on 26 February, with an address by Deputy Director-General Dr. Soe Thein of the department. The five-week course was attended by 50 trainees from urban wards and villages in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. During the course, trainees were provided with teaching aides, meals and accommodation. The deputy director-general also encouraged female trainees attending Advanced Tailoring Course No. 1 and Special Domestic Science Course No. 3.—MNA

Wunyu Dam in Seikpyu Township of Pakokku District, Magway Division.
Merck KGaA to acquire Millipore for 7.2 billion dollars

WASHINGTON, 1 March—German pharmaceutical giant Merck KGaA announced late Sunday its acquisition of Millipore Corporation, a Billerica, Massachusetts-based biotechnology firm for 7.2 billion dollars (5.3 billion euros).

Under an agreement reached by the two sides, Merck KGaA will acquire all outstanding shares of common stock of Millipore for 107 dollars per share in cash.

“This transaction is very attractive to shareholders, customers and employees of both companies,” said Karl-Ludwig Kley, chairman of the executive board of Merck.

“This is a combination with an excellent strategic fit, which will allow us to cover the entire value chain for our pharma and biopharma customers, offering integrated solutions beyond chemicals.”

Last year, Millipore generated 1.7 billion dollars in sales. It has around 6,000 employees in more than 30 countries of the world.

Merck expects that the combined business will generate annual cost savings of around 100 million dollars (75 million euros).

The acquisition still requires approval from Millipore shareholders at a special shareholder meeting to be called at a later date, officials said.—Internet

Prudential to buy AIG’s Asian arm for 35 bn dollars

LONDON, 1 March—US insurance giant AIG has agreed to sell its Asian arm, AIA, to British insurer Prudential for around 35 billion dollars (26 billion euros, 23 billion pounds), a source close to the deal said.

American International Group (AIG), which received a huge taxpayer bailout to stave off collapse during the financial crisis, had been persuaded to let Prudential take over its Asian businesses, said the source late Sunday.

The deal will transform Prudential into the world’s top non-Chinese insurer by market capitalisation, ahead of major competitors Allianz and AXA.

It is understood the sale will be unveiled in the coming days, perhaps as early as Monday.

The purchase will be financed in cash, through a rights issue by Prudential, and through AIG taking a minority part of the British insurer, said the source.

Tidjane Thiam, who took up the job of Prudential chief executive in October, had never hidden his desire to expand the business in Asia.

The business chief, who has French nationality but was born in Ivory Coast, went to New York at the end of last week to persuade AIG’s board to sell American International Assurance (AIA) to his company.—Internet

Giant tech fair goes 3D to pull in the punters

HANOVER, 1 March—The world’s biggest high-tech fair kicks off Tuesday with a focus on “smart” gadgets as well as “Avatar”-inspired 3D products to make consumers’ lives easier — and more fun.—Internet

“The internet of things is becoming a reality. These products will help make consumers’ lives easier and more fun,” said Hartwig von Sass, a spokesman for Deutsche Messe, that organises the event. Exhibitor numbers dropped by three percent this year with 4,157 firms from 68 countries due to erect stands at the vast centre in northern Germany. At the height of the dot-com boom, more than 8,000 companies set up shop at the CeBIT.

“One day consumers will pull in the punters for even more, rapidly evolving products,” said Sass.

And he pointed to some giants of the tech world that are visiting the CeBIT for the first time, such as Google and online book-seller Amazon, as well as regulars such as IBM, Microsoft, SAP, Vodafone, Fujitsu or Ericsson.

6.2-magnitude aftershock hits Chile

WASHINGTON, 1 March—A new 6.2-magnitude aftershock hit central Chile late Sunday, the latest after a massive 8.8-degree earthquake early Saturday morning, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits western Indonesia

JAKARTA, 1 March—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit North Sumatra Province of western Indonesia at 7:13 pm (1213 GMT) on Sunday, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said. The epicentre was at 9 kilometres of northwestern of province’s Tarutung City at a depth of 10 kilometres under seafloor.

The agency did not issue tsunami warning.

No casualties has been reported so far.—Xinhua

44 trapped in north China coal mine flood

BEIJING, 1 March—A coal mine flood in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region early on Monday trapped 44 people in the pit, safety authorities confirmed.

The accident happened at 7:29 am at Luotuoshan Coal Mine in Wuhai City, the State Administration of Work Safety said on its website. The place is about 600 kilometres from the regional capital Hohhot.—Xinhua
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MILLENIUM VOY NO (03/0)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MILLENIUM VOY NO (03/0) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 1.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.W.P.5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV PINE EXPRESS VOY NO (1002)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PINE EXPRESS VOY NO (1002) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: NOBLE PACIFIC WORLD WIDE
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**Business**

**Buyers line up for Derbyshire nuclear bunker**

London, 1 March — A Cold War-era nuclear bunker in Britain has been put up for sale on online auction site eBay, and by yesterday bidders had pushed the price up to more than £19,300 ($32,647). “A rare opportunity to acquire a piece of Cold War history,” read the sale advert on the website. “Set in a stunning location with glorious views. Your own nuclear bunker within a plot of land and much original equipment.”

After being advertised at a starting price of £500 ($845) late on Thursday, a bidding war saw the price of the underground shelter rocket, increasing more than 50 times in less than three days. As of 9am (AEDT) today the price stood at £19,300 after 39 bids. The bunker came into service in 1959 and was used by the Royal Observer Corps, a civilian defence organisation composed mainly of volunteers who had the task of reporting nuclear attack and fallout.

“The shelter, in the Peak District National Park in central England, was fully operational until 1991 when it was decommissioned as the Soviet Union collapsed. The shelter, which is ‘accessed via a metal hatch and shaft’, lies 4.57m underground and has two rooms — a chemical toilet and monitoring room — and two ventilationshafts.”

**Cops die after robber accidentally explodes**

Port Moresby, 1 March — A Papua New Guinea policewoman died when a fugitive accidentally blew himself up with a hand grenade while trying to escape from police custody. Pawa Moni, 35, had been on the run since 2008 but was arrested in the notorious Western Highlands Province on Friday night for a string of offences, including bank robberies and murder.

Moni tried to escape from the police vehicle in Mt Hagen but accidentally detonated a hidden hand grenade, killing himself and 25-year-old policewoman Selly Mol. Police commander Simon Kauba told PNG’s The National newspaper that this type of incident was the first of its kind in PNG. Moni was wanted for robbing a Bank South Pacific teller machine in 2006 and killing a security guard last year, he said. “The officers put Moni into the police vehicle but they failed to search him properly,” Mr Kauba said. “Moni jumped from his back seat, took out a hand grenade and struggled to escape through the front side of the vehicle,” he said. “In the struggle the hand grenade’s pin came off.” Three other policemen were hurt in the explosion.

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**Persian leopard cubs**

Iran has promised to donate two wild leopards to Russia, officials said on Sunday, bringing closer the aim of setting the rare animals near the 2014 Winter Olympics host city of Sochi. —INTERNET

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**Stroke study finds neck stents safe, effective**

SAN ANTONIO, 1 March — People at risk of a stroke because of narrowed neck arteries can be safely treated with a less drastic option than the surgery done now, the largest study ever done on these treatments concludes. If Medicare agrees to cover it, hundreds of thousands of Americans a year might be able to have an artery-opening procedure and a stent instead of surgery to remove built-up plaque, doctors say. A stent is a wire-mesh tube that props the blood vessel open.

Stents have long been used to fix heart arteries but are approved for use in the neck only for people too sick for surgery. The new study, in people with less severe disease, suggests stents may find much wider use. “The sea of people is gigantic” who could benefit, said Dr Walter Koroshetz, deputy director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the study’s main sponsor.

“We now have two safe and effective methods” to treat neck vessels, said Dr Thomas Brott of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. He led the study and gave results on Friday at an American Stroke Association conference.

However, the treatment has different complications, and not all doctors are convinced stents are as safe. Three previous studies found they were not, including one published online Thursday by the British journal The Lancet. —INTERNET

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**Philippine troops kill two gunmen linked to massacre**

MANILA, 1 March — Philippine troops clashed Monday with armed followers of a political warlord who was arrested in connection with the country’s worst election-related massacre, killing two gunmen, the military said.

Troops on combat patrol confronted about 30 men in the outskirts of southern Maguindanao province on Monday, triggering a gunfight that killed two, said military spokesman Maj Ram-dolph Cabangbang.

Prosecutors have charged Andal Ampatuan Sr, a former three-term Maguindanao governor, and his son, Andal Ampatuan Jr, with murder in connection with the killings of 57 people on 23 Nov.

Among the massacre victims were supporters and relatives of Esmea Mungadatu, who is running for governor of the province. They were headed to an election office to file Mungadatu’s candidacy papers when they were killed, along with at least 30 journalists and staff members who were providing news coverage of the event. —INTERNET

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**Stroke**

**Lancet.** Thursday by the British journal Lancet. Wednesday by the British journal Lancet.
The Risk of BPA in Pregnant Moms

TEXAS, 1 March—Studies done at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston show that Bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical often found in baby bottles and the lining of aluminum cans, may lead to allergy-related asthma. Production of the chemical started about 40 years ago, a timing that scientists note coincides with increasing asthma rates.

Tests on BPA have been done on lab mice. The researchers found the mice born to mothers exposed to 10 micrograms of BPA developed airway problems while mice born to mothers exposed to low or no BPA did not develop the problem. These tests show a significant enough increase in allergy-related asthma that some states have begun banning the chemical in containers that could be used by children under the age of four. Scientists believe that this study is a good example of what could happen to humans, but they admit that mice studies are not always accurate in people.

The next step in this study will be to determine how much BPA and how often it is given before these problems are prevalent. Since there are other contributing factors in what causes asthma, scientists are planning on extracting cord blood in humans for their research. These subjects will be watched for a period of time to see if they develop Asthma. Groups will be based on their level of BPA exposure. This type of study will take years, but will certainly be more conclusive than the mice experiment.—Internet

Striking number of obesity risks hit minority kids

CHICAGO, 1 March—The odds of obesity appear stacked against black and Hispanic children starting even before birth, pro-vocative new research suggests. The findings help explain disproportionately high obesity rates in minority children. Family income is often a factor, but so are cultural customs and beliefs, the study authors said. They examined more than a dozen circum-stances that can increase chances of obesity, and almost every one was more common in black and Hispanic children than in whites. Factors included eating and sleeping habits in infancy and early childhood and mothers smoking during pregnancy.

In a separate, equally troubling study, researchers found signs of inflammation in obese children as young as 3 years old. High levels were more common in blacks and Hispanics. These inflammatory markers have been linked with obesity in adults and are thought to increase chances for develop- ing heart disease. —Internet

1 in 4 parents buys unproven vaccine-autism link

CHICAGO, 1 March—one in four US parents believes some vaccines cause autism in healthy children, but even many of those worried about vaccine risks think their children should be vaccinated. Most parents continue to follow the advice of their children’s doctors, according to a survey based on a survey of 1,552 parents. Extensive research has found no connection between autism and vaccines.

“Nine out of 10 parents believe that vaccination is a good way to prevent diseases for their children,” said lead author Dr. Gary Freed of the University of Michigan. “Luckily their concerns don’t outweigh their deci-sion to get vaccines so their children can be protected from life-threatening illnesses.”

In 2008, unvaccinated school-age children contributed to measles outbreaks in California, Illinois, Washington, Arizona and New York, said Dr Melinda Wharton of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Thirteen percent of the 140 who got sick that year were hospitalized. “It’s fortunate that everybody recovered,” Wharton said, noting that measles can be deadly. “If we don’t vaccinate, these diseases will come back.”

Gene test aid to cancer treatment

LONDON, 1 March—Developed a gene test which predicts how well chemotherapy will work in cancer patients. Starting with 829 genes in breast cancer cells, the team whittled down the possibilities to six genes which had an impact on whether a drug worked. They then showed that these genes could be used to predict the effectiveness of a drug called paclitaxel in patients.

It is hoped the approach, reported in The Lancet Oncology, can be replicated for other cancers and treatments. The international project, including researchers from Cancer Research UK’s London Research Institute, opens the way for breast cancer treatment to be targeted to those who will benefit the most.—Internet

Obese children show signs of heart disease

LONDON, 1 March—Young as three years old, many children show signs of future heart disease, say US researchers. Study of 16,000 children and teenagers showed the most obese had signs of an inflammatory marker which can predict future heart disease. 40% of obese three-to-five-year-olds had increased CRP compared with 17% of healthy weight children. Pediatrics reported.

But more work is needed to prove the link with heart disease in later life. The study was carried out by a team at the University of North Carolina (UNC), looked at children aged one to 17. Overall, nearly 70% were a healthy weight, 15% were overweight, 11% were obese and 3.5% were very obese. In the older age groups, the proportion of those in the very obese category with high levels of C-reactive protein (CRP) increased even further. By age 15-17, 83% of the very obese had increased CRP compared with 18% of the healthy weight children. CRP is found in the blood, and high levels are a sign of inflammation in the body. Because the damage seen in heart disease is caused by inflammation in artery walls, CRP can be used as a general marker for the risk of heart disease.—Internet
Fergie explains Rooney sub role

LONDON, 1 March—Sir Alex Ferguson admits he had one eye on future games after starting Manchester United’s Carling Cup match-winner Wayne Rooney on the bench against Aston Villa. Rooney, who headed the semi-final winner against Manchester City, was replaced in the starting line-up by Michael Owen for Sunday’s Wembley showdown.

Porto hopes dented by Sporting

LISBON, 1 March—FC Porto’s outside hopes of challenging Benfica for the title—kept over after being thrashed 3-0 on Sunday by Sporting Lisbon. Yannick Djaló opened the scoring for Sporting inside the sixth minute at the Estádio José Alvalade, immediately putting the visitors from Porto—who entered the day nine points back of leaders Benfica—on the backfoot.

Marseille keep pressure on as they thump PSG

PARIS, 1 March—Marseille kept alive their hopes of winning the French title on Sunday with an impressive 3-0 victory over bitter ang rivals Paris Saint-Germain which saw visiting fans boycott it because of what they saw as over the top security measures.

Gulbis beats Karlovic to win first ATP title

DELBAY BEACH, 1 March—Unseeded Latvian Ernests Gulbis upset second-seeded Ivo Karlovic 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday to capture his first career ATP title at the International Tennis Championships. The 21-year-old Latvian, ranked 72nd in the world, didn’t drop a set all week and made the most of his first career final as he became the first Latvian to win a title. “Everything I do it’s the first for my country,” Gulbis said. “I was first one in top 300, first one in top 200, first one in top 100.”

Reds boss Rafael Benitez mocks Blackburn’s style

LONDON, 1 March—Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez sarcastically compared Blackburn’s style to European champions Barcelona after his team beat Rovers on Sunday. Benitez saw his team win 2-0 to the home side. It was all over two minutes after the restart as Miguel Veloso struck an emphatic third goal to give Sporting a big win over a key rival. With only nine matches left to play in the league season, Porto’s deficit almost certainly leaves Benfica and Braga to battle for the title.

Hielb definitely leaving Stuttgart

STUTTGART, 1 March—On loan midfielder Alex Hielb will definitely leave VfB Stuttgart when his contract expires at the end of the season. The Belarus international is on loan to the Bundesliga side from Barcelona but is unhappy at being continually substituted since Christian Gross replaced Markus Babbel in the coaching hot-seat at the turn of the year. “Obviously my contract only states that I can play for 60 minutes of the match,” he said sarcastically after being replaced in the second half of Saturday’s 2-1 win over Eintracht Frankfurt.
**WEATHER**

**Monday, 1st March, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30h M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Southern Shan State. Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas.

The significant Day temperature was Magway (40°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (1.89) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 1-3-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-3-2010 was 92%.

Rainfall on 1-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total Since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) from South at (17:30) hours MST on 28-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd March 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Forecast for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-3-2010:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-3-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-3-2010:** Fair weather.

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**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (2-3-2010) (Tuesday)**

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- Welcome to Bagan
- Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay (Part-I)
- Offering Oil-lamps (Rakhine Traditional Dance)
- Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes You
- Safari In Style
- Where the Rhododendron Blooms
- Music Gallery
- Aesthetic Jade Wares
- 100 Shuttle Traditional Weaving Industry
- Poem Garden “My body”
- Thihathana Throne
- Invaluable heritage of the Pyu

**Oversea Transmission**

- Signature Tune
- Welcome to Bagan
- 3. Morning News
  - 7:30 am
- 2. To Be Healthy
  - 7:30 am
- 1. Exercise
  - 8:00 pm
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
  - 7:50 am
- 5. The Mirror Image
  - 8:00 am
- Oldies
- 6:20 pm
- 11. (ရဲဆောင်ခြင်းဝေါင်ချင်း)
  - 6:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
  - 6:15 pm
  - 6:20 pm
- 14. (ငှက်ပျော်ချင်း)
  - 6:35 pm
- 15. (မြင်ခြင်း)
  - 7:00 pm
- 16. (ငှက်ပျော်ချင်း)
  - 8:00 pm
- 17. News
  - 8:10 am
- 18. International News
  - 8:40 am
  - 8:45 am
- 20. (ငှက်ပျော်ချင်း)
  - 9:00 pm
- 21. “ငှက်ပျော်ချင်း”

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 2 March, 2010**

A SeaWorld trainer performs with a killer whale during the first show after an orca killed a trainer at theme park three days earlier in Orlando, Fla., on 27 Feb 2010. More than 2,000 people watched killer whales perform Saturday at SeaWorld for the first time since one of the orcas dragged a trainer to her death underwater in front of horrified spectators.
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

Secretary-1 receives Indian Foreign Secretary

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Foreign Secretary Ms. Nirupama Rao of India at the meeting hall of SPDC Office here at 4 pm today. Also present at the call together with General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads. Foreign Secretary Ms. Nirupama Rao was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Aloke Sen.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives a delegation led by Foreign Secretary Ms. Nirupama Rao of India at SPDC Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA