Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Ghanaian President

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. John Evans Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana, which falls on 6 March 2010.

Cooperation and collective strength have yielded success in time of Tatmadaw government
Special projects are to be implemented for posterity

Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance at coordination meeting (1/2010) of Special Projects Implementation Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — The Special Projects Implementation Committee held coordination meeting (1/2010) at the Operation Meeting Room of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) here at 1:50 pm today. At the meeting, Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, the Special Projects Implementation Committee members State Peace and Development Council member General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development (See page 6)

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
Industrial exhibitions for national industrialization

As building a modern nation calls for industrial development, the government is improving the industrial sector.

In the process, advanced technologies are being utilized in manufacturing international-standard machinery and instruments of production. Furthermore, the government is trying to boost production of import-substitute goods and increase productivity to step up industrialization process.

The Myanmar Industrial Exhibition organized by the Myanmar Industrialists Association runs from 5 to 7 March to mirror the industrial development of the nation.

The exhibition is aimed at exhibiting all local industrial products at the international level at a single place, enabling industrialists to fortify economic relations among them and to market their products, and improving the quality of local products.

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Moscow, 5 March — Russia on Thursday successfully test-launched a Sineva intercontinental ballistic missile from a submarine.

The missile was launched at 07:50 a.m. Moscow Time (0450 GMT) from the Tula submarine in the Barents Sea, a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

The Sineva already in service is a liquid-propellant submarine-launched ballistic missile designed for Delta IV-class submarines.

By now, seven of the 12 test-launches of the Bulava missile have been reported as unsuccessful. Further development of the missile has been questioned by some legislators and defence experts, but the military insisted there was no alternative to the Bulava and pledged to continue testing the missile until it was ready to be put into service with the Navy.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said last September one of the most important issues for the Russian Armed Forces was to rebuild the Navy in the coming decade. He also said last March the armed forces would undergo comprehensive rearmament beginning in 2011.

Pentagon shooting suspect in custody, second person suspected

Washington, 5 March — One suspect was taken into custody after a shooting incident at Pentagon Thursday night, and police suspected there is a second person involved in the case.

The suspect’s nationality is American, Pentagon Police Chief Richard Keevill told reporters at a news briefing near the crime scene outside the sprawling Pentagon building, without giving other details of the person’s identity.

Two police officers sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the incident.

The police chief said the suspect showed no emotion or distress as he approached the police officers at around 6:40 p.m. local time (2340 GMT) in the Metro station outside the Pentagon building.

The person “looked very cool” and didn’t speak a word, said Keevill.

When police asked for ID, he reached for his pocket, but pulled out a gun before shooting the officers.— Internet

Afghan police kill seven Taleban militants including their commander

Kabul, 5 March — Police during an operation in Helmand Province south of Afghanistan eliminated seven Taleban militants including their commander on Wednesday, a Press release of Interior Ministry said on Thursday.

“The operation carried out yesterday outside provincial capital Lashkar Gah led to the killing of seven Taleban rebels including their commander Mullah Bitsmillah,” the Press release added.

It also added that some arms and ammunitions including four assault rifles were seized.

Pakistan arrests another Afghan Taleban leader

Islamabad, 5 March — Pakistani officials said Thursday that another Afghan Taleban leader had been arrested.

Agha Jan Mohtasim, a prominent Afghan war lord, was arrested in the southern port city of Karachi, they said on condition of anonymity. No further details were given.

According to earlier reports by the private TV ARY News, Mohtasim, who is a son-in-law of Mullah Muhammad Omar, the prominent Afghan war lord, was captured on Thursday as intelligence agencies, acting on a tip-off, conducted a raid on a house at Ehsan Abad area of the city.

Mohtasim is the former chief administrator of the Taleban regime in the late 1990s. He is also believed to be the Taleban’s political and military strategist.

Bomb attacks kill 12 as early parliamentary voting begins in Iraq

Baghdad, 5 March — A spate of attacks near polling stations in Baghdad killed at least 12 people and injured dozens despite tightened security as Iraq began an early voting on Thursday across the country for Sunday’s parliamentary election.

More than 800,000 Iraqi soldiers, police, hospital staff and prisoners cast their votes in the voting which began early morning on Thursday, as they will not be able to go to the polls on the election day due to work.

Up to 458 polling centres were opened in Iraq’s 18 provinces to receive the eligible people, most of whom were from the country’s security forces, said Qassim al-Abboudi, a senior official with the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission.

Iraqi civil defence members inspect a damaged building after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 4 March, 2010.—Xinhua

Police cars and ambulances are seen near the site where a shooting incident occurred at a Metro station near the Pentagon, the United States, on 4 March, 2010.—Xinhua

A Protoscar Lampo2 is pictured while charging during the second media day of the 80th Geneva Car Show at the Palexpo in Geneva on 3 March, 2010.

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Russia approves long-term strategy for auto industry

Moscow, 5 March — The Russian government on Thursday unveiled its long-term strategy for the development of Russia’s auto industry until 2020, with state funds up to 20 billion US dollars.

Minister of Industry and Trade Viktor Khristenko told reporters after a government meeting that the estimated volume of Russian investments in the industry was revised down to 584 billion roubles (around 19.6 billion dollars).

The aggregate volume of investments in the industry until 2020 is expected to reach 1.2 to 1.8 trillion roubles (40.3 to 60.5 billion dollars), said the minister.

By 2020, the capacity of the car market in Russia will total 3.5 million to 3.6 million units annually, with the share of imported and exported cars at 20 and 8 percent respectively.

The strategy, which should be finalized by the end of this month, also envisions demand stimuli, tax and insurance measures and support for domestic auto makers.

It also stipulates governmental encouragement on setting up research centres and technical innovation within the auto industry.—Xinhua

Mexico authorizes import of Japanese cars without taxes

Mexico City, 5 March — The Mexican government authorized the entrance of 36,171 Japanese cars into the Mexican market free of duties from 1 April, 2010 to 31 March, 2011, the Mexican Economy Ministry said on Thursday.

This measure was taken as part of the Agreement for the Strengthening of the Economic Association between Mexico and Japan, the ministry said.

Under the agreement, Mexico will import, free of duty, Japanese cars that accounted for 5 percent of all the cars sold in Mexican territory.

Statistics from Mexico’s Association of Automotive Industry indicated that in 2009 754,918 cars were sold in Mexico, a drop of 26.4 percent compared with 2008.

EU grants 2.3 billion euros to energy projects

Brussels, 5 March — The European Commission granted on Thursday 2.3 billion euros (about 3.15 billion US dollars) to 43 energy projects to ensure energy supply in Europe and create more jobs.

As the second batch of a 4-billion-euro economic recovery plan, the Commission will grant the money to 12 electricity interconnection projects and 31 gas pipeline projects over the next 18 months.

The projects chosen on Thursday will help deliver major investment projects which were at risk of important delay because of the economic crisis, according to the Commission.

The projects will serve the need of better interconnecting all member states of the European Union (EU) and reduce the isolation of remote parts, such as the three Baltic States, Ireland and Malta, the Commission said.

“Never before has the Commission agreed such an important amount for energy projects,” declared Gunther Oettinger, European Commissioner responsible for Energy.

India expected to hike interest rate by 50 bps in April

Mumbai, 5 March — Indian central bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will crank up key policy lending rate by 50 basis points at the quarterly policy review meeting on 20 April, predicted Indranil Pan, chief economist with Indian private bank Kotak Mahindra Bank on Thursday.

Speaking at a seminar at Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pan said RBI will not adjust just up cash reserve ratio for banks this time, but will increase repo rate, which RBI charges for borrowings to commercial banks.—Xinhua

Poland’s February unemployment rate at 13.0%

Warsaw, 5 March — Poland’s labour and Social Policy Ministry estimates the February unemployment rate stood at 13.0 percent, Minister Jolanta Fidek said on Thursday.

“The pace of the rate growth is slower than in the same period of 2009. It is clear that the unemployment level stabilizes,” she said, adding that the number of the unemployed people totals 2.1 million, according to the Central Statistical office GUS, in January the unemployment rate stood at 12.7 percent.

In February, the number of job offers rose by 20,000 or 33.2 percent from January to 80,500.—Xinhua

French jobless in Q4 2009 reaches 10-year high

Paris, 5 March — The jobless rate on the French mainland reached 9.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2009, 0.5 point higher than the previous quarter and the highest since the end of 1999, according to data announced on Thursday by the national statistics bureau INSEE.

Some 2.7 million people were unemployed in the last three months of last year, accounting for 9.6 percent of the active population in metropolitan France, while the rate was 10 percent if overseas regions were included. More generally, 3.4 million people didn’t have work or stable work, INSEE’s report said.—Xinhua

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Bourse in Berlin is very international tourism day. For the country’s official as saying on Friday in Germany’s Berlin on national tourism exhibition Indonesia will join international, saying by local news paper as saying at the session of the National People’s Congress, adding that the development of smart power grids should be intensified. Other measures to combat climate change include increasing forest carbon sinks and expanding China’s forests by at least 5.92 million hectares in 2010. He promised that China would participate in international cooperation to address climate change and work for further progress in the global cause.

In his report, Wen also addressed energy conservation only wastes money, conservation that such promotion only wastes money, and the development of a circular economy. “We will increase our energy-saving capacity by an equivalent of 80 million tons of standard coal,” he said.

China will work hard to develop low-carbon technologies as well as new and renewable energy resources to actively respond to climate change, Wen said at the session of the National People’s Congress. “Europe, especially Germany, is one of Indonesia’s main tourism markets,” Sapta Nirwander, the ministry’s Director General of Marketing told Indonesian tourism association and industry here. Sapta dismissed accusation that such promotion only wastes money, arguing that from such tours and exhibitions, Indonesia manages to attract bigger revenue.

“Take example in 2009 when our transaction got by tourism players from such exhibitions and bourses reached 180 billion rupiah (about 19.4 million US dollars), much more than expenses of 40 billion rupiah (about 4.3 million dollars),” he said. The administration has sent all the ice breakers in the area to free the ferries, but gale-force winds are hampering the effort. No one is hurt and there are no immediate plans to bring people off the ferries, but helicopters and military hovercraft are on standby in case evacuations become necessary, the administration added.

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Spanish fishing boat fights off pirate attack in Indian Ocean

Madrid, 5 March—A Spanish fishing boat from the Basque region, the Albacan, on Thursday escaped an attack from pirates while fishing in the Indian Ocean 350 miles off the coast of Kenya, local media reported.

“The captain of the ship told RTVE that his crew had been able to “repel the attack” and the ship “was now sailing freely.” “When they (the pirates) were within range, they fired an incendiary grenade at us,” he added.

The Albacan was able to fight off the pirates thanks to the presence of three armed security guards on board. “The crew is in perfect state. They followed the protocol for these cases and were able to leave the pirate ship behind,” Inaki Latxaga, the president of the company that owns the Albacan, was quoted as saying by local newspaper El Correo Vasco.

50 ships stuck in Baltic thick ice

Stockholm, 5 March—The Swedish Maritime Administration said on Thursday that about 50 vessels are stuck in the thick ice in the Baltic Sea off Sweden’s east coast.

Among the vessels, there are six large passenger ferries which are in total carrying more than 2,000 passengers, the administration said in a statement.

Two of the ferries, including the large Isabella passenger ferry carrying 1,322 passengers and crew, have been freed....
In implementing special projects, it is important to get good quality, to be thrifty and to complete the projects timely. For building infrastructures, focus should not be only on the target infrastructure, but on building other related infrastructures in parallel.

According to his report, Minmyin Dam will be built on Minmyin Creek, about 2.5 miles east of Shangon Village in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division (West), and upon completion, the dam will irrigate about 1,000 acres of farmland. The dam will also help improve the living standard of local people and greening of the region. The third project is earthen-type Phayahla Dam to be constructed by damming the Phayahla Creek, about one and a half miles upstream Sangyi Thayetkon Village, Hainggyigyun, Labutta District, Ayeyawady Division. On completion, the project will be able to irrigate about 800 acres of farmlands in Hainggyigyun.

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Wunyu Dam contributing to agricultural development in Seikpyu Township in Pakokku District of Magway Division.
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In the time of the SPDC, the Irrigation Department has constructed 231 dams.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on Solar Panel Project, the project to produce one-ton, 1.5-ton and two-ton electric vehicles, dredger factory project, the project to produce three to five-tons rice-milling machines, and Technical Institute (Magway) Project.

The Ministry of Industry-2 will implement the Solar Panel Project with advanced technologies in Yangon. Based on the demand, it will generate two megawatts a year.

The Electric Vehicle Project will be launched in Yangon, with a target of producing 200 units a year. Electric vehicles designed to reduce use of fuel are for factories, workshops, airports and hospitals.

The Small Dredger Factory Project is designed to produce high-capacity cutter suction dredgers and accessories.

The rice mills project will be implemented at Malun Factory in Minha Township. Upon completion, it will be able to produce 500 rice-milling machines a year, 6-inch rubber roll huskers, gravity grain separating screens, emery roll rice whiteners and accessories.

The Technical Institute (Magway) Project is intended to conduct vehicle servicing course, vehicle producing course, and vehicle quality control course.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave a brief account of the projects being undertaken by the ministry. He also reported on follow-up programmes for the projects to construct Manaung Island ring road, Katha-Bhamo Road, Bogale-Mawlanyingyun-Kyonmangae-Myaungmya Road, and Sittoung River Bridge (Natthangwin) on Penwegon-Kyaikku Road, Gyang River Bridge (Kawkareik), Bogale River Bridge, and Mulashede Bridge.

The Ministry of Construction upgraded 51 miles and four furlongs long Manaung Island ring road in Manaung Township, Kyakyupgyo District, Rakhine State, into a fine gravel one, which was commissioned on 6 February, 2010. When construction of the road and bridges on it is completed, it will help ensure all-year smooth transport on the island.

The new 65-mile Katha-Bhamo road which will link Katha of Sagaing Division and Bhamo of Kachin State is being built while Ayeyawady River Crossing Bridge (Sinkhan) and Katha-Bhamo railroad smooth transport on the island.

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Arrangements are being made to upgrade Kyonkadon-Setsan road, the 8th road of Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project, from earth road to gravel one. The 19 miles and one furlong long road will link Pyayom-Kyonkadon-Daw Nyein-Amar road to Bogale-Setsan-Htanwine-Amar road.

The 20 miles and six furlongs long Pauktaw-Minbya road will link Pauktaw to Minbya in Minbya road which will link furlongs long Myaypon-Minbya people. The all-weather facility. It will enable the local people to travel from Myaypon located near the mouth of sea to Minbya and Yangon through Pauktaw, MaikukU and Sittway.

The 22 miles and six furlongs long Ponnagyun-Yaheelaung road will be upgraded into the 14 feet wide gravel road and bridges will be built along the road. Upon completion, the all-weather road will improve the trading and socio-economic status of the people in Letwe Sartta, Phatkyi, Zadimyin and Kyaukthaibae villages along it.

The 11 miles long Shwechaung-Anisakhan road will be built as a short cut in order to link between Yangon-Mandalay Highway (Kyayose) and Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo Highway (PyinOoLwin). It stands at an altitude of 5000 feet, to Mawhtaik, which stands at an altitude of 7000 feet, through Kyaukthase, Kyauklyin, Kyauktaw and Kyaukse industrial region, and along it.

There was only Inwa bridge on the Ayeyawady in the past. From 1988 to this date, the government built eight new bridges on the river. At present, five bridges – Sinkhan, Pakokku, Malun, Nyaungdon and Yadana Theinga – are under construction. So there will be altogether 13 bridges spanning the Ayeyawady. It is the longest bridge in Myanmar. Upon completion, there will be a rail network in the country helping facilitate all roads for development of the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

Spanning the river, Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) will be built near Pahtanago and Malun to link Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku railroad on the west bank and Pyay-Aunglan-Taungwinyi-Magway-Chauk railroad on the east bank. It has 4695 feet long motor road bridge and 5510 feet long rail Road Bridge. It comprises of 28 feet wide area for motorway, 14 feet wide area for railroad and three feet wide pavement on both sides.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) is a bridge that links Letpunchepaw in NyaungU Township on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River with Pakokku on the western bank. It has two way lane motorway and one rail road like Thanlwin Bridge. It comprises of 28 feet wide area for motorway, 14 feet wide area for railroad and four feet wide pavement on both sides.

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Rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) under construction.

Mong sai-Ta pa-Tarshwehan road section in the Shan (North). It will be upgraded to 12 feet wide tarred road on 34 feet wide earth road. Upon completion of the road, people can travel to Mong sai-Mongaung-Mongya-Moneko region, Lawkai-Kong gyan-Mawhtaik region and Chinswhehau-Kunlong-Hsenwi region, through Thanlwin River crossing bridge (Tapa).

Htilon-Tapauing-Parub-Nabu-Aukbote road section is 57 miles and six furlongs long. It is a new alignment of Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Mwada Myawady road. Plans are under way to build 14 feet wide road on 34 feet wide earth road. On completion of 68 miles long road, it will come as a major route of Tha Ton, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe, Myawady and villages along the road will be easier. It contributes not only to development of region's administration, economic, social, education, and health but also to ensuring peace and stability.

Ayeyawady Bridge (PyayOoLwin) that links Yangon Division with Ayeyawady Division, on which motor road and rail road run parallel, will be built by spanning Ayeyawady River near Nyaungdon. The bridge will be constructed like Thanlwin Bridge (Mawla myine). It has 9382 feet long motor road bridge and 10,377 feet long railroad bridge. It comprises of 28 feet wide area for motorway, 14 feet wide area for railroad and three feet wide pavement on both sides.

It is the longest bridge in Myanmar. Upon completion, there will be a rail network in the country helping facilitate all roads for development of the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

Spanning the river, Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) will be built near Pahtanago and Malun to link Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku railroad on the west bank and Pyay-Aunglan-Taungwinyi-Magway-Chauk railroad on the east bank. It has 4695 feet long motor road bridge and 5510 feet long rail Road Bridge. It comprises of 28 feet wide area for motorway, 14 feet wide area for railroad and four feet wide pavement on both sides.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) is a bridge that links Letpunchepaw in NyaungU Township on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River with Pakokku on the western bank. It has two way lane motorway and one rail road like Thanlwin Bridge. It comprises of 28 feet wide area for motorway, 14 feet wide area for railroad and three feet wide pavement on both sides.

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There was only Inwa bridge on the Ayeyawady in the past. From 1988 to this date, the government built eight new bridges on the river. At present, five bridges – Sinkhan, Pakokku, Malun, Nyaungdon and Yadana Theinga – are under construction. So there will be altogether 13 bridges spanning the Ayeyawady.

(See page 10)
**Monywa District gaining development momentum**

_NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — While visiting the local battalion in Monywa Station, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence presented gifts to servicemen and their families on 2 March._

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye together with Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe presented prizes to winners of Maung MyanmarCyclingCompetition organized by the Ministry of Industry-1.

On his inspection tour of Monywa Industrial Zone, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited foundry plant of Thita Tun Co Ltd and heard reports on productivity and future programme of the zone presented by the chairman of Monywa Industrial Zone Management Committee.

After inspecting cleaning and beautifying of Monywa and Chindwin Bridge (Monywa), Lt-Gen Tha Aye accompanied by the commander and member for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan oversaw housings of North-West Command and cordially converse with war veterans.

While in Monywa, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party looked into Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road section.

Then, Lt-Gen Tha Aye comforted patients who are undergoing free treatment at Sasana BEHS and presented awards to surgeons.

At Chaungwagyi village in Budalin Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented publications for Aye Yeik Wai Thutapadetha Library through responsible personnel.—MNA

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**Narcotic drugs seized near Wampon Village in Tachilek Township**

_NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Acting on the information that a group of drug traffickers were operating near and around Wampon Village in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), a local Tatmadaw column combed the area from 23 to 25 February and found 15 tents on an island of the Mekong River, where the smugglers stayed. Further search led to the seizure of 365 blocks of caffeine and 38 packets of caffeine powder in plastic containers buried by the seafront, 878 (40) MM granades of M-79 launcher, 162 Point-38 bullets, 1,500 rounds of M-16 magazines and five RPG granades.

The group was from the gang of escaped drug trafficker Sai Naw Kham. Police Inspector Khin Maung Yin-led anti-drug squad ran across the drug trafficking group while patrolling in the Mekong River on 20 February, and a skirmish broke out between them. Eight Police Force members and two militiamen were fallen and two Police Force members wounded. Moreover, three motorboat operators were killed.

The local battalion and Myanmar Police Force are working hard to make sure that there are no cases of drug smuggling, gunrunning and human trafficking along the border where Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet. Besides, they are cooperating with the neighbouring nations in dealing with such incidents and transnational crimes.—MNA

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**Tatmadaw Military Band Contest continues**

_NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — The second day of the 18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Military Band Contest continued today at No (7) Transit Center (Ywadaw) in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Military Band Contest Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Min Zaw, members of the committee and servicemen._

The band representing No.55 LID, the band representing No.88 LID, and band company (1) representing Northern Command, the band representing Nay Pyi Taw Command, the band company (1) representing North-East Command, the band representing Triangle Region Command, the band company (1) representing Western Command, the band representing No.66 LID and the band company (1) representing Yangon Command participated in the today’s competition.

**Inter-district roads under construction**

_NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — As part of drive for better transport in rural areas, the Development Affairs Department is making efforts to upgrade the inter-district road Nos (2) and (3) in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

Officials of Mandalay Division DAD heard reports on progress in tarmacking of road sections and construction of gravel roads along two inter-district roads in Nay Pyi Taw Takon, Kyaukse and Wetlet Townships on 28 February._

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Photo shows narcotic drugs and rounds of ammunition found at the bank of an island of Mekong River near Wampon Village of Tachilek Township.—MNA
2555 boys and men ordained to mark successful renovation of Hsndawshin Pagodas

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—To mark the successful renovation of all Hsndawshin pagodas in the nation, the Parikamma ceremony before the ceremony to novitiate 2555 boys and men was held on Kelatha Hill in Bilin Township on 26 February.

On 28 February, the ceremony to observe successful renovation of six sacred tooth relic pagodas was held in the precinct of Kyakkithushaung Pagoda in Zokthok Village of Bilin Township, attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Chairman of Border and Hilly Region Theravada Buddhist Missionary Sasana Naggaha Association Agga Maha Thiriuthudhamma Manijotadhara Dr Khin Shwe and wife Daw San San Kywe (Zay Gabar Co Ltd Family).

A similar ceremony to mark all-round renovation of Hsndawshin Pagodas was held in conjunction with ordination ceremony at Aung Mingala Maha Ordination Hall in Mingaladon Township in Yangon on 3 March.—MNA

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

Project to link central and lower Myanmar shaping up

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — On his inspection tour of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than inspected earthwork of Taungdwingyi-Magway section, Thayet-Pwintbyu section, progress in construction of the bridge spanning Mann creek on Minbu-Pwintbyu section and Hsarput creek bridge on Mindla-Minbu section, progress of Thayet station and its yard and Nyaungbintha creek bridge on 25 February.

On 26 February, the deputy minister visited worksites of Pati creek bridge in Hseinbaungwe Township, laying rail tracks between Letpan and Hoopauk stations and Tanyang Creek bridge between Zaungchantaung and Thawatti stations.


The presentations of the ministers at the meeting will appear tomorrow.—MNA

Ordination ceremony for 2555 boys and men held at Kelatha Hill in Bilin Township.

Cooperation and collective...

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Penwegon-Kyaukkyi road services as a link between Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay highway on the west bank of Sittoung River and Toungoo-Sittoung-Moppalin road on the east bank. On this link road there is a single Bailey bridge that can be used only in summer when the water level is low. Sittoung Bridge (Nathangwinn) an all-weather facility will be built on it. The 720-foot long bridge will have a 24 ft wide motor road flanked by three-foot walkways on each side. The government has already built Shwegyin-Madauk and Moppalin-Sittoung bridges across the river. A new 60-ton-load capacity Gyaing River Bridge (Kawkareik) will be built on Hpa-an-Myaawady road in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, as the old one’s load bearing capacity is dwindling due to old age. The new bridge which will be a reinforced concrete facility will have a 24 feet wide motor road flanked by three-foot walkways on each side. A new 2226 ft bridge will be built on Bogale River to upgrade Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road in Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Division, into an all-weather facility.

Mulashidee suspension bridge on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Patoo road in Patoo District, Kachin State, will be substituted with a 560 ft all-weather bridge which will support a two-lane road in the future.

The length of roads built by and under the maintenance of Construction Ministry at present is 21361 miles up 7726 miles from 13635 miles in 1988. At present, 45 road projects and 10 bridge projects are under construction. Up to now, 236 over -180-foot-long bridges have been erected.

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about (1500) miles South-South East of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (22) hrs (41) min (41) sec M.S.T today, said Meterology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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El Nino-related drought to drag on in Vietnam till May

HANOI, 5 March — The Vietnam Institute of Hydro Meteorology and Environment said here on Thursday that the country’s ongoing drought, an aftermath of El Nino, is forecast to last till May of this year.

Accordingly, the drought would continue in majority of all localities of the country from March to May this year. However, it will be felt stronger in the country’s northern provinces, said the institute.

The drought is creating negative impacts on the country’s electricity sector as reservoirs are running out of water to feed hydropower plants, according to the state-owned Electricity of Vietnam.

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GOES-P satellite successfully launched on weather monitoring mission

LOS ANGELES, 5 March — The Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-P, or GOES-P, blasted off from a Florida base on Thursday, NASA announced.

The GOES-P was lifted off aboard a Delta IV rocket at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, said NASA.

The satellite was launched at 6:57 pm EST (2357 GMT), 40 minutes later than planned, but still within the one hour launch window set by mission managers.

After reaching orbit, GOES-P will become GOES-15.

The satellite will be used to monitor and predict weather, measure ocean temperatures, perform climate studies, relay communications and provide search-and-rescue support, according to NASA.

The GOES-P, launched for NASA by Boeing Launch Services, will be checked out by Boeing and NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre before being turned over to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for operational use. —Xinhua

World’s largest orchid show kicks off in New York

The 8th Annual Orchid Show, Cuba in Flower, the largest one of its kind in the world, kicked off on Thursday in New York Botanical Garden.

The show features iconic sites of Old Havana and the Cuban countryside, re-imagined to evoke the history of the island while engulfing visitors in radiant flowers, organizer told the Press.

The show also features about 7,000 of brilliantly colored orchids set among architectural vignettes from Havana, and the surrounding countryside, added the organizer.

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The New York Botanical Garden, founded in 1891, is one of the premier botanical gardens in the United States. It offers major exhibitions and flower shows throughout the year, drawing over 800,000 visitors annually.

Italy starts testing first airport body scanners

ROME, 5 March — Italy began testing airport body scanners on Thursday in a move to enhance security measures following the failed Christmas Day bomb attack on a US flight.

Government officials inaugurated the first scanners at Rome’s Fiumicino International Airport, reassuring passengers and citizens that the devices were both safe and convenient, state television Rai reported.

Health Minister Perruccio Fazio was among the first ones to test the machine amid public curiosity.

“Our research has determined that the rays emitted by body scanners pose no health risks at all,” he said.

The scanners, which use high-frequency electromagnetic waves to look beneath clothing for concealed bombs and arms, have stirred fears that they could cause cancer or be otherwise harmful to the human body.—Xinhua

British child kidnapped in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 March — Robbers kidnapped a five-year-old British boy on Thursday in Pakistan, demanding a ransom of 100,000 pounds, local media reported.

A gang broke into a house in Jhelum, a town about 100 kilometres south of the capital Islamabad, stole cash and jewellery and kidnapped young Sohail Saeed into a taxi to make their escape, police officials said.

The attack happened after the family opened the gates to let in a taxi they had called to go to airport at the end of a three-week holiday, visiting Saeed’s grandmother with his Pakistani father.

Saeed’s father Raja Naqash Saeed said “they tortured me for several hours demanding money.”

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The intended victim later told police that she had previously been in an intimate relationship with the groom.

Police say the couple got married at Barnstable Town Hall and split a bottle of Champagne afterward.

Her husband, 37-year-old Timothy Keene, was riding in the car with her and was charged with disorderly conduct. Both were released on Tuesday. It was unclear if either had hired an attorney.

What happened next was unclear.

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A child of a migrant worker attends a class at a primary school in Shanghai on 5 March, 2010. A country can not become strong or prosperous if it does not make education universal and improve its quality, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Friday, Xinhua News Agency reported.—INTERNET

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Qantas flight turned into a ‘war zone’

Perth, 5 March — Qantas passengers have revealed the horrific moment they thought they would die in a terrifying plunge that sent travellers hurtling through the air, smashing teeth and bones and tearing ligaments. “All of a sudden the plane dropped like a brick,” one passenger said. “It was like a hurricane inside the plane, like a war zone.”

“The plane fell again,” said another. “I thought: ‘I didn’t think I was going to die in a plane crash, but obviously I am’.”

These traumatic descriptions form part of a class action filed in the US against defendants including airline giant Airbus, maker of the ill-fated A330-300 that plummeted twice in quick succession during the flight from Singapore to Perth in October 2008. More than 100 of the 301 aboard were hurt when a computer glitch caused the plane to nosedive first 650, then 400 feet (320m in total) over Western Australia.

Passengers suffered spinal, head, neck and chest injuries from being catapulted into the overhead lockers. Others lost teeth, tore knee ligaments and suffered serious cuts and broken ribs, feet, ankles and hands in the incident.—Internet

Japanese prof invents painless needles

KYOTO, 5 March — A Japanese professor has come up with a method of delivering vaccines and drugs that he says is completely painless.

‘A needle that doesn’t hurt’

Kanji Takada of Kyoto Pharmaceutical University says the device he developed uses micro needles that don’t break the dermis or second layer of skin, The Daily Telegraph reported Thursday.

The needles are made out of a water-soluble polymer that dissolves when pressed into the epidermis, the very outer layer of skin. Other researchers tried to use sugar micro needles but their efforts failed because sugar degrades at temperatures above 100 degrees centigrade, Takada says.

Elephant research in Kenya ‘washed away’ by flash flood

NANYUKI, 5 March — Flash floods have washed away a major scientific research centre used to study Africa’s wild elephants.

This morning, flooding of the Ewaso Ng’iro River destroyed the research facility and associated camp located in Samburu National Reserve, seven other neighbouring lodges were completely destroyed.

Research washed away.—Internet

McDonald’s to expand business in Turkey in 2010

ANKARA, 5 March — Global fast-food chain McDonald’s plans to open 31 new restaurants in Turkey in 2010 as sales increased in the country, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Thursday.

Nearly 76 million customers visited McDonald’s restaurants in Turkey in 2009 and the company now targets 89 million customers this year, Hakan Serim, director of McDonald’s Turkey, was quoted as saying. Last year, the company’s total sales in Turkey grew 6.5 percent, with a turnover of 267 million Turkish lira (around 174 million US dollars), said Serim.

Clashes kill one in southern Yemen

SANAA, 5 March—At least one people was killed and two others wounded on Thursday in clashes in the Yemeni forces and a group of the Southern Movement in the southern provincial city of Radfan, a local security source said.

Dozens of protestors belonging to the Southern Movement tried to break into the government building of the local Council Authority in Radfan city in the southern province of Laib, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

One protestor was killed and two others injured in a shoot-out with security forces who tried to prevent them from entering a state building.—Xinhua

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Seabed vents found between New Zealand, Antarctica

WELLINGTON, 5 March—American scientists said they have found evidence of hydrothermal vents on the seafloor between New Zealand and Antarctica, New Zealand Press Association reported on Friday. Hydrothermal vents spew heated fluids—often containing dissolved minerals such as gold, zine, and copper—with the plumes from the vents influencing ocean chemistry and providing a source of energy for a complex web of organisms, New Zealand Press Association reported.

More than 220 vents have been discovered worldwide—many of them on the Kermadec Arc between New Zealand and Tonga. So far no one has found them in the rough and frigid waters off Antarctica, but the new research has narrowed the places to look.

Geochemist Gisela Winckler at Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory analysed thousands of oceanographic measurements to pinpoint half a dozen spots where vents are likely to be found on the remote Pacific Antarctic Ridge.

They are about 3,200 km from New Zealand, 1,600 km from the coast of Antarctica, according to the research published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

Orbiter surpasses 100 terabits of data

PASADENA, 5 March—NASA says its Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter—now ending its fourth year of operation—has surpassed a data-volume milestone of 100 terabits.

The space agency said that amount of data constitutes more than three times the amount of data from all other deep-space missions combined—not just the ones to Mars, but the mission that has ever flown past the orbit of Earth’s moon.

The spacecraft entered orbit around Mars on 10 March, 2006, following on 12 Aug, 2005, launch from Florida. With a dish antenna 10 feet in diameter, NASA said the spacecraft pours data Earthward at up to six megabits per second from its three cameras, spectrometer, ground-penetrating radar and atmosphere sounder.

“The capability to return enormous volumes of data enables these instruments to view Mars at unprecedented spatial resolutions,” NASA said. “Half the planet has been covered at 20 feet per pixel, and nearly 1 percent of the planet has been observed at about 1-foot per pixel, sharp enough to discern objects the size of a desk.” The project is managed by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. — Internet

Nicotinamide may help stroke

DETOIT, 5 March—US medical researchers suggest nicotinamide—or vitamin B3—may be used to treat stroke in the future.

The researchers at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit gave nicotinamide to rats with ischemic stroke—an obstruction within a blood vessel supplying blood to the brain.

The brains of the rats given nicotinamide showed new blood vessel growth and nerve cell improvement that helped improve neurological outcomes.

“If this proves to also work well in our human trials, we’ve then have the benefit of a low-cost, easily tolerable treatment for one of the most neurologically devastating conditions,” Michael Chopp, scientific director at the Henry Ford Neuroscience Institute, said in a statement.—Internet

Somali leader says Al Shabaab’s WFP ban worsens hunger

MOGADISHU, 5 March—Somali President Sheikh Sharif sheikh Ahmed on Thursday said the banning of the operations of the UN’s food agency in Somalia by the insurgent group Al Shabaab further deteriorates the humanitarian situation in the war-torn country. The Islamist rebel movement which is fighting Somali government forces late last month ordered the World Food Programme (WFP) to terminate its operations in Somalia accusing the agency of being “anti-Islamic”.

“The hunger in many parts of the country is further made worse by the refusal of anti-government groups for aid to reach those in need,” the president told reporters in a press conference at his residence in Mogadishu. The Somali leader also said the differences between WFP and the US over aid deliveries to Somalia would also obstruct humanitarian operations in war-wrecked nation.

The US says aid for the displaced Somalis could go into the hands of Islamist insurgent forces controlling much of south and center of Somalia while WFP accused the US of “politicizing aid”.

Speaking about the ships and their crews still held hostage by Somali pirates, the Somali head of state said the vessels and crews should be released “immediately and unconditionally”, saying the piracy was “un-Islamic, immoral and criminal”.

Fruit juice not linked to teen weight gain

HOUSTON, 5 March—There is no link between 100 percent juice consumption and weight gain in teens; in fact, the teens had more nutritious diets, US researchers found.

Lead researcher Dr Theresa Nicklas of the US Department of Agriculture/ARS Children’s Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine said the study found no association between 100 percent fruit juice consumption and weight status in the nearly 4,000 adolescents examined.

The study, published in the March/April issue of the American Journal of Health Promotion, also found those who drank more than six ounces of 100 percent juice a day also consumed more whole fruit and fewer added fats and sugars. Milk consumption was not affected by juice intake, the study said. Data for the analysis came from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2002.

Apples, nuts, oats boost immune system

URBANA, 5 March—An apple a day may indeed keep the doctor away by reducing inflammation associated with obesity-related diseases, US researchers say.

Gregory Freund, a professor at the University of Illinois, says soluble fiber found in oats, apples and nuts reduces inflammation associated with obesity-related diseases and strengthens the immune system. “Soluble fiber changes the personality of immune cells—they go from being pro-inflammatory, angry cells to anti-inflammatory, healing cells that help us recover faster from infection,” Freund said in a statement.—Internet
Green, Connell lead, upset Rocha chases at Honda

MELBOURNE, 5 March — Alexandre Rocha nearly stopped playing golf last year, until two moves by the International Olympic Committee changed his mind. And that’s just one reason why Rocha nearly stopped playing golf last year, until two moves by the International Olympic Committee changed his mind.

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S P O R T S

Accused doctor resigns from CFL’s Toronto Argos

TORONTO, 5 March — A doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug has resigned as team doctor of the Canadian Football League’s Toronto Argonauts. Dr. Anthony Galea resigned in early February after working for the team since 2003. Argos spokeswoman Beth Waldman said on Thursday. She said she doesn’t know when the team will replace the 51-year-old vascular surgeon who has also been charged in the US for having HGH known as Actovegin. The drug is extracted from cow eyeballs and has been used to treat a variety of conditions.

Smaller-than-life — former Calisto himself said his resignation was not publicized but could prove divisive and distracting for the team. “I am looking forward to taking the squad to Sweden and August and given the tremendous resource to the win against the Czech Republic, I can’t wait for the next game to come along.”

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Oceania Group I Davis Cup tie on Friday.

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Calisto initially took over the job in 2002 and returned to the post in 2008 after a spell in charge of Vietnamese V-League side Dong Tam. Details of his contract were not publicized but Calisto himself said his salary was “reasonable.”

Vietnamese media reported that Calisto would receive a monthly salary of at least 20,000 dollars (14,600 euros) plus expenses including the cost of two return flights to Portugal per year.

I’ve got support of England team-mates, says Terry

London, 5 March — John Terry says his England team-mates showed their desire to draw a line under the Wayne Bridge affair by giving the deposed captain their full support before Wednesday’s game against Denmark.

Terry has spent the last month as English football’s most vilified figure following his reported extra-marital fling with Vanessa Perroncel, the former partner of Manchester City left-back Bridge. Terry’s absence in the squad could prove divisive and distracting for the team. After such a traumatic period, it was feared Terry’s presence in the squad could prove divisive and distracting when the players met up for the Egypt friendly. But the 29-year-old’s claim was approached by several stars who offered him their backing in the build-up to Wednesday’s 3-1 victory.

Querrey handed Djokovic test in Davis Cup

BELGRADE, 5 March — America’s Sam Querrey faces a stern test in the shape of world number two Novak Djokovic when his country meets Serbia in their first-round Davis Cup. Querrey, 22, made his Davis Cup bow in 2008 as a late replacement in the USA’s first-round Davis Cup. Querrey, 22, made his Davis Cup bow in 2008 as a late replacement in the USA’s first-round Davis Cup.

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Injured Heineez sideline for three weeks

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Marseille, 5 March — Marseille’s Argentine defender Gabriel Heinecz will be out for around three weeks after injuring himself in his country’s friendly with Germany, his club announced on Thursday.

An X-ray revealed a small crack at the top of the right fibula, according to a Marseille statement.

Heinecz sustained the injury in a tackle by German striker Lukas Podolski in the 48th minute of Argentina’s 1-0 victory in Munich on Wednesday and was unable to continue.

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**WEATHER**

Friday, 5th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (41°C) and Minbu (40°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.20) inch and Putao (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2010 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2010 was 76%. Total sun shine hours on 4-3-2010 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (21:30) hours MST on 4-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th March 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-3-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-3-2010: Fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of March 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
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

Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010 opens

YANGON, 5 March — The opening ceremony of Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010, organized by Myanmar Industries Association, took place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the chairman of Myanmar Industries Association formally opened the exhibition.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the exhibition and visited the booths displayed at the exhibition.

Trials for Davis Cup 2010

YANGON, 5 March — The trials for Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV for 2010 to be held in Amman of Jordan from 19 to 26 April 2010 will be held at Theinbyu Tennis Court at 9 am on 12 March. The players may enlist at Myanmar Tennis Federation at Theinbyu Tennis Court at 3 pm on 11 March. Four players among the candidates will be chosen as the tentatively selected players and they will be undergone training from 15 March to 15 April. MNA

Altogether 60 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and members of Township Fire Brigade actively participated in the fire drill with the use of one fire engine, eight water bowzers and two water pumps of Township Fire Brigade and Township DAC under the supervisions of local authorities and township level officials.—MNA

Fire drill rehearsed at Bayintnaung Market in Myawady

YANGON, 5 March — A fire drill was held at Bayintnaung Market of Myawady Township Development Affairs Committee in Kayin State on 2 March.