Myanmar citizens must be for Myanmar and not be a stooge of any alien

Government, people and Tatmadaw have to harmoniously strive with added momentum for regional peace and stability and progress

Prime Minister
General Thein Sein
visits 50-bed People’s Hospital in Namhsan in northern Shan State.
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NAY PYI TAW, 9 March—Prime Minister General Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning and arrived in Lashio of Shan State (North) later in the morning.
Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Namhsan of Kyaukme District.
At Namhsan People’s Hospital (50-bed), the Prime Minister met departmental personnel and members of social organizations of Namhsan after comforting the patients.
Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that they were there to inspect security, peace and stability and development of Shan State (North) and fulfil the requirements. Namhsan was a town with poor transport in the past. Therefore, the government managed to ensure emergence of all-weather Namhsan-Hsipaw Road, Namhsan-Kyaukme Road and Namhsan-Mantung Road. Likewise, the 50-bed People’s Hospital is constructed for uplifting the health standard of the local people, while efforts are being made for (See page 8)

Bird’s eye view of Namhsan in Kyaukme District in Shan State (North).
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Political Parties Registration Law in supplement

Four supplementary pages carrying the Political Parties Registration Law issued under the Law No. 2/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar are inserted in today’s The New Light of Myanmar daily.
Environmental conservation — a must

Today, deforestation is rampant around the world causing the greenhouse effect, followed by other natural disasters such as soil erosion, desertification, and swollen rivers and creeks.

So, the international community has to get to the center of the global issue, seeking all possible means, establishing forests extensively, beefing up afforestation in deserts, and growing trees and plants in partly deforested areas.

Myanmar conserves aquatic and terrestrial sources and woodlands systematically by designating forest reserves, protected forests and sanctuaries in line with the Forestry Law. The Ministry of Forestry and related ministries have been establishing watershed areas, sanctuaries and special teak plantations in regions concerned.

Teak plantations are being nurtured along Bago Yoma mountain range for regional greening and regeneration of natural forests. In the forest reserves in Bago Division are plantations of such species of hardwood trees as Hsitabye, ironwood, Pyinma, and gum kino apart from teak. Regional greening projects have proved effective in the 13 arid districts.

Forests and trees encourage regional greening and temperate climate patterns and provide forest products. Here, conservation of forests and ecosystem is at the centre of the global process. In addition, wastes from industries, mining, and chemical industries are to be disposed in a systematic way since they are hazardous to aquatic animals.

Pollution of air, water and ground, and deforestation leads to environmental deterioration. Therefore, the people have to constantly participate in programmes inclusive of setting up plantations extensively the government has been implementing for environmental conservation.

**Tetlan GK book comes out**

**Yangon, 9 March**—The notes for general knowledge compiled by Captain Hla Shwe (Retd) was in circulation recently.

The book carries notes in detail on general knowledge for the cadets for military officer courses, SIP course and officers of government organizations and students.

The notes are divided into 11 sectors containing over 6,000 items of facts. The book was published by Chi Tay Than Literary House at Pale-3 Ward of Mingaladon Township.—MNA

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**19th graduation ceremony of UDNR held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March**—The 19th graduation ceremony of University for Development of National Races was held at the convocation hall of the university on 5 March.

Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu and Rector U Zaw Min Thein conferred certificates on the trainees.

The ceremony ended after making speech by CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu.

The chairman then cordially greeted the trainees. —MNA

**Work coord meeting of UDNR held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March**—Work coordination meeting on tasks of University for Development of National Races by State/Division Peace and Development Council representatives took place at the university on 4 March.

Vice-Chairman of the University Council of the UDNR Chairman of Central Selection Committee Chairman of Civil Services Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu made a speech. They passed the resolutions.—MNA

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**U Ohn Thwin presents his Credentials to Maldives President**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 10 March**—U Ohn Thwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Maldives, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Nasheed, President of the Republic of Maldives, on 7 February 2010, in Male.—MNA

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**University Council Meeting (1/2010) held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March**—Vice-Chairman of University Council of University for Development of National Races, Chairman of Central Selection Committee and Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu attended University Council Meeting (1/2010) of UDNR held at the university on 4 March.

Academic affairs were discussed at the meeting. The ceremony then concluded with concluding remark of the chairman.—MNA

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**13,742.39 acres of poppy fields destroyed in 2009-2010**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 March**—Upto 27 February 2010 during the poppy cultivation season in 2009-2010, a total of 13,390.09 acres of poppy were destroyed in States and Divisions.

From 28 February to 6 March, a total of 352.3 more acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in States and Divisions. Therefore, total acres of destroyed poppy plantation amounted to 13,742.39 acres. Among them, 35 acres of poppy were destroyed in Tangyan, Kutkai and Nan Khaita townships in Shan State (North), 253.75 acres in Phekhon, Hlinsang and Pinlaung townships of Shan State (South) and 63.55 acres in Mongphyat, Mongton, Mongping and Monghsat townships in Shan State (East).—MNA

Cover of the book “Tetlan (1)” featuring notes of general knowledge.—MNA
Israelis, Palestinians to begin indirect talks

JERUSALEM, 9 March—Israel and the Palestinians agreed to begin indirect, American-brokered talks, the US Mideast envoy announced on Monday—ending a 14-month deadlock in peacemaking and representing the Obama administration’s first substantive diplomatic achievement here.

The announcement, however, came just hours after Israel enraged Palestinians by announcing new West Bank settlement construction on the same day US Vice President Joseph Biden landed in the region to promote negotiations. Israel’s decision to build 112 new housing units on lands Palestinians claim for a future state highlighted the tough road ahead for those seeking peace in the region.

Also underlying the difficulties are sharp divisions between Palestinian moderates and militants as well as a hardline Israeli government opposed to many concessions seen as necessary for peace.

George Mitchell, the US envoy who is visiting the region, said in a statement that he hoped the indirect talks “will lead to direct negotiations as soon as possible.” And in what might have been a reaction to the latest Israeli move, he appealed to the two sides not to do anything that could jeopardize the talks.

Daily temperature in Singapore could rise by 4 degrees Celsius by 2100

SINGAPORE, 9 March—Singapore last month experienced the driest month in 140 years, and a new climate study projects that the city state’s average daily temperature could jump by more than four degrees Celsius by 2100.

According to Channel NewsAsia reports on Monday night, the new climate study, which was commissioned by Singapore’s National Environment Agency (NEA), projects that the temperature in the country could rise by between 2.7 to 4.2 degrees Celsius from the current average of 26.8 degrees Celsius. And the sea level around the city state could increase by 24 to 65 centimetres by 2100.—Xinhua

Funding cuts could lead to HIV ‘nightmare’


Michel Sidibe appealed to government and private donors to keep investing in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, an international financing institution. He said that cuts in donations will decrease the availability of free or subsidized lifesaving drugs to African patients.

An estimated 94 percent of patients on anti-retroviral treatment in Africa count on external donor funds to provide their medications, Sidibe said.

“If we stop now, if we reduce the financing, the people who are on treatment today … we will transform their hope for universal access into a universal nightmare, because they will start dying,” Sidibe told The Associated Press on Monday.—Internet

Gun battle erupts in Afghan Khost city, troops kill 2 militants

KABUL, 9 March—Afghan security forces killed Taliban attackers in Khost city, the capital of Khost Province in east Afghanistan on Monday afternoon after around two hours of fire exchange with them and bring the situation under control, provincial police chief Mohammad Yaqub said.

“The security forces eliminated two terrorists and now the situation is under control,” Yaqub told Xinhua.

Meantime, Amir Badshah, the director of Health Department in Khost city, told Xinhua that four policemen sustained injuries in the gun battle had been taken to hospital.

Earlier police in Khost city said that a militant hurled two hand grenades in a square in Khost city and another blew himself up.—Xinhua

US drone attacks kill five in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 March—Suspected US drone on Monday night fired five missiles at a house near Miranshah, the headquarters of North Waziristan tribal agency in northwest Pakistan, killing at least five persons and wounding four others, local TV channels reported.

The reports said that five missiles were fired hitting a house in Malay Khan Serai area. So far it is not clear as to what was the possible target of the attack of the spy plane, nor are the total casualties certain.

Xinhua

Colo rock slide rams boulders on bridge, highway

DENVER, 9 March—A rock slide punched gaping holes in a bridge and left huge boulders on Interstate 70, closing a 17-mile stretch in western Colorado and prompting Gov. Bill Ritter to declare a disaster emergency on Monday.

The slide struck around midnight Sunday near Hanging Lake Tunnel in Glenwood Canyon, a deep and narrow chasm about 110 miles west of Denver, the Colorado Department of Transportation said.—Internet

In this on 8 March, 2010 photo released by the Colorado Department of Transportation, a portion of a 17-mile stretch of Interstate 70, which has been closed after a rock slide, is shown in Glenwood Springs, Colo. The slide struck around midnight Sunday near the Hanging Lake Tunnel in Glenwood Canyon, a deep and narrow chasm about 110 miles west of Denver, the Colorado Department of Transportation said.—INTERNET

A newborn baby girl born to an HIV-positive mother in Paarl near Cape Town. Within five years, the world could shield all newborns from HIV, while making strides in reducing deaths from malaria and tuberculosis, the Global Fund to fight the three diseases has said.—INTERNET

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Xinhua
Brazil says trade sanctions on US products not to cause market shortage

BRASILIA, 9 March—Brazil’s Foreign Trade Chamber (Camex) said on Monday that the application of trade sanctions on products from the United States would not cause shortages in the Brazilian market.

The list of the US products, which will be subject to punitive import tariffs, was published by Brazil’s Official Journal on Monday, including shampoos, perfumes, cars, freezers, stoves, potatoes, cotton, beauty creams, methanol and paracetamol.

In August 2009, the World Trade Organization authorized Brazil to retaliate against the United States to offset the damage caused to Brazilian producers due to US cotton subsidies.

Camex executive secretary Lytha Spindola said the products included in the list would be imported at a higher price, but not to the point of preventing the purchase. “The consumer will manage to keep on buying despite prices rising. But if taxes were too high, it would come to a point that trade is blocked,” he said.

Camex, an agency affiliated to the Foreign Ministry, avoided including intermediate products in the list, which could bring problems to Brazil’s industry because of lack of supply.

According to the list, increases in import taxes, which vary between 22 percent and 100 percent, would become effective 30 days after its release. During this period there would be negotiations between Brazil and the United States that might result in suspension of the sanctions.

Turkey orders 20 Boeing 737 airplanes

ISTANBUL, 9 March—The Turkish Airlines and US Boeing company have finalized an order for 20 Next-Generation 737 airplanes, according to a statement by Boeing on Tuesday.

The order, valued at 1.6 billion US dollars at current list prices, includes 10 737-800s and 10 737-900ER airplanes.

Turkish Airlines currently operates a fleet of 66 Boeing airplanes, including 58 Next-Generation 737s.

The Boeing 737-800 is the backbone of the Turkish Airlines fleet and proves its value on a daily basis offering unmatched levels of efficiency and reliability.

Data show manufacturing exports support and sustain American jobs

WASHINGTON, 9 March—Exports of US manufactured goods supported more than 6.8 million jobs in 2008, according to a report released by the US Department of Commerce on Monday.

Two of every nine jobs in the manufacturing sector are tied to exports. These 6.8 million jobs represented 5.9 percent of total private sector employment in the United States, or roughly one out of every 17 private sector jobs.

“I’m encouraged by the results of this report and understand the challenges that our manufacturing sector faces,” said Nicole Y Lamb-Hale, assistant secretary for manufacturing and services within the International Trade Administration.

“Implementing the National Export Initiative will strengthen our ability to support US companies that are expanding sales into new markets,” he said. “The importance of exporting in sustaining and creating jobs cannot be overstated.”

Sony to start selling 3D TVs in Japan in June

TOKYO, 9 March—Sony Corp said it will launch 3D televisions in Japan in June, entering an increasingly crowded field of competition for what many see as the next hot product in the electronics industry.

Sony said it would begin selling 3D TVs in Japan on 10 June. The electronics and entertainment conglomerate expects a model with a 46-inch screen to sell for 350,000 yen ($3,875) and a 40-inch model to sell for 290,000 yen.

The sci-fi blockbuster “Avatar” and other recent titles have sparked massive interest in 3D movies, and electronics makers are now rushing to get flat panel TVs with three-dimensional visual effects to the market.

Sony Corp has announced plans to launch its 3D TVs in the United States on Wednesday, and cooperate with top US electronics retailer Best Buy Co in promoting them.

EU to remove antidumping duties on S Korean polyester fiber products

SEOUL, 9 March—The European Union (EU) will remove its anti-dumping duties against South Korean polyester fiber products next week, South Korea’s trade ministry said on Monday.

The removal of anti-dumping duties of up to 10 percent on polyester fiber products from South Korean companies is set to begin on 18 March, the ministry said, which have been in place since 1993.

The announcement comes following relentless calls by South Korean companies of polyester fiber to lift the EU’s antidumping tariffs on its products, which has reached 1.3 billion US dollars in exports to the EU countries in 2009, according to the ministry.

Daimler sells Tata Motors stake

FRANKFURT, 9 March—German auto and truck maker Daimler has sold its stake in Tata Motors of India and will go it alone in the rapidly growing truck market, a source close to the matter said on Monday.

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The Nano EV of the Indian carmaker Tata is displayed on 3 March during the Geneva International Motor Show at Palexpo.

A lot of the port of Rio de Janeiro is packed with vehicles and containers in 2008. Brazil said on Monday it would raise tariffs on 591 million dollars worth of US products in the latest twist in its showdown over US cotton subsidies it has blasted as unfair.
US Airways fined for violation of price advertising rules

WASHINGTON, 9 March —The US Department of Transportation (DOT) on Monday assessed a 40,000-dollar civil penalty against US Airways for violating rules that require airline price advertisements to disclose the full price consumers must pay for Air transportation.

“When consumers shop for air travel, they have a right to know how much they will have to pay,” said US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in a statement. “We will continue to ensure that airlines comply with our price advertising rules.”

The Department’s Aviation Enforcement Office found that when consumers searched the carrier’s website for one-way flights sorted by schedule, US Airways provided a set of fares that did not include additional applicable taxes and fees, or any notice on that page that these additional charges would be required.

UN boosts efforts to tackle food insecurity in Chad

UNITED NATIONS, 9 March— United Nations agencies are ramping up efforts to assist around 2 million Chadians who will require food aid this year because of poor rainfall and lean harvests, the world body said on Monday. Martin Nesirky, the UN spokesman, told a news briefing that an assessment by the government of Chad and its partners showed that around 2 million Chadians will require food assistance during 2010. “The World Food Programme has put in place a program of assistance to provide 47,000 tonnes of food for 750,000 people affected by drought in regions across the country,” he said. “Meanwhile, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the government have put in place a project to distribute 615 tonnes of cattle food, and a project to distribute seeds for 53,000 vulnerable households is planned.”

The FAO reported in November last year that Chad was one of 31 countries worldwide that are facing critical food insecurity due to a number of factors including prolonged drought, ongoing high food prices and conflict.

G20 countries need to remain vigilant against protectionism

GENEVA, 9 March—The Group of 20 (G20) major economies need to remain vigilant against protectionism despite the fact that they have thus far managed to avoid a significant intensification of trade or investment restriction, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said on Monday.

“Unemployment rates are expected to remain high throughout 2010. Coupled with uncertainties about when, and how strongly, sustained global economic growth will resume, this points to the need for G20 governments to remain vigilant in opposing protectionism,” the WTO said in a latest report.

It also called on G20 governments “to devise and announce publicly as soon as possible exit strategies from any trade restrictions or other measures with trade restrictive or distorting effects that were taken in response to economic conditions last year, so as to under-cut protectionist pressures in favor of making these measures permanent.” The report, prepared jointly with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), was aimed at assessing the G20 countries’ trade and investment measures since last September.

It noted that some G20 members had continued to implement new trade restrictive policies, in apparent contradiction to their pledges made at their summit meetings in London and Pittsburgh last year.

Peruvian gov’t to launch strategic plan to boost development

LIMA, 9 March—The Peruvian government will launch a National Strategic Development Plan next week, the National Centre for Strategic Planning announced on Monday.

The plan is designed to reduce poverty and rates of maternal and infant mortality, eradicate child malnutrition, and let the population have access to education, medicare and housing, according to the centre.

The program aims to reduce poverty from 36 percent to 13 percent, and increase per capita income from 4,417 to 7,900 US dollars over the next 11 years, the centre said.

Ecuador, Iran agree to build three hydroelectric centres

QUITO, 9 March—Ecuador and Iran agreed to build three hydroelectric centers in Ecuador, the Ecuadorian Presidency’s office said on Monday.

During an official visit of Ecuadorian Vice President Lenin Moreno to Iran over the last weekend, the representatives of both countries decided to construct three hydroelectric centers in Ecuador by using Iranian technology, with a hydroelectric generation capacity of more than 100 megawatts.

Acknowledging that both countries are geographically far apart, the Presidency’s office said that there should nevertheless be more visits between the two countries to enhance bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, tourism, society, culture and sports.

30 provinces on alert as bad weather hits Spain

MADRID, 9 March— A heavy snowfall hit Barcelona on Monday as 30 provinces were put on alert ahead of another bout of wind rain and snow. Snow fell at sea level in Barcelona as the Autonomous Community of Catalonia bore the brunt of the bad weather with over 60 roads affected. Further south snow was falling at 400 meters-altitude in Valencia region and the main motorway north out of Madrid towards Burgos, the N1, was also closed because of the weather. In the far south of Spain, the region of Andalussia was placed on yellow alert because of high winds and waves in coastal regions, while it was raining heavily in the Provinces of Granada, Almeria and Cadiz.
Eurotunnel turns profit despite crisis, fire

PARIS, 9 March—Eurotunnel turned in a slight profit last year despite the effects of the global economic crisis and a fire within the link that connects Britain and France, it said on Tuesday.

The group made a profit of 1.4 million euros (1.9 million dollars) in 2009 — far lower than the 34 million euros it made a year earlier.

The effects of a major fire in September 2008, including compensation payments, helped dent results during 2009, the company reported earlier. The fire broke out as a freight train passed through the tunnel, causing serious damage to the line. Full services were only restored in February 2009.

Sleep may be fountain of youth

CORVALLIS, 9 March—US researchers suggest a good night’s sleep may help fight deterioration due to aging. Researchers at the Oregon State University in Corvallis linked poorer health and earlier deaths to the absence of a key gene controlling the biological clock regulating the sleep cycle.

The fruit fly study, published in the journal Aging, found the flies without the gene lived just about as long as normal flies — unless they were subjected to stress.

When the researchers exposed the flies to a mild metabolic stress for 24 hours, they found no change in young flies, but middle-age and older flies showed significant damage beginning to occur.

“We’re beginning to identify some of the underlying mechanisms that may help explain why organisms age,” Nataraj Krishnan said in a statement.

“This study suggests that young individuals may be able to handle certain stresses, but the same insults at an older age cause genetic damage and appear to lead to health problems and earlier death. And it’s linked to biological clocks.”

Einstein’s relativity manuscript debuts in Israel

A visitor looks at a piece of the original manuscript of Albert Einstein’s “General Theory of Relativity” exhibited at “The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Jerusalem” on 7 March, 2010. Einstein wrote the 46-page manuscript in German in 1916 and donated it to the Hebrew University in 1925. The exhibit coincides with Einstein’s birthday on 14 March.

The complete original manuscript of Albert Einstein’s epoch-making theory of relativity were exhibited for the first time on Sunday in Israel.

The 46-page manuscript of the Theory of General Relativity, which was donated by Einstein to Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1925, were on its first public display at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

The exhibition, part of the events celebrating the science academy’s 50th anniversary, will be on until the end of March.

The Theory of General Relativity, which was published by Einstein in 1915, led to a revolutionary understanding of the structure and development of the universe. As the central principle of modern physics, Einstein’s ground breaking masterpiece made historic contributions not only to physics research, but also to technological development, creating basis for many scientific experiments as well as common instruments like the global positioning system.

Einstein, often regarded as the father of modern physics, is among the most influential and best-known intellectuals in the world.

Geraniums may control Japanese beetles

WOOSTER, 9 March—US agriculture researchers say geraniums might hold the key to controlling Japanese beetles, which feed on nearly 300 plant species.

Scientists with the US Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service say the beetle (Popillia japonica) costs the ornamental plant industry $450 million each year in damage.

Although the beetle feeds well on a wide variety of plants — including ornamentals, soybean, corn, fruits and vegetables — within 30 minutes of consuming geranium petals, the beetle becomes paralyzed, rolling over on its back and remains there for several hours.

Huge land deals threaten poor country farmers

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He said it was equal to the total area of farmland in France and a fifth of all agricultural land in the European Union.

Most of the dealings involved leases or the sale of land in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and eastern Europe.
Haiti frees US missionary; group leader still held

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 9 March—One of two Baptist missionaries still held on kidnapping charges in Haiti was released and flew to Miami on Monday, but the US group’s leader remained in custody.

Charisa Coulter, 24, was taken from her jail cell to the airport by US Embassy staff more than a month after she and nine other Americans were arrested for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti after the earthquake.

Coulter, wearing a red tank top and sunglasses, declined comment as she quickly got into an SUV that took her to the Haitian airport, where she caught a flight back to the United States.—Internet

Dubai World deal hope lifts markets, divides creditors

DUBAI, 9 March—Hopes of progress this week on Dubai World’s (DBWLD.UL) $26 billion debt restructuring lifted stocks and eased fears of default, but potential divisions emerged among creditors to the state-owned conglomerate.

Dubai World could put its plan to major creditors, which include HSBC (HSBA.L) and Standard Chartered (STAN.L), in London this week but was being delayed by efforts to value the assets of its Nakheel unit, builder of Dubai’s palm-shaped islands, bankers said.—Internet

Samsung Heavy inks floating LNG facility deal with Royal Dutch Shell

SEOUL, 9 March—South Korea’s Samsung Heavy Industries Co said on Tuesday it reached a contract with Royal Dutch Shell Plc to build a floating liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility.

The company, in its regulatory filing, said it has won the contract from Europe’s largest oil company, without revealing the exact amount.

While Samsung Heavy said it will publicize the value on 1 April, local industry sources estimated the value to be around 4 billion US dollars, local media Yonhap News Agency said.

In July last year, the shipbuilder signed an agreement with the European company to construct LNG facilities for up to 15 years, to which the recent contract is subordinate.

The July agreement stated Samsung Heavy, together with a French provider, design, construct and install multiple floating LNG facilities.

During the contract period, Royal Dutch Shell is expected to request around 10 floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) facility orders at a total value of 50 billion US dollars, Samsung Heavy has been saying.

In a separate filing, Samsung Heavy said it also has received orders to build nine tankers and an offshore facility worth a combined 750 million US dollars from Europe and Southeast Asia.

China Eastern to operate direct flight from Nanjing to Singapore

NANJING, 9 March—China Eastern will start to operate a direct flight from east China’s Nanjing, capital city of Jiangsu Province, to Singapore on 20 March.

The direct flight, to be undertaken by an Airbus A319, No MU771, will fly on every Monday, Thursday and on Saturday.

The flight will take off on 10:00 am from Nanjing Lukou International Airport and arrive at Singapore at 3:50 pm local time. The flight will fly back from Singapore on 5:05 pm and arrive at Nanjing at 11:00 pm.

The new route is expected to further enhance business and culture cooperation between China’s Jiangsu and Singapore, a spokesman from China Eastern said.—Xinhua

US announces 40 million dollars to develop Next Generation Nuclear Plant

WASHINGTON, 9 March—The US government on Monday announced selections for the award of approximately 40 million dollars in total to two teams led by Westinghouse Electric Co and General Atomics for conceptual design and planning work for the Next Generation Nuclear Plant (NGNP).

The results of this work will help the administration determine whether to proceed with detailed efforts toward construction and demonstration of the NGNP, said the US Energy Department in a statement.

If successful, the NGNP Demonstration Project will demonstrate high-temperature gas-cooled reactor technology that will be capable of producing electricity as well as process heat for industrial applications and will be configured for low technical and safety risk with highly reliable operations.

Final cost-shared awards are subject to the negotiation of acceptable terms and conditions.

“This investment reflects President Obama’s commitment to building the next generation of nuclear reactors that will create thousands of jobs and supply the clean energy our economy needs,” said US Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.—Xinhua

Shanghai economy overtaking Hong Kong

BEIJING, 9 March—Shanghai’s economy overtaking Hong Kong has been one of the most discussed topics during China’s ongoing NPC and CPPCC sessions.

Figures show, in 2009, Shanghai’s GDP was up 8.2 percent. While Hong Kong actually suffered a 2.7 percent decline.

Earlier, the Chinese mainland’s financial hub also said it has surpassed the SAR in terms of port handling capacity and stock market value.

Analysts say, competition does exist between the two cities. But cooperation is still seen as their top priority. Donald Tsang, Hong Kong SAR’s chief executive, also said in Beijing while attending the annual two sessions, that the most important thing for Hong Kong and Shanghai now is to look jointly for growth opportunities.—Internet

A costume of late Greek actress and Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri is seen at an art exhibition in Athens, capital of Greece, on 8 March, 2010. The exhibition “Melina-Education-Culture” was inaugurated on the International Women’s Day and will run to 8 April.—Xinhua

People visit the Volkswagen pavilion at the Belgrade Car Show in Belgrade, Serbia, on 8 March, 2010. The car show, opening on Monday, hosted 180 foreign and 190 domestic car manufacturers. Some 47 new car models and 38 motorbikes are exhibited.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 7 March, 2010 shows the illuminated African joint pavilion at Shanghai Expo park during the light debugging, in Shanghai, east China.

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He explained that all the national people residing in the Union are to forge the Union Spirit. In conclusion, the Prime Minister highlighted that Myanmar citizens must be for Myanmar and a Myanmar must not be a stooge of any alien nation or a Myanmar in disguise.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to effectively make use of sound foundations for promotion of socio-economic standard of the local people. The Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to join hands to safeguard the development infrastructures for durability.

In carrying out development of Namhsan Township, he urged the administrative bodies and the local people to cooperate in undertaking five rural development tasks with a view to improving the rural regions. He noted that health staff are to make field trips to the grassroots level to disseminate health knowledge about prevention against common diseases to the rural people so as to uplift the public health standard.

It is necessary to integrate agriculture and livestock breeding business for economic development, he said. All-out efforts are to be made for carrying out livestock breeding works on a commercial scale.

Namhsan was a town with poor transport in the past. Therefore, the government managed to ensure emergence of all-weather Namhsan-Hsipaw Road, Namhsan-Kyaukme Road and Namhsan-Mantung Road. Likewise, the 50-bed People’s Hospital is constructed for uplifting the health standard of the local people, while efforts are being made for enhancement of education standard, supply of electricity and improvement of telecommunication.
Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers address in meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Namtu.—MNA

Myanmar, China to deepen cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received a delegation led by Mr Hu Zhengyue, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and party at the Ministry here today.

The two sides discussed matters concerning strengthening of bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between Myanmar and China. Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department, Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and officials. The Chinese Assistant Minister was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo.

MRIA Vice-Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing meets General Managers Mr Shigemasa Miki and Mr Shigeharu Kato of Toyota Tsusho Cooperation (Food & Produce Department).—MNA

Victorious women’s team of Transport Ministry honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — At a ceremony to honour the women’s football team of the Ministry of Transport that secured champion in the 9th Inter-Ministry Women’s Football Tournament, Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport and wife presented K 2.6 million award to the football team.

The ceremony was held at the hall of Ahlon Shipyard of IWT, here, yesterday.—MNA

Road construction in Yangon inspected

YANGON, 9 March — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected construction of road linking No (5) Road and Dalla-Twantay Road here yesterday.

He also viewed the maintenance of Pan Hline Bridge and inspected steel girders to be used in construction of road network in Ayeyawady Division at Asia World jetty.—MNA

MRIA receives officials of Toyota Tsusho Cooperation

YANGON, 9 March — Vice-Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing of Myanmar Rice Industry Association received General Managers Mr Shigemasa Miki and Mr Shigeharu Kato of Toyota Tsusho Corporation (Food & Produce Department) and representative to Myanmar Mr Keiichi Kisara of Toyota Tsusho Corporation at UMFCCI Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa road here yesterday.

The two sides discussed mutual cooperation in agriculture sector, exchange of technology and cooperation in paddy sector. Also present at the call were General Secretary U Ye Min Aung, Joint-Secretaries U Myo Thura Aye and U Aung Zaw Oo.

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Next, the Prime Minister left Namtu and arrived back Lashio in the evening.

In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Mantung and Namtu Townships, the Prime Minister stressed the need for making continuous efforts to ensure the rule of law in Mantung and Namtu after restoring security and peace and stability. Regional development undertakings can be carried out only if there is peace and stability.

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The government on its part has been laying down and implementing projects for the development of rural and border areas for harmonious progress of the whole country. It has already established a transport network, the foundation for progress. At the same time it is opening more and more basic education schools and institutions of higher learning. It also is opening one arts and science university, one university of computer studies and one technological university in each of the 24 development regions.

In order to uplift the health sector, it is extending the number of hospitals and dispensaries and upgrading the existing ones providing doctors and other health staff all health facilities.

The nationalities of the Union should foster Union Spirit which is the true patriotism. Parents and teachers should cooperatively strive for all school age children to attend classes till completion of their education. The Prime Minister spoke of the need to provide effective health care for the people to enjoy disease-free life and longevity, to implement the five-year five-acre highland farm and five-acre tea farm project for farmers to enjoy economic prosperity till posterity. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw will have to harmoniously strive with added momentum for regional peace and stability and progress.—MNA
Shweli (3) Dam to be implemented in Shan State

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min views progress of Shweli (3) Dam Project. MNA

### Graduation dinner of UDNR held

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 March**—A dinner for the 19th graduation of University for Development of National Races took place at the university on 4 March. Vice-Chairman of the University Council of UDNR Chairman of Central Management Committee Chairman of Civil Services Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu cordially greeted trainees and hosted a dinner.—MNA

### Great chance for golf professionals

**YANGON, 9 March**—A press conference on organizing the Air Bagan Myanmar Open 2010, jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Asian Tour and sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd., was held at Sedona Hotel, here, on 6 March. Myanmar hosted the Asian Tour from 1996 to 2005 organized by Rotthams Pall Mall Co Ltd. After a five-year break, the tour will resume thanks to Myanmar entrepreneurs this year. Air Bagan will cost US$ 260,000, IBTC US$ 150,000 and Elite-Tech US$ 100,000 for the tour to be held at Pun Hlaing Golf Resort from 8 to 11 April 2010. Winner will bag US$ 50,000, and hold-in-one scorer will be awarded US$ 20,000 by Sun Far Travels & Tours. A total of 120 golfers from over 30 countries and 20 Myanmar professionals and four selected Myanmar professionals will take part in it. It will be a Grand Prix in Myanmar for the first time. Co-sponsors will be Elite-Tech, Sedona Hotel (Yangon) and Pun Hlaing Golf Resort.——NLM

### Newly enacted laws inserted as supplements in dailies, posted on notice board of Union Election Commission Office, sent to States, Divisions

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 March**—The Union Election Commission Law, the Political Parties Registration Law, the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law issued by the State Peace and Development Council dated 8 March 2010 are inserted as supplementary pages in the dailies. For public knowledge and study, the laws are posted on the notice board of the Union Elections Commission Office, and these laws have been sent to respective States and Divisions.——MNA

### Myanmar fly to India for IT Conference

**YANGON, 9 March**—A Myanmar delegation started their observation tour of India here yesterday. The delegation, which toured India at the invitation of Indo Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industries, includes Vice-Chairman U Thein Tun Pe, U Htin Aung Khine and CEC member U Min Swe Hline of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association. MCPA is a brother association of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. They will participate in IT Conference and INDIA SOFT 2010 Exhibition in their stay in India.—MNA

### Standards and Norms for Myanmar forests

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 March**—As part of efforts to conserve the Myanmar forests, the Ministry of Forestry organized a workshop on Standards and Norms at the hall of the Forest Department, here, this morning. Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tun of Planning and Statistics Department read the paper on General Perspective of Criteria & Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and chairmanship of the Myanmar Forestry Endorsement Committee U Shwe Kyaw, the paper on Standards and Norms for management of Myanmar forests for long-term existence and Director U Sein Tun of Forest Department, the paper on C&I for SFM implementation. A total of 75 representatives attended the workshop. Resource persons will submit 10 papers at the workshop that will last up to 11 March.——MNA
DVB storm news refuted

Shwedaung Famous Town for Cotton Longyi

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U Myint Lwin, Chairman of Township PDC

(from page 16) percent of the roads are tarred ones. The number of houses, hotels, and stores has increased.

The township has gained development momentum in such sectors as education, health and communication. In an interview with Chairman of Shwedaung Township Peace and Development Council U Myint Lwin, he explained to Myanma Alin Daily.

“The township is formed with three wards and 297 villages. It has 25-bed hospital and two station hospitals.

“Local people can now use GSM and auto-exchange telephones. In education sector, there are two Basic Education High Schools, four BEHS (branch) and two affiliated BEHSs. Pass rate of matriculation exam in 2008-2009 academic year is 34.48 percent.

In the township, groundnut is grown as edible oil crop zone.

Shwedaung Township is well-known as groundnut special zone as well as a township that produces fabric.*****

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (512)

Consignees of cargocarriedon MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (512) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 10.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.P 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.

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Sears Tower designer dies of complications

CHICAGO, 9 March—Bruce J Graham, designer of the former world’s tallest building and the existing tallest building in the United States, has died at the age of 84.

Chicago-based public relations firm SCC Grossman said on Monday that the designer died on Saturday of complications associated with Alzheimer’s disease. The 110-storey building in Chicago, designed by Graham and known as the Sears Tower when it opened in 1974, remained as the world’s tallest until the Petronas Twin Towers were opened in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.

The Chicago skyscraper was renamed the Willis Tower in 2009. Graham also designed Chicago’s 100-storey John Hancock Center building.—Xinhua

Crane are erected at the Dubai Marina, 2008.

The United Arab Emirates economy is expected to expand by 3.2 percent in 2010, in sharp contrast to an International Monetary Fund forecast of 0.6 percent growth.

INTERNET

Train derails in Belgium, no injuries

BRUSSELS, 9 March — A train derailed on Tuesday morning in the train station of the Belgian town of Mons, 53 km southwest of Brussels, causing no injuries. Corinne Altasse, a spokeswoman said, “There is a train that derailed this morning in the train station of Mons, it is not serious. There were no people in the train.”

This accident occurred around 6 am and the train was empty except the driver. Only the last wagon of the seven-wagon train derailed. The accident has caused traffic disruptions in the southern region of Belgium.

An accident expert of the Belgian Railways group (SNCB) is now at the scene to investigate. On 15 Feb, two passenger trains crashed headon near Brussels, killing at least 18 people and injured more than 150 others.—Xinhua

Two killed in wedding shootout in east Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 March—Two people were killed in a shootout during a wedding ceremony in east Nepal, local media reported on Tuesday. According to local media ekantipur.com, they were shot when an unidentified group opened fire at the wedding function they participated in Monday night at Majhnoluya village in Siraha district, some 150 km east of capital Kathmandu.

They died on the way to a hospital for treatment, ekantipur.com reported, citing the police. Police seized a home-made pistol from the incident site and arrested five people in connection with the incident, ekantipur.com said.—Xinhua

Audi ‘09 net income down 39 pct to $1.8 billion

FRANKFURT, 9 March—German carmaker Audi AG says its 2009 net income fell 39 percent to euro1.35 billion ($1.8 billion) as the economic downturn cut demand for its cars.

The Ingolstadt-based company earned euro2.2 billion in 2008. Audi said on Tuesday revenue fell 13 percent to nearly euro30 billion from euro34.2 billion in 2008. Total vehicle production fell 9.4 percent to 932,260 cars in 2009 from just over 1 million in 2008.

Audi is a unit of Europe’s largest carmaker Volkswagen AG.—Internet

Kenya flash floods death toll rises to 13

NAIROBI, 9 March—At least 13 people have been killed by raging floods and more than 10,000 others affected, the Kenya Red Cross Society said on Tuesday.

The Red Cross Communications Manager Titus Mung’ou said at least nine people had died as a result of floods and landslides while four others had been killed by lightning.

“At least 10,117 people have been affected by floods, landslides and heavy rains across the country in March,” Mung’ou said in a statement on Tuesday.

He said those affected included 2,100 in Mandera, 600 in Samburu and Isiolo, 1,200 in Garubatula, 2,000 in Tindere, 3,600 in Lokori, 420 in Marsabit and 197 in Moyale.

In Isiolo, the local Kenya Red Cross branch had started distribution of non-food items to 120 households in Garfasa area in Garubatula, said Mung’ou.

KRCS staff and volunteers worked jointly with the locals, Kenya police, Kenya Wildlife Service, British Army and Provincial Administration teams in evacuation of affected to safety.

Mung’ou said property of unknown value had been destroyed Samburu, Isiolo, Nakuru and other parts affected by floods.—Xinhua

11 Indian tigers killed since beginning of 2010

MUMBAI, 9 March—At least 11 Indian tigers have died since the beginning of this year, making the Indian tiger total figures below the official figure of 1,411, the Indian newspaper the Times of India reported on Tuesday.

Five tigers were killed in the reserves of the related states, while the other six dead in some states’ forests, Indian Environment Minister Jaipram Ramesh said on Monday, the paper reported.

Among the 5 deaths in the reserves, two each were killed because of the infighting in the northern-western state of Uttarakhand and the northeastern state of Assam, while the remaining one was poisoned in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, said Ramesh.

Last year, 66 Indian tigers were killed, among which 17 due to fatal hunting. The minister said his ministry will take more steps to protect the shrinking tiger population in the world. However, more and more tigers are facing the challenges of the existence due to the natural and artificial reasons.—Xinhua

Tycoon dies of cancer

BRISBANE, March—An Australian tycoon and owner of the world’s tallest residential building died on Monday after a two-year battle with cancer.

Mirvac managing director John Healy was 61 and was diagnosed with cancer in 2008.

He was the son of the late Mirvac founder Fred Healy and was said to have died peacefully at home, the company said in a statement.

Under John Healy’s leadership, Mirvac transformed its business from a major property developer, mainly in Sydney, into a diversified property group with a presence in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region, the statement said.

Xinhua
Moderate caffeine may not hurt heart

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 March — US researchers say it is unlikely moderate caffeine increases heart arrhythmia risks.

Researchers at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif., found those who reported drinking four or more cups of coffee daily had an 18 percent lower risk of hospitalization for heart rhythm disturbances and those drinking one to three cups each day had a 7 percent lower risk.

“Coffee drinking is related to lower risk of hospitalization for heart rhythm disturbances, but the association does not prove cause and effect, or that coffee has a protective effect,” lead author Dr. Arthur Klatsky said in a statement.

“However, these data might be reassuring to people who drink moderate amounts of coffee that their habit is not likely to cause a major rhythm disturbance,” Klatsky and colleagues looked at 130,054 men and women, ages 18-90 — with the majority age 50 and younger. About 2 percent — 3,317 participants — were hospitalized for rhythm disturbances. Fourteen percent in the study drank less than one cup of coffee a day, 42 percent drank one to three cups of coffee a day, 17 percent reported drinking four cups or more each day and about 27 percent were not coffee drinkers.

The findings were presented at a conference of the American Heart Association held in San Francisco.

Pine bark extract may help kidneys

CAGLIARI, 9 March — Italian researchers say pine bark extract may help counter kidney damage due to high blood pressure.

Researchers at G D’Annunzio University, Cagliari, Italy, say treatment with Pycnogenol — an anti-oxidant plant extract of a French pine tree — lowered urinary proteins from an average level of 89 milligrams per 24-hour period to 39 milligrams, much closer to the 30-milligram measure at which kidney function is considered sufficient.

“Kidney disease is a common problem for people with hypertension and is an equally ‘silent’ threat to the body. There are no warning signals and inefficient fluid removal may further increase the blood pressure, causing a vicious circle to set in,” lead researcher Dr. Gianni Belcaro said in a statement. “The results of this study demonstrated Pycnogenol’s ability not only to reduce blood pressure, but also to relieve the kidney damage caused by chronic hypertension.”

Belcaro and colleagues gave 55 hypertensive patients with early signs of impaired kidney function anti-oxidant medication Imperil but 29 patients also took Pycnogenol. Urine was collected at baseline and after six months of treatment.

Vitamin D critical to fighting infections

COPENHAGEN, 9 March — University of Copenhagen researchers report vitamin D is crucial to activating immune defences to fight off serious infections in the body.

Carsten Geisler said when specialized immune cells — T cells — are exposed to a foreign pathogen, it extends a signalling device or “antenna” known as vitamin D receptor, with which it searches for vitamin D.

“There are ways to preserve executive function — being able to make choices, plan, initiate action, inhibit impulses — a US newsletter advises. The Harvard Health Letter says executive function can be more important to functioning independently as one gets older than retaining memory because it can affect everything from walking speed to attention span to friendships and family ties.

Regular exercise can help preserve executive function. Avoiding high blood pressure and getting enough sleep each night can also help, the newsletter says. Other ways to maintain executive function include:

— Saying things aloud when making a plan because it encourages pausing and paying attention to the task at hand.
— Creating habits. If keys and other items are always in the same place, executive function is not needed to figure out where to find them. Making simple things “automatic” may help make complicated matters easier to handle.
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Food allergy disorder linked to gene

CINCINNATI, 9 March — US medical investigators say they have linked a food allergy–related disorder to a so-called master allergy gene. Researchers led by Dr. Marc Rothenberg at Cincinnati Children’s Medical Centre Hospital report identifying a region of a human chromosome that is associated with eosinophilic esophagitis, often called EoE, a recently recognized allergic disease.

The scientists said people suffering EoE frequently have difficulty eating or may be allergic to one or more foods, with symptoms varying with age; In children a major symptom is vomiting, while in older children food might become stuck in the esophagus.

The study suggests a suspected so-called master allergy gene might play a role in the development of the rare, but debilitating, disorder.

The researchers, supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, performed a genome–wide association analysis in children with EoE and healthy children. The investigators identified changes in genes within a region on chromosome 5 that were highly associated with EoE, with one gene that encodes a protein called thymic stromal lymphopoietin found more highly expressed in children with the condition than in children without the disorder.
Liverpool’s Champions League hopes take a battering

WIGAN, 9 March—Hugo Rodallega scored the only goal of the game as Wigan dented Liverpool’s Champions League hopes with a 1-0 victory at the DW Stadium here on Monday.

Fernando Torres had already hit the post when Rodallega made the most of poor defending from the Reds to fire the hosts in front just after the half hour.

And there was little response from Rafael Benitez’s side as they slipped to a ninth Premier League defeat of the season.

They are still just one point off fourth place but with nine games remaining, they are sixth in the table and Tottenham and Manchester City above them now have games in hand. It was Wigan’s second win of 2010 and their first in eight matches which sees Roberto Martinez’s side move four points clear of the relegation zone. —Internet

Liverpool’s Dutch forward Dirk Kuyt (R) and Wigan Athletic’s Scottish defender Gary Caldwell (L) compete for the ball during their English Premier League football match at The DW Stadium in Wigan. Wigan won 1-0.—INTERNET

Valencia draw a blank against lowly Santander

MADRID, 9 March—Valencia dropped important points in the fight for a Champions League place after they were held 0-0 at home by lowly Racing Santander on Monday in their Spanish First Division match.

With fourth-placed Sevilla losing, Valencia could have opened up a six-point cushion but they were never at their best with a number of players missing through injury and suspension.

A make-shift defence struggled especially against the skills of younger Sergio Canales but they still had the chances to see off the threat from Racing going forward.

The normally clinical David Villa shot straight at the Racing keeper Fabio Coltorti from six-yards out and then saw another strike come back off the post.

Racing also had their moments with Canales denied by the Valencia keeper Miguel Moya before the break and in the second half Santander had the better opportunities to win the match. —Internet

Valencia’s Dutch defender Hedwiges Maduro (L) vies for the ball with Racing Santander’s midfielder Sergio Canales during their Spanish league football match at Mestalla Stadium in Valencia. —INTERNET

Terry tough enough to take taunts says Lampard

LONDON, 9 March—Frank Lampard said the verbal abuse directed at John Terry by Stoke fans during Chelsea’s 2-0 FA Cup quarter-final win would make his club and England colleague all the stronger in a World Cup year.

Terry, 29, is still being taunted by opposition fans for his alleged affair with Vanessa Perroncel — the ex-girlfriend of his former Chelsea teammate Wayne Bridge.

The fall-out from the British press revelations led Fabio Capello to stop Terry of the England captaincy although the Italian manager stressed the centre-back remained part of his plans for this year’s World Cup in South Africa.

Sunday’s match at Stamford Bridge saw Terry respond to the jeers by setting up the opening goal for Lampard before scoring the second with a header that sent holders Chelsea’s Captain John Terry (R) celebrates with Chelsea’s Frank Lampard at the final whistle against Stoke City during their FA Cup quarter-final football match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 7 March.—INTERNET

Chelsea on their way to an FA Cup semi-final against another Premier League side, Aston Villa, at Wembley next month.

Fans key to Real comeback against Lyon - Ronaldo

MADRID, 9 March—Cristiano Ronaldo believes Real Madrid can overcome its 1-0 first leg defeat to Lyon and reach the Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday as they are still in the running for their first title since 2004, with some help from the fans.

Lyon “are a strong team physically, but it’s our turn to play at home,” said Cristiano Ronaldo.

Russia’s Pavlyuchenkova lands first WTA title

MONTELEBANO, 9 March—Russian teenager Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova claimed her first WTA title over the weekend after rain washed out much of Saturday’s play.

She won 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and then rested as the double final took place.

Pavlyuchenkova, the third seed, was earlier taken to a three-setter by Latvian Anastasija Sevastova in her semi-final which had to be played on Saturday after rain washed out much of Saturday’s play.

She won 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and then rested as the doubles final took place. Hantuchova had completed her match on Saturday before the rain, and she looked on her way to her fourth WTA title after racing through the first set. —INTERNET

Netherlands beats US 2-1 in World Cup warmup

AMSTERDAM, 9 March—DaMarcus Beasley may have boosted his World Cup chances. Jonathan Bornstein and Robbie Findlay did nothing to help theirs. And Stuart Holden joined the long US injured list.

The United States fell flat in Europe once again, losing to the third-ranked Netherlands 2-1 on Wednesday night in the Americans’ last match before coach Bob Bradley picks his World Cup roster.

“We had some moments in the first half that were OK, but I don’t think we put enough pressure on them,” said US midfielder Landon Donovan, who hardly touched the ball. “It took us too long in the second half before we made some real plays.”

Dirk Kuyt converted a penalty kick in the 40th minute after Bornstein polled on Wesley Sneijder’s arm in the penalty area. Kuyt sent his kick to the right of goalkeeper Tim Howard, who dived the other way.—INTERNET
Two massive earthquakes, different scenarios

CONCEPION, 9 March — The western hemisphere has been hit by two deadly earthquakes this year: the 7.3-magnitude quake in Haiti on 12 Jan and the other measuring 8.8 on the Richter scale in Chile on 27 Feb. But the impacts have been vastly different due to a combination of elements, including geography, comparative wealth, disaster readiness and level of infrastructure. The Chile earthquake has so far killed less than 500 people, while the weaker Haiti quake killed some 220,000.

WEATHER

Tuesday, 9th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (43°C) and Minbu (42°C).

Maximum temperature on 8-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 9-3-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-3-2010 was 70%. Total sun shine hours on 8-3-2010 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 8-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10th March 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, and Ayeayawady Divisions 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.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of Day temperature in the central Myanmar areas.
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Shwedaung famous town for cotton longyi

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Shwedaung, located in Bago Division (West), is a town in which Myanmar traditional See Longyi has been famous throughout the history. The township grows groundnut as a special zone. It is surrounded by Thegon in the east, Padaung in the west, Monyo and Natkalin in the south. It is situated on Yangon-Pyay road about eight miles to the south of Pyay.

In the town, there exist two famous pagodas, namely Shwenattaung and Shwemyathman. Shwenattaung pagoda is situated about four miles to southwest of Shwedaung. Shwedaung Township development affairs committee upgraded the four-mile-long road to pagoda into a tarred one. The road is beneficial not only to farmers from nearby regions but also to pilgrims. About one furlong to Shwedaung from Yangon-Pyay road is Shwemyathman pagoda which lies at the heart of Shwedaung.

In Shwedaung Township, Ngwegyi (6) cotton is thriving. So, Shwedaung textile mill creates jobs for local people. The mill operates with over 2,000 workers in day and night shifts. Shwedaung textiles are the best and most famous. Shwedaung is also famous for its Shwedaung longyi and Myanmar traditional See longyi produced from Kyeethe village, which is about ten miles southwest of Shwedaung. In the past, weaving of See longyi was the whole village’s livelihood. But, U Thein Myint family and other five now continue the business. In the time of Tatmadaw Government, Shwedaung Township has developed significantly. In the township, 80

65th meeting of MRCS on 19-20 March

YANGON, 9 March—The 65th central council meeting of Myanmar Red Cross Society will take place at theconvocation hall of Yangon University on 7 March.

Allotgether 36 trainees attended the course No. 1 and 58 trainees at the course No. 2.—MNA

MRCS have invited executive members of MRCS, Central Council members of states and divisions, state/division Red Cross Supervisory Committee Chairmen heads of state/division Health Department and Commanders of state/division Red Cross brigades state/division police force commanders to attend the meeting.—MNA