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- 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
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**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

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**General Thura Shwe Mann visits worksite of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) Construction Project.**

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 March—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy minister for Home Affairs, senior military officers and departmental heads, arrived in Pakokku on 13 March morning.

The General and party were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, Col Mya Tun Oo of Pakokku Station and officials.

At the Technical Training School (Pakokku) of the Ministry of Industry-2 near Pakokku-Myaing motorway, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and officials conducted the General and party round the lecture halls.

Construction of the training school has completed by 83 per cent. On completion, the lathe course, grinding course, mechanical course, coating course, mechanic course and welding course will be conducted at the training school.

The next day, the General and party arrived at Magway Industrial Region Project where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on facts about the industrial region, matters related to Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant Project, Gear & Transmission Plant Project and Technical Training School (Magway) Project and progress of the tasks.

After hearing the reports, the General asked facts about the projects. The General inspected construction of the Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant Project and the Gear & Transmission Plant Project and sites chosen for construction of Technical Training School (Magway) and jetty.

Heavy Turbo Truck Factory plans to manufacture one thousand 20-30 ton Left Hand Drive Heavy Truck (6x2 & 6x4) per year, and Gear & Transmission Plant will produce 700 pairs of Transmission System (Gear Box) yearly.

Technical Training School (Magway) will open the Automobile Engine Course, the Automotive Electrical System Course, the Automotive Transmission Course, the Automotive Chassis Course and the Advanced Course (See page 9).
PERSPECTIVES

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Say No-To Drugs

Nowadays various forms of narcotic drugs such as opium, heroin, opium oil and marijuana and stimulant tablets produced with the use of chemical precursors are spreading and being abused across the world.

The danger of narcotic drugs makes an impact on the society covering drug addicts and their families and drug traffickers. As such, all the people, countries and regions are carrying out tasks of narcotic drug eradication.

As the national duty, Myanmar is striving for narcotic drug elimination in full swing. At present, the 15-year narcotic drug eradication plan from 1999 to 2014 is well under way in the country. In implementing the plan the country has achieved considerable success.

The government is combating the production and trafficking various kinds of narcotic drugs with added momentum. In February 2010, a total of 219 drug-related cases were exposed. In addition, action was taken against over 300 culprits under the law who were involved in drug-related cases on opium, heroin, opium oil, marijuana and stimulant tablets.

Moreover, the government in cooperation with the local people destroyed the poppy plantations in some regions. In 2009-2010, over 14,000 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in some townships of Shan State (North), Shan State (South), Shan State (East) and Kayah State.

At present, the government is accelerating the momentum of combating narcotic drugs. The entire people are actively participating in the drug elimination tasks. As a result, remarkable success has been achieved in the eradication of drugs.

As the government manages to widely disseminate the knowledge on danger of narcotic drugs at the grassroots level, the narcotic drugs that threaten the human society will be wiped out in the near future.

Concordia to take part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 16 March—Concordia Int’l Co Ltd has arranged to participate in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 19 to 21 March. Concordia will display printers, copiers, cartridges, GPSs and digital scales at the exhibition.

Those wishing to buy the items imported by the company may contact it at Shwegan Plaza, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township (Ph: 01-544824, 558170, 540026, 09-5005912, fax-544199); SY Building, on 30th Street between 77th and 78th Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-36478, 69303 and 09-5067172); and No (114), Thiri Yadana Market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-420819 and 421362).

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Most of the townships in Ayeyawady Division are striving for boosting production of agricultural produce including summer paddy and beans and pulses. This summer, the local farmers in Danubyu, Zalun and Hinthada townships are busy in harvesting summer paddy, green gram and sunflower. At the same time, staff members of Irrigation Department are maintaining the embankments along Ayeyawady River in Hinthada.

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Western wrongs and human rights

BEIJING, 16 March—It’s a fact that Western countries today are far more technologically advanced than their Asian counterparts and their citizens live a “better life”. But that does not mean human rights are better protected in the West.

Instead, an honest examination would show human rights are far better protected in Asia, at least when it comes to the most vulnerable sections of society such as ethnic minorities and residents without citizenship.

Take healthcare. In the United States, the epitome of Western culture, it is difficult for a person without health insurance or enough money to get medical treatment. Visitors to the US, especially from poorer countries, may be refused access to healthcare.

In many European Union (EU) countries, the standard of medical treatment the underprivileged protected in other countries is far below their national standards. Are the human rights of visitors who fall ill in Europe and the US protected? Why is the fundamental right to health neglected by the very countries that claim to be the torchbearers of universal human rights?

A bulldozer works besides a building of the Municipal School Wilson de Oliveira Simoes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 15 March, 2010. A wooden structure building in the left school was collapsed around 12:00 on Monday and left nine children and one adult injured.—XINHUA

Japanese PM denies Futenma air base to be relocated to Tokunoshima

TOKYO, 16 March—Japan’s Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama on Tuesday denied that his government was considering relocating the US Futenma air base from Okinawa to Tokunoshima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture.

An article in the Sankei Shim bun newspaper on Tuesday said that Hatoyama had ordered a panel to study the feasibility of relocating the US military facility to Tokunoshima.

The report does not go beyond speculation and it is not true,” the Prime Minister said. “We have not yet reached a final decision.”

Tokunoshima is in 200 km north of Okinawa.

The coalition government led by the Democratic Party of Japan is currently looking for places to relocate tens of thousands of US military personnel after coming to a decision that a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) signed between Washington and Tokyo in 2006 was not feasible.

Under that plan, the Futenma facility would have been moved out of an urban area and into a less crowded part of southern island of Okinawa.—XINHUA

Six killed as roadside bomb hits car in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 16 March—Six people were killed as a roadside bomb struck a civilian car in Taleban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Monday, a Press release of provincial administration said.

“The incident occurred in Shah Wilko District at noontime as a result six civilians were killed,” the Press release added.

Afghan Interior Minister Mohammad Hanif Atmar also visited Kandahar on Monday to inspect the situation and take necessary steps to improve security there.—XINHUA

Afghan gov’t to send more police to Kandahar

KABUL, 16 March—Afghanistan’s government will provide more than 1,000 police reinforcements to the southern province of Kandahar after Taleban attacks killed dozens of people there ahead of a coming offensive on the militant stronghold, an official said on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Interior agreed with a provincial request for more security, Kandahar Gov Tooryalai Wesa said.

Wesa asked for more police after multiple bombs over the weekend killed at least 35 people in Kandahar city. The Taleban called the attacks a “warning” that they are ready for the war’s next phase.

Afghan and NATO troops are planning to move into Kandahar, the Taleban’s spiritual birthplace, later this year after securing another stronghold in neighbouring Helmand Province.

The southern push is part of a new counter-insurgency strategy and follows President Barack Obama’s decision to send 30,000 new American troops to Afghanistan to reverse militant gains.

Over 70,000 cases of A/H1N1 flu confirmed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 16 March—The Mexican Health Ministry said on Monday that 71,393 cases of A/H1N1 influenza have been confirmed up to 10 March, including 1,108 deaths.

Eighty-six cases and five deaths were registered in the recent two days, the ministry said in a statement.

Eight killed, 25 wounded in western Iraq bombing

RAMADI, 16 March—The death toll from a car bomb explosion in Iraq’s former Sunni rebel bastion of Fallujah on Monday rose to eight and 25 others were wounded, a local police source said.

“The reports said that eight people were killed and 25 others wounded by the car bomb earlier in the day,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the source said that seven people were killed and 13 wounded in the blast in Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, in the western Anbar Province.

An explosive-laden car, parked on a main street in Fallujah, detonated at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT), the source said. The blast targeted an Iraqi army patrol, but apparently missed its target and instead struck a crowd of construction labourers who gathered there waiting for employment for day-long jobs, the source said.—Xinhua
Global PC market to keep double-digit growth in coming years

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 March — Global personal computer (PC) market has been recovering and will keep the upward momentum with double-digit annual growth through 2014, market research firm IDC said on Monday.

PC shipments worldwide are expected to jump 12.6 percent in 2010 from the previous year, and grow at yearly rates of 13.9, 12.7, 11.5 and 11.3 percent respectively in the coming four years, according to projections by IDC. IDC noted that the expansions are driven by PC market rebound beginning from the second half of last year.

After a severely constrained first half in 2009, steeply discounted PCs along with improving economic conditions steered the market back into the black in the latter half, resulting in 2.9 percent growth of global PC shipments for the whole year.

“PC volume continues to grow in 2009 —fairst than in 2001 when a smaller recession produced a decline in PC volume. The positive 2009 results reflect lower prices and the fact that PCs are increasingly a must-have product,” Jay Chou, a research analyst at IDC, said in a statement.

Analysis by IDC showed that portable PCs acted as the key driving force behind the market rebound, with shipments increasing 18.4 percent in 2009 compared to 2008.

Mercosur-Israel free trade agreement to take effect next month

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 March — The free trade agreement (FTA) between Israel and the Mercosur bloc, which groups Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina, will take effect on 4 April, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Monday.

Israel is the first non-South American country to sign an FTA with the bloc. With the agreement, bilateral trade is expected to increase threefold in the next five years.

Lula made the announcement during a trip to Israel, where he is seeking to further boost bilateral economic relations, especially in the technology field, reports reaching here said.

Lula said that Israel is an ideal partner to help Brazil develop its nanotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

Putin justifies Russia’s Arctic rights

MOSCOW, 16 March — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Monday defended Russia’s claims for the Arctic continental shelf and called for dialogue to resolve disputes. “There has been a great deal of speculation about the Arctic lately, Putin told members of the Russian Geographic Society, referring to some neighbouring countries’ reaction to the emergence of the Russian flag in the continental Arctic shelf.

“We have been working within the limits of the rules formulated by the United Nations and on the basis of maritime law,” Putin was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency.

Russia and other Arctic Council member states are scheduled to attend an international conference on the Arctic on 22-23 April in Moscow.

Putin urged the participants of the conference to discuss the existing disputes in a calm and friendly way and listen to each other rather than scaring each other with problems that do not exist.

International interest in the Arctic has intensified in recent years as global warming thaws waterways that used to be choked with ice almost year-round and polar countries scramble to lay claim to seabed resource rights. Russia, the United States, Canada, Sweden, Finland and Norway have all beefed up their military presence in the region, which is estimated to hold 90 billion untapped barrels of oil.
**Malaysia to play active role in international arena**

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 March—Malaysian Supreme Head Mizan Zainal Abidin said here on Monday that the Malaysian government will continue to play an active role in the international arena.

This was to ensure that Malaysia will always voice and contribute its views and efforts towards the preservation of international peace, security and prosperity, said Mizan when delivering his opening address at the country’s third session of the 12th Parliament.

“We are pleased with the progress made in the area of regional cooperation especially with the adoption of the ASEAN Charter in pursuit of the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015,” Mizan said.

Mizan also said that Malaysia’s foreign policy and national interest would continue to be promoted and safeguarded in order to enhance its ties and cooperation with foreign countries in various fields.

To enhance Malaysia’s capability to compete for wider and exclusive markets, as well as wooing foreign investments, Mizan said that the Malaysian government was committed to liberalizing trade and identifying potential countries and regions to engage in free trade agreement negotiations.

**Russia, India mull uranium joint venture**

MOSCOW, 16 March—Russia and India could set up a joint venture to prospect and mine uranium, the head of Russia’s state nuclear giant Rosatom said on Monday.

The joint venture might operate at the Elkon uranium field in Yakutia, Rosatom chief Sergei Kiriyenko was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

Kiriyenko said the two countries might jointly build nuclear fuel manufacturing facilities in Russia and India.

He added that cooperation between Russia and India would not be restricted to fuel manufacturing and nuclear plant construction, saying nuclear power equipment manufacturing might also be localized in India.

Russia and India signed an agreement to construct up to 16 nuclear power units at three Indian sites during Prime Minister Vladimir Putin’s visit to New Delhi last week.

Kiriyenko said earlier that 12 of the units, including the first two already under construction at the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in southern India, were to be built under a “road map” signed on Friday.

**Iran to send satellites to higher orbits**

TEHERAN, 16 March—An Iranian aerospace official said that Iran will send heavier satellites to higher orbits within two years, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Tuesday. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s declaration about sending heavier homemade satellites into the higher orbits will come into effect within two years, Managing Director of Iran’s Air Industries Organization Manouchehr Manteqi told Fars on Monday.

“The promise made by the President on launching heavier satellites into the higher altitudes...will come into practice in less than two years,” Manteqi was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

**US to help train Cambodia’s peacekeeping forces**

PHNOM PENH, 16 March—Visiting US high-ranking military officer Gen William Crowe has accepted a request by Cambodia’s National Centre for Peacekeeping Forces and ERW Clearance (NPMEC) to train Cambodian forces on peacekeeping mission, official news agency AKP reported on Monday.

The request was made by Gen Sem Sovanny, general director of the NPMEC, during a visit to the Oudong military training school on 11 March by Gen William Crowe who is in charge of South Asia and ASEAN affairs office under the US Department of Defence, AKP said.

The visit to Cambodia is made according to the advice by leaders of the US Department of Defence after a meeting in Washington between a Cambodian military delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Gen Tea Banh and the US Secretary of Defence Gen Robert Gates, said Gen William Crowe.—Xinhua

**Vietnam to build north-south express railway**

HANOI, 16 March—Vietnam is planning to build a north-south express railway, the country’s biggest transportation project ever, according to the Vietnam-Japan Consulting Joint Venture (VIC) here on Monday. This project is part of the country’s railway transport development strategy by 2020 with a vision to 2050, approved by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung last November.

The railway will start from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. The Hanoi-Ho Chi Minh City express railway will be 1,570km long, with 27 stations. The trains’ top speed will be 300 kilometres an hour.

The four-phase project is estimated to need an investment of over 55.8 billion US dollars. The money will be sourced from the state budget, the Vietnam Railway Corporation and other investors.—Xinhua

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**A herdsman pulls his horses to board the train in the Nil River Valley, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 5 March, 2010.**—Xinhua

**Military forces work to clean the streets of Talcahuano, Chile, on 15 March, 2010. The quake-stricken Chile is focusing on the restoration work after an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit the country on 27 Feb, killing at least 497 people.**—Xinhua

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Tourists take photos of Yunnan snub-nosed monkey in Shangri-la County, Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Oct, 2009. Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen attracted more than 4 million tourists home and abroad in 2009.—XINHUA

Journalist killed in southern Mexico, 4th in 2010

MEXICO CITY, 16 March—A journalist has been killed in southern Mexico, the fourth slain in the country so far this year.

The leader of the journalists union in Guerrero state says Evaristo Pacheco worked for the regional weekly Vision Informativa. Police say he was shot to death on Friday after being snatched from a nightclub in the state capital, Chilpancingo.

The Press group Reporters Without Borders on Monday accused Mexican authorities of not doing enough to stop such attacks. The official death toll for Mexican journalists is four. The International Press Association says a fifth was recently killed in the border city of Reynosa, but media outlets there are too afraid to file a police report.—Internet

Babies inborn to response to music rhythms

Infants are inborn to move rhythmically in response to music, media reports said quoting a new study on Monday.

Psychologist Marcel Zentner, who led the University of York team, said: "Our research suggests that it is the beat rather than other features of the music, such as the melody, that produces the response in infants."

"We also found that the better the children were able to synchronise their movements with the music the more they smiled."

The findings, based on a study of 120 infants aged from five months to two years, suggest that humans may be born with a nature to move rhythmically in response to music.

During the experiments, infants listened to a variety of stimulating sounds including classical music, rhythmic beats and speech. The researchers found the babies moved their arms, hands, legs, feet, torsos and heads in response to the music.

Two staff workers with the Wild Animals Rescue Centre of Cangzhou gave treatment to a poisoned white-naped Crane, in Cangzhou, north China's Hebei Province, on 13 March 2010. A white-naped crane and a grus common crane found poisoned received timely treatments.—XINHUA

Taleban attack foreign troops in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 16 March—Militants attacked German troops in Chardara District of Kunduz Province in northern Afghanistan, an official said on Tuesday.

"The attack occurred in Qasab village on Monday evening when the German and Afghan forces were attempting to establish checkpoints in the area," an official with the press department of Germany's Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Morten told Xinhua.

Giving only one name, the official also admitted that two military vehicles were slightly damaged in the fighting lasting for hours.

There were no casualties on the troops, adding the militaries after suffering casualties fled the area.

Meantime, a Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media via telephone from unknown location confirmed the battle and said his men had inflicted huge damage to the German soldiers, a claim rejected by Morten as groundless.—Xinhua

Thief returns stolen wallet decades later

Police in Vansbro, Sweden, said they received a wallet from an anonymous individual who admitted stealing the item at a party 40 years ago.

The Local said the thief also replaced the stolen funds initially found in the wallet with cash it contained while attending the party.

The individual said he misplaced the stolen item in the years since the party and only recently located the wallet by accident.

"I have bitterly regretted what I did and the problem was that I forgot where I had put it," the anonymous thief said in the letter.

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Vansbro Police Chief Lars Johansson said officers immediately attempted to locate the former owner of the wallet after receiving it from the repentant thief.

"Unfortunately he is now deceased but we will pass on the wallet and money to his relatives," Johansson said of the wallet’s true owner.

British boy kidnapped in Pakistan freed

ISLAMABAD, 16 March—A British boy who was kidnapped in Pakistan earlier this month has been released, a relative said on Tuesday.

"He is safe," said Raja Basharat, the boy’s grandfather.

Police in Jhelum, the town where Sahil Saeed was kidnapped, had said the gunmen who abducted him after holding relatives at gunpoint for several hours took away 150,000 rupees ($1,750) and some gold and later demanded a 10 million rupee ($118,000) ransom.

The circumstances around his release were not clear. "It is fantastic news which brings an end to the traumatic ordeal faced by Sahil and his family," the British High Commissioner in Islamabad said in a statement. Interior Minister Rehman Malik had said he suspected relatives were involved in the kidnapping.—Internet

US military hands over prison to Iraqi government

TAJIK, 16 March—The US military handed over control of a prison holding some 2,000 detainees to Iraqi authorities on Monday as the Americans move ahead with preparations for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

"Most of the Tajik prison’s detainees are low and midlevel militants who were arrested by American troops, said Maj Gen David Quanton, commander of detainee operations.

A small number have been convicted of crimes, he said. Control of prisons is a sensitive issue for many Iraqis.—Internet

British man Philip Levine, 28, instead of getting depressed about his bald head, decided to embrace his baldness and have fun with it. Levine hired a professional body painting artist Kat Sinclair to paint different scenes on his scalp.
Sights set on industrial development

Thitsa Road tarmacked in Yankin Township

YANGON, 16 March—As part of efforts to ensure smooth and secure transport for Yangonites, the Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee is repaving roads with the use of heavy machinery day in, day out. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, looked into tarmacking of sections of Thitsa Road in Yankin Township this morning.

The four-lane Thitsa Road, 12,000 feet long and 48 feet wide, links Thanthuma Junction of South Okkalapa Township and Kaba Aye Pagoda Junction in Yankin Township.

US Embassy Consul holds consular meeting with Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — As a gesture of taking heed of the request of the US Embassy, Consul Mr. Colin P. Furst and a member of the US Embassy were allowed to hold a consular meeting with prisoner Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin who was naturalized as a US citizen at the office of the in-charge of Pyay Jail in Pyay at 12.55 p.m. on 12 March. — MNA

Applied GPS & Google Earth Software course to be conducted

YANGON, 16 March—Concordia Int’l Co. Ltd will conduct certified advanced land-survey course (6/2010) and applied GPS & Google Earth Software course at Concordia training hall in Shwegondine about 2:50 p.m. at the same day, ravaged nine houses.

Talks on agricultural equipment held

YANGON, 16 March—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Rice Millers’ Association, Pioneer Post-harvest Development Association and Kett Electric Laboratory of Japan, talks on crops moistures measuring instruments was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here today. Vice-President U Sein Win Hlaing of MRMA made a speech and so did Managing Director Mr Chua Chai Lee of Global Instruments Pte Ltd. Chairman of Pioneer Post-harvest development association and General Secretary Dr Myo Aung Kyaw of MRMA explained the purpose of holding the talks.

Manager Mr Norihiro Yoshida of Kett Electric Laboratory donated two sets of instruments to General Manager U Soe Win of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading.

Fire destroys houses

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — About 100 houses in Taungmyo village of Sartaung village-tract in Sagaing Division were destroyed in a fire broke out at about 1:50 p.m. on 14 March. A forest fire in Sayasan village, 10 miles far from Tamu of the division at about 2:50 p.m. at the same day, ravaged nine houses.

Fire Services Department is issuing public warnings to prevent tragedies caused by fire.— MNA
One day, a high school friend of mine, as well as an anaesthetist, gave me a phone call at about 8 pm. He said, “Hi, Min Swe, I am now having dinner with my wife. He says he can’t wait to see you. Guess who he is?” I said, “If so, he must be an old friend of mine.” “Oh, you are feeling to get frustrated in such a critical moment. Here is your old friend. Talk with him.” So, I had to hold on the phone. I was shocked to the core of joy when I heard the voice of my old friend on phone. He is my close friend. I still recognized his voice very well. We had not met each other for more than 20 years. He is a doctor. In early 1988, he left Myanmar for England. I have learnt that he is a specialist there. I wondered for what purpose he was in Myanmar: on a visit or he returned home for good to serve the people of the art of giving health care. I was so excited to see him that I rushed to the restaurant where they were having dinner.

On my way to the restaurant, my school days together with him brought back memories. He and I met in Ninth Standard A in Lammudaw (St. John’s School). I was a boarder at school. His house was only one bus stop from the school. His parents were both government staff members, and they resided in the staff quarter of the ministry. The boarders were not allowed to go outside the school, except on Sunday. On Sundays, I used to study together with him in his home. Despite being a high school student, his English was so good that he could read Newsweek and Time magazines. I thought that he would go abroad for further studies one day and then he would become a reliable citizen. In the matriculation examination in 1975, he got highest mark in English on 86 the whole Myanmar. Then, he joined the University of Medicine (1). When he completed his medical studies, he came to Mon State. And said that he wanted to run a private clinic in a village where there was no doctor. He helped him open a clinic at Zeeybythaung Village in Ye Township.

He returned to Yangon in May 1987 with the aim of attending a post-graduate course there. At the end of December that year, he came to Kyiakhimi where I lived. He said, “Min Swe, I am going to England. I plan to continue my education, working there. So, I have to pay 50,000 kyats as compensation. Would you please borrow me 30,000 kyats?” The amount of money he asked me for was rather high for me. I was a salt farming entrepreneur, but all the money I had was in my investment. I had yet to buy a house in Kyiakhimi for my family, for which the house belonging to my parents was not much comfortable. In addition, I did not have enough money in hand to buy my good lady a complete set of jewellery. At that time, 30,000 kyats was enough to buy a fine house in my town home and a complete set of jewellery for my wife. Nonetheless, I thought over and made a decision overnight to provide money, rather than lending him, with the hope that he would be in the service of the people after he completed his further studies abroad. And the thought of such a assistance to him would be beneficial to the people to a certain degree.

The following morning, I wrote a letter and sent him with it to salt broker U Baw Lone on Latha Street in Yangon. “Here is the letter asking money from U Baw Lone. U Baw Lone has to pay me money for the salt he has bought from me. Go and get the money you want from him. I will inform him about this case on phone. You don’t need to pay me back this money. Return to our mother country after you completed your studies in England. It would be greatly appreciated if the experiences and knowledge you would gain there would be beneficial to Myanmar.” I saw him off at the bus stop till he got on the Hilux stationed by the Independence Monument in downtown Kyiakhimi.

About one year after his departure, he wrote to me, saying that he continued his education; and that he had called his wife and kids to England. I realized that he had planned to settle down there. And he was no longer for Myanmar although he was a Myanmar. Something for which I felt sad was that the country had lost an educated person, not for the money I had supported to him.

Thinking about my past experiences, I got to the restaurant. I was in haste to search him in it. As soon as I found my old friend with a bald head, I went to the table and put my arms around his shoulders from his back. He stood up and embraced me. Out of joy, I had my eyes filled with tears. Beside him was his good lady, and one of his schoolmates in university who I did not know. I had a lot of words and a lot of questions with him. He said, “I will come to you tomorrow. Would you fetch me in my father’s home?” Then, I realized that only the following day would he have a long conversation with me.

The following morning, I fetched him in his father’s home. There we had a frank conversation for a long time. I said, “Why don’t you come back and work here? The specialist, whose degree is the same as yours, is not getting any younger.” He said, “You’re right, friend. I have been thinking of coming back to my country for good. Another reason is that I am here to look for a place where you would be beneficial to the people to a certain degree.”

On his way back from my home, he said, “I borrowed 30,000 kyats from you in early 1988 for traveling expenses. Now, I want to settle the debt.” An amount of 50,000 kyats was valuable at that time. However, my cash circumstance was with no strings attached. I said, “Friend, I have told you several times that it was the money I supported, not I lent you. What I want to get back from you is your service in the public interest, not the money. But, my wish never comes true. Now, I am poor, if compared with you. But, what I want to get back from you today is your service, not money. I am still hoping your service for our country and people. You must be for Myanmar people.”

I arrived at Bago-Thanetpin road on a motorbike after going down Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago. Bago-Thanetpin road is smooth and wide with golden paddy fields on both sides. It didn’t take me long to reach there by the smooth road. Then I arrived at Ohnohne village after passing through Kamase and Yitkan villages. At the entrance to Ohnohne village was the machinery pumping out gas to Yangon. I found a neat and tidy station hospital in the village. Although Ohnohne is 2 miles from Bago, the ancient Myanmar road led me reach within half an hour. I drove the motorbike down to the fields. The stretches of the fields seemed endless. While driving the motorcycle, I happened to sing a song Lu-se-chun (An outstanding person). But when I reached a stanza, I could not continue the song. My eyes were streaming as I remembered a friend of mine, who is a physician serving the interests of Britons by living in Manchester, England. He is a brilliant one but not serving the interests of Myanmar.

I drove down the field, seeing ladies gathering beans. Farmers are earning good income this year as rice and beans are in good demand. I arrived in Mamawk village after passing through Latiprankahse, Aye, Nyaungbo, Ngwepon, Aungmingtha and Wepatan villages. All the villages are fitted with neat and tidy schools at high, middle and primary levels. There are also a lot of brick and wooden houses with corrugated iron roof. Tractors, troller-Gs and motorbikes were going about. It is ridiculous that in 2007 Tu Maung Nyo wrote an article in Majima Journal describing that Myanmar farmers were poor. At the roadside shops were villagers talking on the CDMA phone. The village roads are installed with lamp posts. When I first arrived in the region three months ago, I asked the Ward Peace and Development Council chairman if the region was secure and if there were any criminal cases such as theft, looting, robbery and murder. He replied that there were no such cases and that they had to deal with arguments between the married couples sometimes. After eating light meals at U Maung Win’s restaurant in Maman village, I drove to TadaU village. In the villages along the route live PaO, Kayin, Mon and Bamar nationals. With those villages developing in all aspects, the local people are enjoying fruits of democratic change.

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Five Ayeyawady Bridge Construction Projects ...

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Courses such as Automobile Production Technology Course and Automobile Inspection Course for turning out automobile technicians.

On 13 March, the General and party heard reports on construction of bored piles simultaneously on the banks of Letpanchaypaw and Pakokku and Yaylekyun, earnest efforts being made on construction works day in, day out starting from 15 December, 2009, works being carried out meeting set standards, completion of work by 11 per cent and availability of funds and arrival of heavy machinery at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) being implemented by Special Projects Construction Group (3) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Pakokku.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented a forecast on charges in the watercourse of Ayeyawady River in the coming rainy season and condition of weather. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min explained works to be done for construction of approach railroads on the banks of Pakokku and Letpanchaypaw.

The General called for timely completion of construction work meeting set standards and minimizing loss and wastage, and viewed the worksite from the viewing deck. He inspected construction of foundation of main bridge at the worksite.

On 14 March, the General and party went to worksite (See page 10)

General Thura Shwe Mann visits main building and lecture halls of Technical Training School (Pakokku).

Myanmar people ...

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produce salt not only for public consumption but also for industrial raw materials. If salt production is extended in Ayeyawady and Tanintyay divisions and Mon and Rakhine states, mangrove forests and farmlands will be damaged. So, the Head of State gave guidance on boosting salt production in Bago region and reclamation of 20,000 acres of salt land and 2,000 acres for 2009-2010. After some salt entrepreneurs from Mon State conducted feasibility study, eleven businessmen including me are working hard at 2,000 acres of salt farms in Bago.

Just as I drove the motorbike to the salt farm, I refreshed my self. White salt is beginning to be adhered to the surface of the salt farm. Despite some difficulties in working on the farm, I feel happy. Now I am 52 and have passed over half of my life. I do not have much time to live. Before I am on my deathbed, I have produced salt for the survival of the Myanmar people. I could produce industrial raw salt necessary for building an industrial nation. As a Myanmar citizen, I have served for the Myanmar people. So I can even accept my death now if it so happens. Otherwise, I will feel happy to continue to live.

After leaving the salt farm, I placed my motorbike in Bago and drove a Sunny pick-up to Nay Pyi Taw. After a 10 minutes’ drive along Phayagyi-Bawnatkyi road, I reached Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Express way, which is a four-lane road. Ground work is being done to upgrade it into an eight-lane one. Air-conditioned passenger buses and other various cars such as Land Cruiser, Parado, Pajero, van and saloon were going past my car. At the speed I drove, it would take about four hours to reach Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon (Htaukkyant). The cars overtaking mine could take about three hours to reach there. Yangon is not far from Nay Pyi Taw as the road is smooth.

I got to Nay Pyi Taw at about 6 pm. I drove up to a hillock in front of Myoma Market on which are many restaurants. From there, I was thinking why England and America had become developed democracies. English people are for England. Americans love America most. Americans are for America. For those strong spirits, they have become so. Likewise, thanks to the efforts of Myanmars who love Myanmar most and those thinking Myanmar is for Myanmar people, the nation has developed to a certain degree. And this is due to the concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. It is necessary to maintain such developments on a collaborative basis. The people have to work harder for more national development. I strongly believe the Union of Myanmar will surely become a developed democratic nation in the international community if followers of alien countries, so-called Myanmar citizens used by alien countries and those working for alien countries despite being Myanmar citizens do their bit in nation-building tasks with the concept that Myanmar people must be for Myanmar.

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All downtown roads are always neat and tidy reflecting the constant efforts of employees of the development committee. I would like to express my words of praise for their daily efforts for cleaning and beautifying the town.

A place we planned to visit when we arrived in Taunggyi is Myoma Market. The market was packed with national races such as Shan and PaO in their traditional dresses. Trading is brisk at all markets in Taunggyi on the fifth day of the market where agricultural produce grown on their own region are available at fair price. The hustle and bustle of the market place symbolized peace and stability of the region. As part of the drive for uplift of education and for turning out human resources to shape the future of the nation, Taunggyi University and Technological Universities have been opened for enabling local youths to have easy access to tertiary education and for turning out human resources to shape the future of the nation. The main roads in Taunggyi are Bogyoke Road, Yongyi Road, East Ring Road and West Ring. Modern and beautiful buildings occupied on both sides of the roads. It is the fruitful result of economic growth. Remarkable progress can be witnessed in Taunggyi parallel with peace and stability. Whenever I visited there I noticed at least a change for the better in every sector.

The main bridge will be 3215 feet long and it will have 28 feet wide motorway and 14 feet wide area for the railroad. The bridge will have three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The facility will be a rail-cum-road bridge. The lower structure of the bridge is of reinforced concrete and the upper structure, of steel frame type. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. At present, piers are under construction with the use of four bored piling vibrators, and construction of piers has completed by 35 per cent.

On 14 March, the General and party visited the Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) Project and the Magway Industrial Region of the Ministry of Industry-2 after attending the opening of Thayet-Minhlra railroad section, and arrived back here in the afternoon.
**Nigeria militants set off bombs, step up threats**

LAGOS, 16 March—Militants in Nigeria’s oil-producing region detonated two car bombs on Monday near a government building where officials were discussing an amnesty deal, setting off an explosion that killed two people and causing panic, a government spokesman said.—INTERNET

**Quitting smoking improves artery health**

BEIJING, 16 March—Smokers who quit have a significant improvement in the health of their arteries within a year of their last cigarette, as media reported quoting a new study on Monday. The improvement is the equivalent of a 14 percent reduction in the risk of cardiovascular disease, according to the University of Wisconsin-Madison study.

“A lot of people are afraid to quit smoking because they’re afraid to gain weight,” said the study’s leader, Dr James Stein, a University of Wisconsin-Madison cardiologist. The research shows the people gained a health benefit even though also gaining an average of 9 pounds after they quit, researchers found. Their levels of so-called good cholesterol improved, too. Hardening of the arteries is an early step to heart disease. About one-third of premature smoking deaths are due to cardiovascular disease. However, smokers who quit face a 70 percent increased risk of developing diabetes within the first two to three years. Within 10 years, that increased risk goes down to zero, said Neal Benowitz, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, who was not a part of the study.—Xinhua

**6.7-magnitude aftershock strikes near Chile’s Concepcion**

CONCEPCION, 16 March—A 6.7-magnitude aftershock hit near Concepcion on Monday, the US Geological Survey reported.

The aftershock struck off Chile’s coast, some 86 km from Concepcion, one of the cities hardest hit by the 8.8-magnitude quake on 27 Feb. Its epicentre was 34 km deep in the Pacific Ocean. The quake was strongly felt in Concepcion and caused a power blackout that plunged the city into darkness. Authorities have not issued a tsunami warning.—Xinhua

**Three tigers very ill at Chinese zoo where 11 starved**

BEIJING, 16 March—Zookeepers are scrambling to save three seriously ill Siberian tigers at a cash-strapped zoo in northeastern China where 11 of the big cats starved to death recently.

The tigers were shedding fur, had lost their appetites and were listless, the official Xinhua News Agency reported late Monday.

Eleven of the 30 Siberian tigers at the Shenyang Forest Wild Animal Zoo starved to death in the past three months, having been fed nothing but chicken bones as the facility ran into financial trouble, according to reports last week, although a zoo manager said unspecified diseases killed the animals.

Staff at the zoo who answered the phone on Tuesday refused to answer questions or give their names. They referred calls to the local Communist Party Press office, where an official, Zhang Qingyang, confirmed that three tigers were still very sick.

“We can only say that three of the tigers are in bad health right now, and we are actively working to save them,” Zhang said but would not elaborate. “Should we fail to save them, we’d let the public know right away.” After news broke of the mass tiger deaths last week, the local government pledged 7 million yuan ($1.03 million) to help save the remaining animals.—Xinhua

**Nepalese soldiers display their horse riding skills during the Ghode Jatra, the Horse Racing Festival in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 15 March, 2010. According to the local mythology, trampling and racing horses on the “Tundhikel!” field would stop the demon Garumapa from coming out and stealing children.—Xinhua**

**Malacca Strait remains safe**

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 March—Malacca Strait remains safe under the surveillance of the Navy, a local Chinese newspaper quoted Royal Malay- sia Navy Chief Abdul Aziz Jaafar on Tuesday as saying. Abdul Aziz said that so far the authorities have not received any reports of possible terrorist attacks on Malacca Strait and the Navy would continue monitoring the situation of the strait, Sin Chew Daily reported.

Earlier, Singaporean authorities warned terrorist might target oil tankers in the Malacca Strait.

Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs said recently that the US would provide support to the littoral states of the Malacca Strait to combat terrorism.—Xinhua

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Chilean air force to continue to transport aid to hardest quake-hit regions

SANTIAGO, 16 March—Chile's military said on Monday that its air brigade would continue to transport humanitarian aid to Chile's southern and central regions, which were most heavily hit by the quake.

Food, tents, blankets and other necessities have reached the O'Higgins region, where strong aftershocks have continued in the last days, the army said in a statement. The curfew also continued in those regions under the control of the Army.

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**Ten-man Atletico beat Osasuna**

**Madrid, 16 March**—A ten-man Atletico Madrid side beat Osasuna 1-0 at home on Monday thanks to a late goal by Spanish midfielder Jose Manuel Jurado which helps keep their dreams of securing a place in the Champions League alive.

With 11 minutes remaining, the 23-year-old cut inside after a pass from Sergio “Kun” Aguero and curled the ball into the top corner from outside the box.

Atletico packed their defence to fight off some late waves of Osasuna attacks to leave it just 10 points outside the Champions League qualifying places.—**Internet**

**Ronaldo is a ‘provocative’ player, says Nivaldo**

**Madrid, 16 March**—Valladolid’s Brazilian defender Nivaldo Santana, who appeared to stamp on Ronaldo’s shin during a weekend Spanish league match, accused the Portuguese striker of being a “provocative” player on Monday.

“It is a bit complicated, he (Ronaldo) is a good player but he does things that the referees let him get away with. If others did what he did for sure the referee would say something,” the 29-year-old told radio Cadena Ser.

“He is very provoca- tive and when we try to talk to him, he talks about other things,” Nivaldo added.

Ronaldo, 25, rolled down his socks to reveal his black T-shirt on Monday.

**AC Milan’s Nesta has knee surgery**

**Rome, 16 March**—AC Milan’s veteran central defender Alessandro Nesta is expected to be back in action next month after undergoing surgery on his injured right knee on Monday.

The club’s forecast that 33-year-old Nesta would have recovered from the operation in around “30 days” is encouraging news after initial forecasts that the 2006 World Cup winner might miss the rest of the season. The diagnosis was also welcome coming less than 24 hours after David Beckham’s ruptured Achilles tendon suffered in AC Milan’s 1-0 win against Chievo on Sunday evening.

**Beckham’s surgery completed**

**Helsinki, 16 March**—The surgery on David Beckham’s torn Achilles tendon has been completed in Turku on Monday.

A spokesman for the AC Milan midfielder said the operation was successful. An official statement was still being prepared.

The 34-year-old former England captain was injured in the closing minutes of AC Milan’s 1-0 win over Chievo Verona on Sunday and is expected to miss the World Cup.

**Torres double inspires Liverpool to easy win**

**Liverpool, 16 March**—Fernando Torres turned on the style to inspire Liverpool to a 4-1 victory over struggling Portsmouth at Anfield on Monday which keeps alive their hopes of qualifying for next season’s Champions League.

The Spanish international scored two and was involved in the other two as Rafael Benitez’s side scored three times in six first-half minutes to end a two-match losing run.

“We were expecting a good game, to play well and score goals,” said Benitez, whose side have to overcome a 1-0 deficit to French side Lille later in the week in the Europa League.

“The most important thing was to play with an offensive mentality and a lot of quality. This allowed players like (Alberto) Aquilani to shine.” His Portsmouth counterpart Avram Grant was downcast, especially about the first-half goal rush by Liverpool.—**Internet**

**Lamely wins Puerto Rico Open at 19 under**

**Rio Grande, 16 March**—Derek Lamely had to contend with a rain-delayed start, slow play on a soggy course, and tapping down his inevitable nerves as he inched closer to notch- ing his first win as a rookie on the PGA Tour.

But the 29-year-old American emerged out of the pack with easygoing style, shooting a 66 Monday to win the Puerto Rico Open by two strokes.

He finished at 19-under-par 269, set- ting a tournament record at Trump International Golf Club-Puerto Rico, a scenic palm-fringed 7,526-yard course which was delayed by rain early in the competition.

Kris Blanks shot a 69 and finished alone in second at 271.

“I just kept on trying to make birdies. I kept on trying to be aggressive,” said Lamely, who teed off on No. 10 in the final round, the first player to win in that position since Keith Clearwater at the 1987 Colonial Invitational.

The victory was worth $630,000 to Lamely along with PGA playing privi- leges through 2012.

**Djokovic dodges disaster at tennis Paribas Open**

**Indian Wells, 16 March**—Second-seeded Novak Djokovic has sur- vived a scare, but it was smooth sailing for defending champion Rafael Nadal as both moved into the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Serbia’s Djokovic saved three match points en route to a 6-3, 6-7 (7/3) victory over Germany’s Philipp Kohlschreiber on Monday and said he’d have to do better to add a second Indian Wells title to the one he captured in 2008.

After breaking in the first game of the second set and holding for a 2-0 lead, Djokovic dropped the next nine games and found himself fighting to stay alive.

“Nine games in a row, this is something that I cannot allow anymore to happen,” said Djokovic, who was pleased that he managed to play well with his back to the wall but puzzled as to why he couldn’t do it throughout the match.

“His leg could easily be the winner of this match, and he would deserve it,” Djokovic said.

**Beckham’s English midfielder David Beckham (C) arrives at Mehilainen hospital in Turku, Finland. Beckham’s ruptured Achilles tendon has been repaired and he is doing well, but he will not recover in time for the World Cup, the surgeon who operated on him in Finland told AFP Monday.—**Internet
Economic planner rules out imminent start on east China maglev line

HANGZHOU, 16 March — Officials in east China’s Zhejiang Province have ruled out this year for starting construction of a maglev train service between the provincial capital, Hangzhou, and Shanghai.

A statement from the provincial development and reform commission on Tuesday said the project had no timetable and was still undergoing feasibility studies.

Media this week reported construction was expected to start this year.—Xinhua
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Brisk trade symbolizes peace and prosperity

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Taunggyi, one of the hill stations of Shan State, is a pleasant location to live in. Everyone needs to wear warm clothes as it is cold there even in day time. Taunggyi that stands at an altitude of 4712 feet looks like a lovely picture of modern houses and buildings with magnificent Shan mountain ranges in the background.

It is beautiful everywhere. The panoramic view of the town is breathtaking. Taunggyi once was formed with 10 wards. Today, wards have increased in number to 20.

It was pleasant to go for a walk along downtown tarred roads flanked by wide sidewalks and lined by rows of Cherry trees.

One can see the two-storey Cultural Museum and Library at the heart of the downtown. A row of cherry trees grown in front of the Cultural Museum and Library were in blossom. Kyargaung Hall is situated opposite the Cultural Museum and Library on Eindaw Road. It is a large one-storey building where ceremonies are usually held.

The Town Hall of Taunggyi is located on Yongyi Road. Modern design work can be seen on the town hall. Talks and ceremonies take place in this grand building. (See page 10)