Develop national political awareness

If we do not watch out for the cunning tactics of separatism being used by others, the danger of the disintegration of the Union may one day befall us. Therefore, all the national races no matter where they reside in our country, need to have a firm Union Spirit and national political awareness.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the address delivered at the 62th Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Hellenic Republic President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Karolos Papoullas, President of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

In the time of Tatmadaw government efforts were made to put an end to armed conflicts that had been deeply entrenched in Shan State for ages

Prime Minister attends opening of Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day a ceremony to open Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant built by Hydroelectric Power Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. (1) near Kengtawng Waterfall on Namtein Creek about 30 miles north-east of Mongnai, Langkho District, Shan State (South) was held at the plant with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, ministers, deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office and heads of departments, Shan State level departmental officials, staff of Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant Project.

Kengtawng Hydropower Station with Kengtawng Falls.—MNA
Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views.
Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation.
Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State.
Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy.

From better transport to unity

Hailing the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the inauguration of Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section built by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held in front of Okshitpin Station the other day, graced by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann.

Plans are being implemented for harmonious progress of the entire Union. Better transport network linking one region after another is the basic requirement.

In connection with transport, the Head of State has given guidance that better transport contributes to socio-economy of the people and also serves as the foundation of unity. In accord with his guidance, the government has laid down strategic plans and is building transport networks including roads and bridges spending a large sum of money.

Moreover, the government is building railroads with the aim of raising the socio-economic life of the people in states and divisions. With the development of new technology, the transport sector has greatly changed for the better. Old railroads were upgraded, new roads were built, single-way railroads were upgraded to dual ones and new stations were built and stations in cities were upgraded to the ones of international standard.

The 35-mile Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section is part of 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad. The 40-mile Kyangin-Okshitpin Railroad was opened on 1 March 2008. Now the people can go to Kyangin from Pathein and to Kamma from Kyangin—altogether 222 miles distance.

The national railway network will emerge soon as the government is constructing transport facilities in the whole country including border areas.

GoldCoil mattress, wedding equipment on sale

Yangon, 21 March—GoldCoil brand mattress with spring and wedding equipment were available at Booth No. B-17 of Yangon Expo 2009 held at Tatmadaw Convention Center up to 23 March. GoldCoil offered a special discount including Chaungtha tour lucky draw programme to the customers at the expo.

Wedding goods are available at Bed Talk sales center, No (136) on Bo Myat Tun Road. For further information, dial 01 2999523, 0999 70666.

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 March—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Mrs Dora Bakoyannis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2009.—MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in Hsenwi Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 March—Officials concerned of Lashio special anti-drug squad searched Lauk Woo walking along the detour from the Yay Pu checkpoint in Hsenwi Township, Shan State (North) at about 4.30 pm on 22 March. Altogether 10,000 WY- stimulant tablets were seized in the pocket of Lauk Woo’s shirt. Action is being taken against Lauk Woo (a) Pyang Gyi (a) Yan Ein Haw who lives in Lashio and arrangements are being made to expose his accomplices.—MNA

Wary of Fire

People’s Desire

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* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation.
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U Ohn Thwin accredited to Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 March—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Ohn Thwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

U Tin Oo Lwin accredited as Myanmar Ambassador to Republic of South Africa

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 March—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Oo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa.—MNA

Minister U Nyan Win receives Mr. Stephen Blake, Director of Mainland Southeast Asian Affairs of State Department of the United States.

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 March—Mr. Stephen Blake, Director of the Mainland Southeast Asian Affairs of the State Department of the United States, currently on a visit to the Union of Myanmar, paid a courtesy call on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs at the latter’s office, here, at 11.45 a.m. today and held cordial discussions on issues of mutual interests and promotion of bilateral relations between the Union of Myanmar and the United States.

At the meeting, the Director of the Mainland Southeast Asian Affairs was accompanied by Mr. Larry Dinger, Charge d’Affaires, and Ms Jennifer Harhigh, First Secretary of the Embassy of the United States of America in Yangon. The meeting was also attended by U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of the Political Department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Government striving for nation’s annual …

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In his address, the Secretary-1 said that he and his party comprising the ministers and departmental heads visit Mon and Kayin states to facilitate development projects of the two states and to attend the opening ceremony of Technological University (Mawlamyine).

It is learnt that up to February this year, Mon State has already reached 90 percent of its target of GDP for fiscal 2008-2009. Hence, efforts should be made to meet the target within the remaining period. In doing so, extra efforts should be made for the weak sectors. Moreover, all should accelerate their work to exceed the target in the sectors that are gaining advantage. In this way, Mon State will see more development.

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Waste minimization will lead to developing the agriculture sector and benefiting joint ventures on a wider scale. They should render coordinated efforts for the producers and dealers to run joint ventures on a wider scale. They should render assistance to both producers, who need capital, and dealers. Tripartite cooperation and supervision will lead to developing the agriculture sector and benefiting individuals and the region. Waste minimization will help reduce cost and boost production.

The government is striving to maintain peace and stability and achieve progress. The government is also making efforts for equitable development of the country and for narrowing the development gap. For equitable development of the border areas and rural areas, the government is implementing the development project for rural areas, the project for 24 special regions and five development tasks for rural areas.

Governmental employees who are supervising the projects on behalf of the State play an important role in implementing the projects, and they are to abide by the rules and regulations. At the same time, they are to organize the people to participate in implementing the development tasks.

In implementing the tasks, officials concerned are to try to realize the real situations of the people and regions not to fall burden on the people, he said.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thitha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

**Tube well opened in Sipaukkan Village in Kyaukpaduang Township**

**YANGON, 24 March—** Hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day a tube well was opened in Sipaukkan Village in Kyaukpaduang Township on 21 March.

Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Ba Myint reported on matters relating to the tube well. U Thein Win spoke words of thanks.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein, Executive Officer U Ba Myint and Chairman of Sipaukkan Village PDC U Kyi Thein formally opened the tube well.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Brig-Gen Soe Myint of Kyaukpaduang Station and Deputy Director-General of Department of Development Affairs U Ohn Nyunt opened the valve of 5,000-gallon capacity pond. Local people fetched water happily.

The minister cordially met local people. The tube well was dug with the contribution of the government in January. It can produce about 1,800 gallons of water per hour.**

**Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun opens tap of the pond at the opening of tube will in Kyaukpaduang Township.**

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**Respect-paying of alumni of Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 on 26 Dec**

**NAV PYI TAW, 24 March —** The second respect-paying ceremony of alumni of Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 (1976-1982) will be held at Panda Hotel in Lannmadaw Township here on 26 December. Alumni wishing to attend may contact Dr Aye Aye Than (ph-09 8611801), Dr Moe Mya Mya (ph-01 503873, 09 80 229866), Dr Ohma Khaing (ph-01 500057, 09 51 63359), Dr Kyaw Win (ph-01 510214, 09 80 23811), Dr Tin Maung Chit (ph-01 535996, 09 8566051) and Dr Min Than Nyunt (ph-01 228324, 221387 and 09 50 10637).——MNA
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Deputy General Manager Mr Shojo Tsutsui of the Kansai Electric Power Co, Inc of Japan, technicians of China National Electrical Equipment Corporation (CNEEC) and Zeng Orient Holding Group of China, national race dance troupes, members of Myanmar orchestra troupes, band troupes, pompom and aerobic troupes, local authorities and personnel, social organizations and local people.

In his address, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that today is a day on which Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant is opened as a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

As the project is a large scale hydel power plant capable of generating 54 megawatts as well as the biggest of its kind in Shan State, it took about five years to be completed, he added.

He said that Shan State, the largest in area and the greatest in population among the seven states, is a place where national races such as Bamar, Pa-O, Palaung, Lahu, Hoi, Mongnai, Mongpan, Laikha, and the socio-economic status of those regions is improving like other regions.

In addition, Upper Kengtawng Hydel Power project is being implemented. On completion, it will be able to feed power to the present Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant and contribute a lot to both Shan State and the nation. Likewise, the recently completed 600 megawatt Shweli Hydel Power Project in Shan State (North) is a national project that was jointly implemented with a neighbouring country.

There are new bridges spanning River Thanlwin, namely, Takaw-et Bridge in Tangan Township, Tarhsan Bridge in Mongpan Township and Tapar Bridge in Kukai Township and two old ones — Kunlong Bridge and Tarkaw Bridge — totalling five.

To bring about better transport in Shan State, Hsipaw-Namlan-Panketu Bridge, Myanma Kyauk Myawngkho road, Hsinnyintmo-Moogyi, Ywangan road, Pinlaung-Pyuma road are new roads for Shan State. And old roads such as Mandalay-Lashio-Muse road, Taunggyi-Mongling-Kengtung road, Lashio-Moogyi-Tanyang road, Tanyang-Pamsbhan road, Hsenwi-Kunlong-Laakki road are under renovation.

There are new bridges spanning River Thanlwin, namely, Takaw-et Bridge in Tangan Township, Tarhsan Bridge in Mongpan Township and Tapar Bridge in Kukai Township and two old ones — Kunlong Bridge and Langkho Bridge were constructed.

For human resource development, more universities and colleges were opened in special development regions along with extended opening of basic education schools. In the past, there were university and college only in Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State. At present, a large number of universities and colleges emerged in the strategic regions such as Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong regions. As a result, local people can have easy access to basic education and higher education, he said.

In the meantime, general hospitals in Shan State were upgraded while more new hospitals, dispensaries and rural health centres were opened, he noted.

All in all, Shan State has now been on the right track on development, for marked progress has been made in all sectors.

The government is making all-out efforts for national development. From 1988 up to date, it implemented altogether 12 hydel power plants, namely, Hsawdawgii, Balothein-1, Zawgyi-1, Zawgyi-2, Taungtu, Thaphanseik, Paunglaung, Mone, Path, Yenwee, Khabaung and Kengtawng that are capable of generating 59 megawatt and have to do with the national grid. Power generated from hydel power plants has now increased three times when compared with the period of 1988 in which Lawpita Power plant and two Kinta power plants could generate only 196 megawatt.

At the same time, Shweli and Upper Kengtawng project in Shan State, Yeywa project in Upper Paunglaung project and Namcho project in Mandalay Division, Lower and Upper Bura projects along Mong Creek and Kyanin Kyiwa project in Magway Division, Htamanthi, Shwesayu, Manipur, Yazagyo, and Myitsita projects in Chinshwin basin, Phyu creek, Kon creek, Shwekyin, Hsaungchyam-2 projects in Bago Division and Thahtay creek, Saingin and An cree projects in Rachine State are under implementation. Feasibility studies are being made for implementation of Thanlwin Project and Ayeawady Project that are major projects.

Meanwhile, strenuous efforts are being made for construction of sub-power stations in order to supply electricity right down to consumers spending a large amount of funds, he said.

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The Prime Minister said that building dams and hydropower stations by making the best use of creeks and rivers was for the development of the entire Union, for harmonious development of all the regions without much gap among them and for consolidation of national unity and perpetuation of the Union.

The Prime Minister quoted the Head of State as saying that the Union could exist long only with the parallel development of all the regions in it, that all the national races were blood brothers and sisters living together through thick and thin and that measures were being taken for the development of all the national races.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, strategic parts of the State have been designated as special development regions and border area development plans and five rural development tasks are being implemented. Shan State is covered by all three development regions and designated as special parts of the State have been implemented. Shan development tasks are plans and five rural development regions and special zones of the State are being implemented in concert in order that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw work together through thick and thin to ensure the industrial developments in Moenai, Langkho, Mongpeng and Maukmai to which power could not be fully supplied in the past.

Especially, the river water pumping project will be transformed into hydropower pumping project. Therefore, double cropping and triple cropping will be seen in agricultural sector.

Local people need to focus on durability of the facility while enjoying the benefits of the full power supply resulted from the peace, stability and prevalence of law and order in the state. He expressed thanks to the staff of the Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 for their active participation in the timely completion of the facility.

Afterwards, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min made clarifications on 16 hydropower projects being implemented at the same time for power supply essential in the development of the State’s economy in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe; Kengtawng hydroelectric power plant is one of the 16 and it is the 40th facility to be commissioned; construction of the facility and accomplishment of the tasks, construction costs of the project, power generation projects of the Ministry and efforts to encourage the private sector to generate power and to invite foreign investment on mutual benefit basis.

On behalf of the local people, U Yaw Han Kha from No 5 Ward of Moenai Township expressed thanks to the government for the establishment of the facility.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greeted local people and presented cash prizes to members of national race dance troupe. Then, the Prime Minister and party took positions in front of the venue of opening ceremony. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and Minister Col Zaw Min formally opened the power plant.

After that, the Prime Minister formally unveiled the stone plaque of the power plant and sprinkled scented water on it and so did Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and the minister. Next, the Prime Minister opened the signboard of the facility. For the Prime Minister together with local people posed for a documentary photo. Next, the Prime Minister viewed documentary photos showing implementation of the project, operation of power plants, control room, power distribution systems by Minister Col Zaw Min. After presenting cash prizes to the dance troupe, the Prime Minister inspected the sluice gate, water intake structure and channel at upper Kengtawng waterfall. At the briefing hall, Minister Col Zaw Min briefed the Prime Minister and party on the location of Kengtawng hydropower project and its data with audio visual aid.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. Having inspected the scale model of the project and viewed the beauty of the facility and Kengtawng waterfalls, he together with Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and the minister posed for a documentary photo.

Next, the Prime Minister together with Deputy General Manager Mr Shoji Tsutsui of the Kansai Electric Power Co Inc posed for a documentary photo.

Kengtawng hydropower projects in Kengtawng waterfall on Navein creek, 30 miles to the North-East of Moenai, Langkho District in Shan State (South) and it was started in 2004 by Construction Group 7 of the Hydropower Implementation Department and test running took place on 30 October 2008.

Three generator-installed facility will produce 54 megawatt and 377.6 million kilowatt hours a year.

Power will be supplied to townships of Loilem and Langkho Districts with 132 KV power lines as well as other States and divisions through the national grid.

Kengtawng hydropower project was built at a cost of K 15285 million and US$ 19.56 million.—MNA

An aerial view of Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant. — MNA
Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets departmental personnel, social organizations, local people in Loilem, Pindaya, Pinlaung Townships

NAV Pyi Taw, 24 March—After attending the opening of Textile Factory (Pyawbwe) of Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 at Pyawbwe Township in Yamethin District, Mandalay

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects generating electricity from bio-digester at Moeyang village in Taunggyi Township.—MNA

Division on 20 March, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general and departmental heads left for Taunggyi by helicopter and arrived in Taunggyi in Shan State (South) at 11.20 a.m.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and departmental officials.

The Prime Minister and party together with the commander and officials went to Moeyang village of Naunglay village-tract in Taunggyi Township and looked into generating electricity from a bio-digester made from locally-produced bamboo mat that were painted with liquid produced from rubber.

The cost-effective bio-digester was made of locally-produced bamboo mat that were painted with liquid produced from rubber. The bio-digester equipped with four devices that can produce 70 cubic feet of bio gas per day can generate electricity for 40 2-foot florescent lamps as well as a television and a video recorder for four hours.

On 21 March, the Prime Minister and party arrived in Loilem District by helicopter after attending the opening of Kengtawng Hydropower Plant. They were welcomed by Col Kyaw Zin Myint of local station, Chairman of Loilem District PDC U Aung Htay and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall in Pindaya Township People’s Hospital, the Prime Minister comforted patients and presented cash assistance to them.

In meeting with the medical superintendent and service personnel, the Prime Minister urged medical staff not only to provide medical treatment at the hospital but also to disseminate health knowledge and preventive measures against diseases to the people at grassroots level.

Next, the Prime Minister met with departmental officials, members of social organizations, local people and townsmen at Zawgy hall in Pindaya.

After hearing reports on progress in agriculture, education, health and transportation matters of the township presented by the chairman of Pindaya Township PDC, the Prime Minister attended to the needs and cordially greeted those present.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to coal-fired power station (Tikyit) where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Aye Khang, Managing Director U Kyi Tha of Hydropower Generating Enterprise and officials. At the briefing hall of the station, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min reported facts about the station, production process of electricity, documentary photos on major repair of coal mine and production of coal in fiscal years.

After hearing reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected main control room, steam turbine, generator room, ball mill room and boiler.

Next, the Prime Minister and party visited Tikyit coal mine of Shan Yoma Nagar Co Ltd, a branch of Eden Group Co Ltd, which supplied coal to the station and inspected mining for coal. Chairman of Shan Yoma Nagar Co Ltd U Chit Khang reported on coal mining and distribution of coal to the station.

The Prime Minister looked into mining for coal with the use of machinery and transporting coal to the station through conveyor in a motorcade. Next, they arrived in Pinlaung by helicopter where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Maung Aye Ayo of local station and senior military officers, the chairman of Pinlaung Township PDC and departmental officials.

The Prime Minister met with service personnel, social organization members and local people at the office of township PDC. After hearing reports on agricultural, education, health and economic matters of the township presented by the township PDC chairman, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and gave necessary instructions.

Then they left for Nay Pyi Taw.

On his tour of district and townships in Shan State (South), the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements on regional development tasks in meeting with district/ township service personnel, social organization members and local people. The Prime Minister gave accounts on implementation of border areas and national races development projects, 24 special regions project and rural development projects being carried out by the government for ensuring equitable development in all regions, progress in security, transportation, education, health and socio-economy of the national races thanks to efforts of the Tatmadaw government for development of border regions, implementation of the seven-step Road Map step by step for transition to democracy in Myanmar and election to be held in 2010 in line with the new constitution approved by the people.

The Prime Minister called on the entire people to take an active part for the success of the election and to participate in building modern and developed nation joining hands with the government.

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Yenwe Chaung Bridge in Nyaunglebin Township.

Development of transportation sector in the time of Tatmadaw Government

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A train runs on Pyawbwe-Payangazu Road Section after inauguration of the railroad on 30, November 2008.

The terminal of Nay Pyi Taw Airport.
The people, the Tatmadaw stand in harmony

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

The book “Narrative of the Burmese War in 1824-26” by H. H Wilson says that the military strategy of all Myanmar troops is “establishment of Fortress Defence” after marching forward and stationing troops step by step; that with good ideas, Myanmar soldiers discharge military duties with heart and soul; and that Myanmar troops fought their enemies with unwavering spirit and bravery from the trenches, so Myanmars are fierce soldiers.

As mentioned in the book, the Myanmar Tatmadaw really scared all their enemies. The points stated in the book reflect what sort of the Myanmar Tatmadaw is. Indeed, Myanmars formed their Tatmadaw based on patriotic spirit. At that time, they were not paid soldiers. In times of emergency, they came out of their home places leaving their businesses and gathered to repulse alien attacks with bare swords.

One of the documents on mobilizing the people for the military purpose said that in marching to the frontline to recoup the areas, the troops would not forcibly recruit the men found that the operation would be carried out only with the troops they had been well-organized in the royal city; and that so the heads of township and village administrative bodies had to make sure that unwilling men were not summoned or recruited forcibly.

Local authorities never forcibly recruited men without daring spirit and fighting spirit, and they organized only the sort of men who wanted to join the army of their own volition. There were many folk songs composed on the people’s attitude and stances towards the head of the Myanmar armed forces and servicemen.

A folk song reveals the fact that the less did not worry about the situation that her boyfriend would have to discharge military services in the frontline, and instead she was proud of that.

That indicated that the people and the Tatmadaw were not divisible from each other. In addition, local people had to support salaries, rations and ammunition to the frontline troops. So, it was apparently clear that the entire people did their bit in repulsing the alien attacks.

To make objective judgments on the Tatmadaw with fine, historic traditions, and the historical background of the Tatmadaw members born of the people who have been serving the public interests at risk to life for long, no one can deny that since its birth, the Tatmadaw has taken the leadership role in enhancing the dignity and generating a prosperous future of the nation, standing by the national cause.

It was put on record both locally and globally that King Anawrahta unified the First Myanmar Empire, King Bayinnaung unified the Second Myanmar Empire, and King Alaungphaya U Aung Zeya unified the Third Myanmar Empire in the soil of Myanmar. Myanmar was unified into a stronger one with the firm leadership role of the Tatmadaw leaders and the strength of the Tatmadaw, not with the skills of talkative and boastful politicians.

Today’s members of the Tatmadaw are the descendants of the Myanmar soldiers who managed to help the mother country regain independence and maintain the sovereignty in the course of the Myanmar history.

Since it was born, Myanmar has been standing tall as a sovereign nation with own monarchs in the global community. Myanmar people have relayed cultural heritage, fine traditions and customs from one generation to the next.

Due to its rich natural resources, Myanmar became a focal point of the colonialists with excessive covetousness including the British. They applied a variety of ways and means to meddle in the internal affairs.

Taking one step earlier than other colonialists and exploiting generosity of national people, the British waged three aggressive wars against Myanmar. The wars brought a black stain on the history of Myanmar.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw conceded loss to the colonialists due to armed power gap, but it did not give up anti-colonialist struggles as guided by patriotic ancestors. The book “Our Burmese War” by W. E. B Laurie said that Shwedagon hill battle was very fierce and caused bloodshed; that many of the British troops sustained injuries, many of them losing their limbs; and that Myanmar troops engaged in the battle with great tenacity till their deaths.

Notwithstanding the invasion of the nation, the Myanmar Tatmadaw did not surrender to the colonialists. The Tatmadaw dispersed its members as a strategic move and launched guerilla attacks on the invaders in cooperation with national races in various regions. So, the colonialists were not able to restore peace and stability till 1900. Due to the strong sense of patriotic fervour of members of the reduced Myanmar Tatmadaw, the Burma Independence Army was formed on 26 December 1941.

From that time on, the revived Myanmar Tatmadaw has become the force that plays the leadership role in the national cause. Inspired by the sense of patriotic spirit, young men joined the army with no hopes for salaries and privileges, as evidenced by the fact that 15,000 bahts and 5000 Myanmar kyats was all Minamikekan group (See page 9)

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The people, the Tatmadaw
stand in harmony

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

(from page 8)

could collect till December 1941 for the Burma Independence Army.

A large number of people of various national races joined the BIA and made supreme sacrifices for the country to regain independence. In the end, the colonialists had to withdraw from the Myanmar soil thanks to the combat skills, gallantry, tenacity and dauntlessness of BIA troops.

Similarly, the Tatmadaw effectively mobilizing the participation of the people managed to crush the Fascists who had showed extreme torture to the people. Like the Tatmadaw in the three Myanmar empires, the Myanmar Tatmadaw regained its prestige. And the Anti-Fascist Resistance could be launched at the national level with the participation of all national races. In the battles, the Tatmadaw managed to revive national solidarity and unyielding spirit of various national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan.

The Tatmadaw born in the anti-colonialist movements and Anti-Fascist Resistance has been able to maintain the fine traditions of the Union of Myanmar till today. The Tatmadaw has been able to stand for 64 years successively as the national Tatmadaw with fine traditions in the national leadership role, not as an ordinary one. So, the role of the leaders of the Tatmadaw is on a par with that of the founders of the first, second and third Myanmar empires. The Tatmadaw is the most well-organized force that has been making sacrifices with great resilience in successive periods to unify the nation into today’s the Union of Myanmar. The most onerous task the Tatmadaw has been discharging is the national duty to ensure perpetuity of the nation from the time of independence struggles to date. And it is the Tatmadaw that is protecting the nation with the sense of national interest hand in hand with the people from the threats posed by the neo-colonialists to subjugate the nation again. Tatmadaw members born of the people from all strata of life have to uphold the four oaths. They never hesitate to sacrifice their lives if necessary for the sake of the nation. They can bear shortage of rations and great difficulties in the battles. They give priority to the interest of the nation, rather than that of their families. They have such a daring spirit to make all forms of sacrifices that one may be owed in documenting those events.

So, those who have been taking the leadership role in nation-building tasks from the times of the First Myanmar Empire to date are the Tatmadaw, Tatmadaw members or the sons of the people. Therefore, the history of the nation cannot be separable from that of the Tatmadaw, and vice versa. Leaders of the Tatmadaw are the ones who dedicate themselves to the tasks for perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar, home to various national races, and inspire the people to strongly equip themselves with a sense of Union Spirit.

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Objectives of the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To work hard together with the people to accomplish the State’s seven-step Road Map in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation
2. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy at risk to life
3. To crush, in cooperation with the people, internal and external subversive elements that are disrupting stability, peace and development of the nation
4. To build a strong and patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

The people’s Tatmadaw

* Formed with Compatriots
* Who cherish nation
* Is the Tatmadaw

* Always giving training
* To its members
* For their three capabilities
* To meet standard
* Is the Tatmadaw

* Ever alert and swift
* In driving out enemies
* Placing in the fore
* Our Three Main National Causes
* Is the Tatmadaw

* Warding off intruders
* Sacrificing blood and sweat
* Is the Tatmadaw

* Ending battles among brethren
* And peace the Tatmadaw brings
* Striving with heart and soul
* Voluntary labour it contributes with goodwill
* In building roads connecting towns and villages
* Bridges and dams
* All for the people

* Brave like the lion
* Hard working as the bee
* Fully endowed with capability
* Loved and cherished by people
* Our Tatmadaw
* The offspring of the people
* Winning people’s heart.

Soe Khin Tun-Pale (Trs)
Hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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Union Spirit main requirement for perpetuation of sovereignty
Prime Minister meets departmental officials in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Prime Minister General Thein Sein met State, District and Township departmental officials, members of social organizations, townselders and local people at the city hall in Taunggyi on 22 March and discussed regional development.

Also present were Maj-Gen Min Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Defence, Chairman of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, departmental heads, local authorities, townselders and local people.

Prime Minister cordially greeted state/district/township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townselders and local people at town hall in Taunggyi.—MNA

Father Land Construction and Interior Decoration Company takes part in Yangon Expo 2009

YANGON, 24 March—Father Land Construction and Interior Decoration Company took part in Yangon Expo 2009 held at Tatmadaw Convention Center on U Wizaya Road here from 20 to 23 March. The company displayed replicas of modern buildings being built by the company and materials used in interior decoration at the expo.

The company sold construction materials and materials used in interior decoration with special prices at the expo. Those who wish to build and decorate their homes may contact Father Land Construction and Interior Decoration Company at No (221), Bo Myat Tun Street, Botataung Township, Yangon (Ph: 095131071, 951 204055, 204069, 298540 and 296401) and Fax (951-204069).—MNA

Booth of Father Land Construction and Interior Decoration Company staged in Yangon Expo 2009.—NLM
Secretary-1 tours Kayin State

Secretary-1 Li-Gen Thitha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meeting with Chairman of KNU/KNLA U Htay Maung and party.—MNA

Secretary-1 Li-Gen Thitha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chairman of DKBA U Tha Htoo Kyaw and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Li-Gen Thitha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Chairman ofKayin State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental heads, left Mawlamyine by helicopter for Myainggyingu in Hkawtho township, Kayin State, in the morning of 21 March.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Chairman of DKBA U Tha Htoo Kyaw and party.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party paid homage to the Buddha Image in Gandakuttika temple and donated provisions to the Sayadaw.

Next, the Secretary-1 met with Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw and members of DKBA at the Guest House of DKBA.

First, Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw and members gave an account on efforts made for regional development and requirements.

Next, the Secretary-1 said that he had discharged duties in Kayin State including Myainggyingu for quite a number of years.

Today’s views of Myainggyingu are unlike the past. Myainggyingu has made progress remarkably. This is because national brethren worked together for the region through mutual trust and attachment. The government will continue encouraging for the development in Myainggyingu region, he said.

Next, he fulfilled the requirements for the regional development.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented medicines and medical equipment through Chairman U Tha Htoo Kyaw and members.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left for Htotkawkoe village for Kawkareik township of Kayin State by helicopter and they were welcomed there by Chairman of KNNU and KNLA Peace Council U Htay Maung and members.

Next, the Secretary-1 met with members of KNU and KNLA Peace Council.

During the meeting, Chairman U Htay Maung gave an account on efforts to be exerted to shape their future in their own land instead of living in the other region without hopes.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented medicines and medical equipment through U Htay Maung and wife, the Secretary-1 and party together with members of peace groups posed for a documentary photo.

After inspecting developments in Htotkawkoe village, the Secretary-1 and party left for Hpa-an of Kayin State by helicopter. Upon arrival at the 200-bed hospital (Hpa-an), the Secretary-1 and party met with doctors and nurses at the meeting hall.

Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Tun presented reports to the Secretary-1 and party on treatments of the patients at the hospital, common diseases and requirements.

After attending to the needs, the Secretary-1 urged teachers to train students to be intellectuals and intelligentsia to fulfill the requirements of the State and to bring about human resources through education sector.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented two sets of TV through Dr Tun Myint Kyaw and Dr Daw Thin Thit Htaik.

Upon arrival at Phayakon village, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Phado Aung San and members and they held a meeting.

At the meeting, Phado Aung San presented reports to the Secretary-1 and party on efforts for regional development.

The Secretary-1 attended to the needs and then Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented medicines and medical equipment through Phado Aung San.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party were back in Mawlamyine in the evening.—MNA
Every village in Nay Pyi Taw District gets a self-reliant library

People need to stay in touch with what is going on in the world

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered speeches.

Chairman of the District Peace and Development Council U Aung Khin presented an capital fund of K 36.3 million and 3510 publications for 121 village libraries in the district; Original Group Co, K 3 million to three libraries in Nay Pyi Taw Taung Township; and Soe Electric Co, K 1.7 million and 1400 publications to two libraries in Nay Pyi Taw Pyimmana Township to the commander.

Maj-Gen Thein Swe, K 500,000 to the trust funds of Thukha Wihara Thayetkon monastic education school; and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, K 2.5 million; and Naungton Co, K 2 million to Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

U Aung Chantha Co presented K 3 million; and Tet Than Co, K 3 million to Minister Brig-Gen Thein Swe.

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The commander presented K 1 million to the trust funds of Thukha Wihara Thayetkon monastic education school; Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, K 500,000, for the courses of the school; and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, K 500,000 to the trust funds of Thukha Wihara Thayetkon monastic education school, and 200 publications, to Alin Pwint library.

Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw District Union Solidarity and Development Association U Khin Maung Htay delivered speeches.

Every village in Nay Pyi Taw District gets a self-reliant library

Rural folks urge to—nurture good habit of reading—work together to maintain development momentum

As part of the rural development plan, the government is in pursuance of rural development tasks in the district, and paying greater attention to greater supply of electric power in the rural areas, he said, calling on local people to join hands with the government in the tasks of development of the village and region concerned and the nation.

In his address, the Information Minister emphasized the need of staying in touch with what is going on in the world; and that rural folks have to nurture the good habit of reading. He called for sustainable development of self-reliant rural libraries. The government has restored peace and stability, ensured regional development and enabled the people to lead a peaceful life, so the people, in response, are to work together to maintain the already-achieved development momentum.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe said that the government will carry out follow-up programmes for sustainable development of self-reliant libraries and regional development.

Villager sustains injuries in mine blast in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — A villager was wounded in a mine blast in Kyaukkyi, Bago Division, on 21 March.

U Than Aye, 45, sustained injuries on his left forearm and elbow in a mine blast on his way to the jungle, 3 miles north-east of his village in Kyaukkyi Township, to collect firewood.

He is undergoing treatment for injuries at Mone Station Hospital.
Private jet sales, premium travel slump

PARIS, 24 March—Battered by the crisis and under pressure to ditch the high-flying lifestyle, executives from Tokyo to New York are shedding private jets and business-class fares, spelling hard times for both industries.

North American private jet makers, from Bombardier to Cessna and Hawker Beechcraft, have announced thousands of layoffs as they report a lag in new orders and a rash of cancellations for the status-symol company planes.

“We’ve barely sold any Falcons since January,” said Serge Dassault, of the eponymous French manufacturer which has logged around 40 cancellations for its flagship private jet since September, around eight percent of all orders.

Chief executive Charles Edelstenne said he “would be ecstatic” if Dassault Aviation rounds out 2009 with an equal number of orders and cancellations, but predicted the year “will be much worse than that” for business.

“We don’t see any orders coming in,” he added.

A company plane can cost anything from four to 40 million dollars (three to 30 million euros), rarely paid upfront: the sort of expense that is taking a back seat as lenders turn off the credit tap.

North American manufacturers of business aircraft have experienced a 15 to 20 percent dip in business-class orders and a 25 to 35 percent drop in the number of mega-private jet orders.

“A company plane can cost anything from four to 40 million dollars (three to 30 million euros), rarely paid upfront: the sort of expense that is taking a back seat as lenders turn off the credit tap.” —Charles Edelstenne, Dassault Aviation

### Claims Day Notice

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### INVITATION TO TENDER

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**TENDER NO. 1**

1. Sealed Tender is invited by the Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Ministry of Construction for the supply of STRAIGHT ASPHALT 80/100 Grade Metric Ton (1000) at Drum.

2. Tender Closing Date is (30-4-2009 at 15:00 PM).

3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement section Stores Division, No (40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (26.3.2009) on Payment of Ks-5000. (Five Thousand Kyats).

4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

### Drive with care

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**Revolade (Reg. No. 8226/2005)**

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**Poll shows Aussies oppose extra troops for Afghanistan**

**SYDNEY, 24 March—** Most Australian voters oppose sending more troops to Afghanistan even if US President Barack Obama asks for them, an opinion poll showed Tuesday. The poll was published as Prime Minister Kevin Rudd prepared to meet Obama in Washington Tuesday for talks expected to focus on Afghanistan and the global economic crisis.

Obama has been widely tipped by commentators they were against sending any more Australians into battle.

Rudd told Australian reporters after arriving in Washington Monday that Australia’s military commitment to Afghanistan was not “a blank cheque”.

“Every time we lose one of our brave men and women in uniform in Afghanistan I understand fully the concerns of the Australian people about this war and about where it goes in the future,” he said.—Internet

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**Major bombings in Iraq since January, 2009**

**BAGHDAD, 24 March—** A suicide blast at a funeral tent in Iraq’s central Diyala Province killed at least 25 people on Monday. Though Iraq has witnessed a sharp decline in violence since 2008, bombings still plague the war-torn country. The following are major bombing attacks in Iraq since January 2009.

1 Jan—30 people were killed and more than 100 others wounded when a suicide bomber set off his explosives-laden vest in a town, some 30 km south of Baghdad.

4 Jan—A female suicide bomber blew herself up among a crowd of Shi’ite pilgrims outside a shrine in northern Baghdad, killing some 40 people and wounding 72 others.

11 Feb—A car bomb explosion killed 16 people and injured 43 others in a parking lot in southern Baghdad.

13 Feb—A female suicide bomber attacked Shi’ite pilgrims in a town south of Baghdad, killing 35 people and injuring 65 others.

5 March—A car bombing ripped through a live-stock market in the city of Hillah, capital of Iraq’s Babylon Province, killing at least 10 people and wounding 40 others.

8 March—A police academy was struck by a suicide bombing in eastern Baghdad, killing 28 people and wounding 37 others.

March 10—A suicide car bomb targeting military officials and tribal leaders killed at least 33 people and wounded 46 others in western Baghdad.—Internet

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**Iraqi women hold photographs of their loved ones who are in the US military custody during a rally in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 March, 2009.—Internet**

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**Death toll rises to 25 in Iraq’s suicide attack**

**BAQUBA, 24 March—** The death toll from a suicide bombing in Iraq’s Diyala province on Monday rose to 25 with 45 wounded, a provincial police source said.

“Our latest report said that up to 25 people were killed and 45 others injured by the suicide attack in a funeral tent in Jalawla town, some 140 km northeast of Baghdad,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The suicide bomber blew up his explosive vest inside a funeral tent where people came to mourn a brother of the local Kurdish leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) named Hameed Abbas Khudada.

Among the casualties are officials and tribal leaders, and some of the injured were transferred to Kurdish regional hospitals because of the limited capacity of the local hospitals, the source said.—Internet

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**Two killed, six wounded in bomb attacks in Iraq’s Mosul**

**MOSSUL, 24 March—** Two people were killed and six others injured in separate bomb attacks, including a suicide one, in northern Iraqi city of Mossul on Monday, a local police source said.

A man and his son were killed when a roadside bomb struck their car in the Wadi Hajjar neighbourhood in southern Mosul, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest blew himself up at a police checkpoint at the Bab al-Baidh neighbourhood in south-western Mosul, wounding four policemen and two civilians, the source said.

Also in the city, a gunman hurled a grenade on a passing US patrol in the Farouk Street, damaging a Humvee, the source said, adding it was not clear whether the patrol sustained any casualty as the US troops immediately sealed off the area.

Nineveh Province, with its capital city of Mossul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is said to be one of the last strongholds of Al-Qaida fighters in the war-torn country.—Internet

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**Twin roadside bombs target Afghan, Int’l troops near Afghan capital**

**KABUL, 24 March—** Afghan and international troops were targeted by two separate roadside bombing in Afghanistan’s Wardak Province, some 70 km west of the Afghan capital Kabul on Monday, spokesman of provincial administration Adam Khan Sirat said.

“Both attacks occurred in Sayd Abad district, the first roadside bomb went off at noon time targeting a convoy of the Afghan National Army (ANA) while the second one detonated by remote control hit a convoy of international troops,” Sirat told Xinhua.—Internet
Egypt confirms 59th human case of bird flu

CAIRO, 24 March—A 38-year-old Egyptian woman has contracted the virus of bird flu, bringing the number of human cases of the fatal avian influenza in the country to 59, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

The woman came from the Elfath district in the central Egyptian governorate of Asyut, some 330 km south of Cairo, the WHO said in a press release on its website.

The woman showed the symptoms of a fever and headache and was admitted to Assiut Fever Hospital for treatment, said the WHO, citing reports of the Egyptian Health Ministry.

“Infection with H5N1 avian influenza was confirmed on 18 March by the Egyptian Central Public Health Laboratory,” the WHO said, adding she is in a stable condition.—Xinhua

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 24 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw, Pymimna, Cha’k, Minbu, Aunglan and Thayawady (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (1.85 inches), Yangon (Kaba-aye) (0.20 inch) and Pyapon (0.12 inch).

Maximum temperature on 23-3-2009 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 24-3-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (02:30) hours MST on 24-3-2009 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 23-3-2009 was (6.5) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 24-3-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (NIl) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (14:45) hours MST on 23-3-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25th March 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-3-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-3-2009: Generally fair weather.
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Is the Tatmadaw

Development of transportation sector in the time of Tatmadaw Government

The people, the Tatmadaw stand in harmony

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