Senior General Than Shwe receives Standing Committee member of Political Bureau of Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received a goodwill delegation led by H.E. Mr. Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10.30 a.m., today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thida Thura Tin Aung, Minn Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo.—MNA

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* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
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* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
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* 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
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**Perspectives**

Friday, 27 March, 2009

**Strong and efficient Tatmadaw to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity**

Today, 27 March, 2009, is the 64th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day of the Union of Myanmar. It was on this day 64 years ago that Myanma Tatmadaw was born out of struggles against colonialists and fascists for national independence. Therefore, today is a red-letter day in the history of the Union of Myanmar.

On 27 March, 1945, the Tatmadaw, hand in hand with the national races, began to wage their anti-fascist fight, risking life and limb till they won victory and regained independence. Therefore, it was designated as Armed Forces Day in honour of the Tatmadaw.

Being made up of the siblings of the national races, the Tatmadaw has always risen to occasion at different times in history when the Union is faced with various kinds of hardships and in danger of collapse. It has worked for the interests of the people, always protecting their life and property.

Today also, the Tatmadaw is working in concert with the people to build a peaceful and developed nation. It is making all-out efforts, overcoming all sorts of hindrances, for the Union to be able to keep abreast of her neighbours and other countries in the region in the 21st Century.

In addition to a peaceful and developed nation, a modern patriotic Tatmadaw full of discipline, loyalty, unity and three skills is being built. At the same time, the Tatmadaw is equipping themselves with high morale, strength and efficiency is also being built. At this 64th Armed Forces Day, the Tatmadaw, a modern patriotic Tatmadaw full of strength and efficiency is also being built.

Minister for Industry-2 receives delegation of TATA Motors Ltd

**YANGON,** 26 March—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received a delegation led by Mr Manas Kumar Mishra of TATA Motors Limited at the meeting hall of the Ministry, here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters on rapid implementation of heavy truck assembly & component parts production project being jointly carried out by Ministry of Industry-2 and TATA Motors Limited, and running the factory starting from December 2009.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Lt- Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials.

**Fishing Dept to sell fingerlings for release on Myanmar New Year Day**

**YANGON,** 26 March—Fisheries Department has warned the people not to sell and buy African cat fish as there is a ban on releasing the cat fish into lakes and rivers on the New Year Day.

The release the carnivorous fish into rivers and lakes causes the depletion of fish, the Fisheries Department has banned the breeding and selling the African cat fish.

**Selling of Slenfig honoured**

**YANGON,** 26 March—A ceremony to honour the sale agents who distributed Slenfig imported by Lifeline Co Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, yesterday evening.

Managing Director Dr Sein Win, BOD members Dr Swe Hla and Dr Khin San Aye presented gifts to the sale agents.

The managing director spoke words of thanks, and those present were served with the dinner.

Lifeline Co Ltd distributes Slenfig produced by Torrent Pharmaceutical Co Ltd to the whole country. Those wishing to sell the product wholesales and retail may contact Room 5 at No. 39 of Bahosi Housing Estate in Lannmadaw Township, Tel: 223144, 226812 and 220165.—MNA

**Sagaya Division Third Medical Conference opens**

**YANGON,** 26 March—The opening ceremony of Sagaya Division Third Medical Conference was held at Thha Tili Hall in Monywa on 14 March.

Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) and Myanmar Medical Council Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing formally opened the conference.

Next, Chairman of Sagaya Division Health Committee Police Col Myint Wai and Chairman Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing made speeches on the occasion.

Medical Superintendent of Monywa People’s Hospital Dr Aung Kyaw Myint explained facts about the conference.

Afterwards, officials viewed booths on display. The conference was held for two days and a total of 215 doctors attended it. —MNA
**Bomb kills 10 civilians in eastern Afghanistan**

KABUL, 26 March — One roadside bomb killed 10 civilians Wednesday in a van along a route used by foreign troops in eastern Afghanistan while another wounded three Australian troops — highlighting a tactic increasingly favoured by Taleban militants.

The roadside bombings show the dangers that will be faced by the additional 17,000 US troops President Barack Obama has pledged to send to Afghanistan this year to battle Taleban militants in the country’s south.

The US could end up sending even more troops to Afghanistan as part of an overhauled strategy the Obama administration is expected to announce later this week.

US troops first faced widespread roadside bomb attacks in Iraq, where they caused thousands of casualties and led the military to spend billions of dollars to build armored vehicles better equipped to keep soldiers safe.

The US military has transferred much of that technology to Afghanistan, but Afghan officials say well-trained militants have also migrated from Iraq, bringing with them the knowledge to carry out more deadly attacks. Also, the rural and often mountainous terrain in Afghanistan provides even more hiding places for roadside bombs than in Iraq, which is more developed.—Internet

**Four school children killed in bomb attack in Iraq’s Mosul**

MOSUL, 26 March — Four female school children were killed and seven others injured in a bomb explosion in Iraq’s northern city of Mosul on Wednesday, a local police source said.

An explosive-charge hidden in a garbage container went off in the afternoon near a primary school in the al-Rashidiyah neighbourhood in northern Mosul, killing four female school children and wounding seven others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bomb apparently was targeted a passing US patrol, but the explosion missed its target, hitting the children who were leaving the school to their homes instead, the source said.

Anger and resentment rose among the residents of the neighbourhood as all the victims were under 12 years old, the source added.

Despite security gains in recent months in Iraq, there are still sporadic bombings targeting US troops, Iraqi security forces and civilians, which shape a new reality in the war-torn country. —Internet

**Car bomb kills 20 in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 26 March — A car bomb exploded near a crowded market in a mainly Shiite area of Baghdad on Thursday, killing as many as 20 people, Iraqi officials said, in the sixth major attack in Iraq this month.

The explosives-laden car was parked behind concrete barriers surrounding a private hospital near a bus stop and shops in the eastern Shaab district, the officials said.

The 20 killed included four children and four women, said police and hospital officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to release the information. The officials said 35 people also were wounded.

It takes two sides to have a fight, and there’s really only one side left in Baghdad after violence and fear turned parts of neighbourhoods into ghost towns.

**US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,261**

WASHINGTON, 26 March — As of Wednesday, 25 March, 2009, at least 4,261 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,425 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

**It’s fear that keeps Baghdad’s peace**

BAGHDAD, 26 March — The streets are calmer now. The fighting between Shiites and Sunnis has largely ceased. But this is not a sign of normalcy in the Iraqi capital. It’s fear that keeps the peace.

Only an estimated 16 percent of the mainly Sunni families forced by Shiite militiamen and death squads to flee their homes have dared to return.

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**Medics at a central Baghdad, Iraq hospital tend to a woman injured by a car bomb, on 26 March, 2009. The bomb exploded near a crowded market in a mainly Shiite area, killing as many as 20 people, Iraqi officials said, in the sixth major attack in Iraq this month.—Internet**
Ukrainians protest against US frigate’s visit

KIEV, 26 March—

Around 500 people on Wednesday gathered in Sevastopol, the Ukrainian southern naval port, to protest a US naval frigate’s visit to the country.

According to the reports of local media, activists at the port shouted slogans like “NATO out” and “Yankee go home.”

“We welcome all foreigners who come here as tourists, but we will not bear the US frigate in our city,” said Andrei Merkulov, one of the rally organizers.

The US frigate arrived in Sevastopol on Wednesday morning, kicking off its five-day friendly visit to the country as part of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry’s international military cooperation plan.

The frigate will not take part in any military exercises, a Ukrainian navy statement said.

Last November, a US warship cut short its visit to Sevastopol amid similar protests.

Russia signed a 20-year contract with Ukraine in 1997 to station its Black Sea Fleet. Ukrainian officials have repeatedly called for the fleet to leave Sevastopol when the lease expires in 2017.

France sells 24 military helicopters to Iraq

PARIS, 26 March—

France on Wednesday sealed a contract for the sale of 24 military helicopters to Iraq, its first arms deal with Baghdad since 1990.

French Defence Minister Herve Morin signed the deal worth 360 million euros ($488 million dollars) for the Eurocopter EC635s during a meeting in Paris with his Iraqi counterpart Abdul Qader Obeidi.

France agreed to provide pilot training and provide maintenance as part of the contract.

S Korea says more talks needed on EU trade pact

SEOUL, 26 March—

South Korea’s trade minister said on Thursday that more talks are needed to narrow differences before forging a free trade pact with the European Union.

The two sides reached a tentative agreement on the pact Tuesday after almost two years of talks. They plan to settle two outstanding issues — duty drawback and rules of origin — at trade ministers’ talks in London next week.

“More talks are necessary that to narrow differences on the issue,” Trade Minister Kim Jong-Hoon told a radio programme.

Mexico captures another ‘most-wanted’ trafficker

MEXICO CITY, 26 March—

Soldiers captured one of Mexico’s most-wanted smugglers, a man accused of controlling the flow of drugs through the northern city of Monterrey.

The head of Toyota Motor Corp’s chief engineer Akihiko Otsuka

US industrywide sales flat at best in March

TOKYO, 26 March—

The head of Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) said on Thursday that industrywide sales in the United States for this month looked set to be flat or worse than the weak results seen in February.

“Annualized sales in January and February were a little above 9 million, and we’re hearing that March will be about the same if not worse than February,” President Katsuaki Watanabe told a news conference to unveil the remodelled Crown Majesta sedan.

He said he could not tell when car sales would bottom out globally, adding that he hoped governments around the world would offer incentives to jump-start demand.

In Japan, Watanabe said Toyota was not planning to have any factory holidays from May and beyond, when the company hopes to keep daily output above 10,000 units.

Israel is Palestinians’ peace partner

JERUSALEM, 26 March—

Incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday his government will be a “partner for peace with the Palestinians,” the latest sign that the new Israeli leader is softening his stand as he prepares to take office next week.

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The prime minister-designate said he will seek parliamentary approval for his new government next week.

Then he would take over as head of a government dominated by hawkish parties, but potentially moderated by the presence of the centrist Labor Party.

Labor has been at the forefront of Mideast peace efforts, while Netanyahu has a record of rebuffing peace moves that require Israeli concessions.

To entice a reluctant Labor into his coalition, Netanyahu had to promise to pursue peace with the Palestinians, but stopped short of pledging to work for creation of a Palestinian state — a cornerstone of peace plans for more than a decade.

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Israel’s Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu attends a party meeting at the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, in Jerusalem on 2 March, 2009.

Internet

Japan’s Watanabe, who has been accused of controlling the flow of drugs through the northern city of Monterrey, is a common sight on the streets of Sevastopol.

Soldiers escort alleged drug cartel lieutenant

Hector Huerta Rios after a press conference to show him to the media in Mexico City, on 25 March, 2009. Huerta Rios, who allegedly ran operations for the Beltran Leyva drug cartel, was detained Tuesday in Monterrey, northern Mexico.

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US Continental Airlines inaugurates nonstop New York-Shanghai service

NEW YORK, 26 March—US Continental Airlines on Wednesday became the first US carrier to inaugurate scheduled service between New York and Shanghai, China, with daily nonstop flights from the airline’s hub at Newark Liberty International Airport.

The new service will provide daily nonstop flights in the largest US-China market that today lacks daily service, linking the world’s financial centre and top business and tourism destination with China’s centre for finance and trade, according to a press release.

“The new service will not only serve as an important business and tourist destination for China, with daily nonstop flights from the airline’s scheduled service between New York and Shanghai, Wednesday became the first US carrier to inaugurate nonstop New York-Shanghai service, Xinhua said.

“China is a valued international market for Continental, and we expect great success for finance and trade, according to a press release. Xinhua

EU countries asked to have “civilian surge” in Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 26 March—European Union (EU) countries have been asked to commit additional civilian resources to Afghanistan to match US plans to send in 17,000 additional troops, said a policy report of a European think tank on Wednesday.

“If EU governments are serious about Afghanistan, they should complement the coming US military push with a civilian surge of their own. They must ensure the elections are secure, train the army and the police, and reach out to the Taliban,” said Daniel Korski of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).

EU countries must acknowledge there can be no military solution to the insurGENCY, he argued.

The EU and the United States should encourage the next Afghan government to negotiate with those militant leaders, who are willing to lay down arms and integrate them into the political process, said Korski, a former adviser to the Afghan government in Kabul.—Xinhua

Pilot killed in US F-22 fighter jet crash

LOS ANGELES, 26 March—A Lockheed Martin test pilot was killed when his F-22 fighter jet crashed on Wednesday near Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California.

The 49-years-old David Cooley was a 21-year Air Force veteran, Lockheed Martin said in a statement.

The accident occurred at 10 am local time in Kern County, about 50 kilometres northeast of the base, according to Kristina Constant of Edwards Air Force Base.

Constant said an investigation into the cause of the crash was under way.—Xinhua

Ecuadorian military plane crashes in border area, two killed in rescue efforts

QUITO, 26 March — A combat aircraft from the Ecuadorian Air Force (FAE) crashed on Wednesday in the district of La Joya de los Sachas in the province of Orellana, near the border with Colombia, and two persons were killed due to a broken rope in the following rescue efforts.

Both pilots of the plane survived the crash, which occurred at 10:40 am local time (1540 GMT) on a patrol flight near the Agrio Lake, according to the military authorities.

However, one of the pilots was killed during the rescue mission, along with an army lieutenant, trying to rescue him, as the rope that was holding them both suddenly snapped, said General Fabian Narvaez of the FAE.—Xinhua

Helicopter crashes in Turkey

ANKARA, 26 March — A helicopter carrying Muhsin Yazicioglu, chairman of Turkey’s Grand Unity Party (BBP), crashed on Wednesday near the village of Haci Omerli in southern Turkey, the semi-official Anadolu news agency reported.

The helicopter was on its way from province of Kahramanmaras to the central province of Yozgat with five passengers and the pilot on board, according to the report.

An ambulance helicopter and a search-and-rescue chopper were immediately sent to the scene of the crash. “We were informed that there were six people on board the helicopter. Besides the teams, local villagers are also participating in the search-and-rescue efforts. I hope that there is not any casualty. No one has been able to reach the crash site yet,” Mehmet Niyazi Tamlir, governor of Kahramanmaras, was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

Jordan’s king calls on Obama to engage in Mideast peace process

AMMAN, 26 March—Jordan’s King Abdullah II on Wednesday called on the US administration to engage in the peace process between Palestinians and Israelis, the Royal Hashemite Court said in a statement.

The king made the remarks in a phone call with US President Barack Obama, during which the two leaders discussed the current situation in the Middle East, particularly the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

King Abdullah said the US administration’s full engagement is a main element for resuming the negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis, said the statement.

The king also said he is looking forward to working with the US president in order to achieve a just and comprehensive peace that meets the aspiration of the people in the region, the statement added.

During the telephone conversation, Obama invited the king to visit the United States.—Xinhua

Folk artist Wang Zhenzhu displays her paper-cuttings of 108 generals of Chinese classic novel “Outlaws of the Marsh”, in Yuncheng, north China’s Shanxi Province, on 24 March, 2009. It took Wang Zhenzhu some three months to finish the vivid paper-cuttings of aesthetic value.—Xinhua

A passenger receives a gift from an airhostess of Continental Airlines at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, the United States, on 25 March, 2009.—Xinhua

Members of the Qin Opera Art Troupe of Hami stage performance in Dahe Township of Barkol Kazak Autonomous County, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygar Autonomous Region, on 24 March, 2009. Xinhua

A passenger receives a gift from an airhostess of the first nonstop New York to Shanghai flight of Continental Airlines at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, the United States, on 25 March, 2009.—Xinhua

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Yemen detains six al-Qaeda suspects over plotting attacks

SANAA, 26 March — Yemen’s Interior Ministry said on Wednesday six suspected al-Qaeda militants have been detained on suspicion of plotting attacks against oil facilities and foreign targets and tourists.

Yemeni security forces have arrested the six suspects who have been held responsible for carrying out two recent attacks against South Koreans, a statement posted on the ministry’s website said. Four South Korean tourists and their Yemeni guide were killed last week in a bombing during a visit to the historic city of Shibam, Hadramawt Province.

Then, a suicide bomber hit a convoy carrying a team sent to investigate the Shibam explosion, but no one was hurt. The suicide bomber, aged 18 years old, is said to have received training in Somalia, according to Yemen’s official Saba news agency.—Internet

Woman gives birth on airliner, abandons baby in trash

BEIJING, 26 March — A newly born baby was saved by a cleaning lady from a blue trash bag in an airplane bathroom, media reports said on Thursday.

Were it not for a cleaning lady who chanced upon the newborn waving a feeble arm from a blue trash bag, Grace would have met the fate her mother apparently intended for her, authorities said.

On Wednesday, police in New Zealand charged the 29-year-old woman with abandonment and assault — for giving birth to the child on an international flight and then leaving her, without alerting anyone, in a toilet bin amid bloodied paper towels. The woman, whose name was not released, faces up to seven years in prison if convicted.

The woman is a kiwi fruit picker who was returning from Samoa when she walked off a Pacific Blue flight in Auckland Thursday.—Internet

Dead man gets television bill

A man received a letter for his long-overdue television license bill after his death 450 years ago, centuries before the invention of Television and radio.

Germany’s GEZ broadcast fee collection office sent the bill to the last home address of Adam Ries, the German mathematician, who bought the house in 1525. residents of the house said Wednesday. A club in his honor was set up at the property four centuries later.

“We received a letter saying ‘To Mr Adam Ries’ on it, with the request to pay his television and radio fees,” said Annette Muench, who now heads the club.

Muench returned the letter to the GEZ with a note explaining the request had come too late because Ries had died in 1559. She nonetheless received a reminder a few weeks later.

Ancient fish trap found in Wales

Archaeologists in Wales said they used Google Earth to identify an underwater rock formation as a fish trap made more than 1,000 years ago.

The nearly 1,000-foot-long contraption was initially spotted by an aircraft near Cardigan, Wales, and was subsequently found on Google Earth by archaeologists called in to investigate, The Daily Mail reported on Monday.

The trap is comprised of huge rocks on the riverbed arranged in a v-shape to snap fish with the outgoing tide so they could be easily removed with nets, the archaeologists said. Ziggy Otto, who is leading the effort to investigate the ancient trap, said divers are being sent down to study the object up close.

“It would have taken a number of fishermen to work on a structure of this size,” Otto said. “The fish were herded into the trap and when the tide went out they would be scooped out with nets.”

Pharmaceuticals residues in Chicago fish

BEIJING, 26 March — A new study showed prescription drugs used to treat depression, high blood pressure, seizures and other ailments were found in fish caught near wastewater treatment plants in Chicago, according to researchers on Wednesday.

The project, the largest of its kind on human drugs in fish tissue, have prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to significantly expand ongoing research to more than 150 different locations.

Researchers from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, found trace amounts of seven different pharmaceutical drugs in fish caught near the Northside Treatment Plant at Howard Street and McCormick Boulevard in Skokie. They recorded similar results near sewage plants in Duluth, Orlando, suburban Philadelphia and Phoenix.

“The average person hopefully will see this type of a study and see the importance of us thinking about water that we use every day, where does it come from, where does it go to? We need to understand this is a limited resource and we need to learn a lot more about our impacts on it,” said study co-author Bryan Brooks, a Baylor University researcher and professor who has published more than a dozen studies related to pharmaceuticals in the environment.—Internet

Green spaces keep children more active

Kids who live near green spaces seem to be more physically active and might be more unlikely to be obese, a new study has found.

For every part within a half-mile (0.8-kilometer) of home, a girl’s likelihood of taking part in leisure walking increased by 60 percent, according to the study presented at an American Heart Association (AHA) conference in Palm Harbor, Florida last week. A copy of the study was made available.

Researchers from Sainte Justine Hospital Research Center and University of Montreal in Canada collected data from 300 families and more than 600 children who took part in a study of weight and cardio metabolic risk in kids.

Two penguins named South (L) and North are released to the open ocean by veterinarian Amy Twentyman of the Taronga Zoo at North Carl Curl beach in Sydney. The zoo released back into the ocean the two adults after they had rested and been cared for at Taronga’s Wildlife Hospital.

Emergency services work at the site of a deadly bus crash outside the town of Petushki in Vladimir region, some 100km (62 miles) east of Moscow, on 26 March, 2009.—INTERNET

20 killed, four injured in Russia’s bus-truck collision

MOSCOW, 26 March — At least 20 people were killed and four seriously injured in a traffic accident in Russia’s central Vladimir region, local media reported on Thursday.

A bus full of passengers collided with a truck on a highway some 124 km away from Moscow, Russian officials said.

The bus caught fire after the crash and the injured were rushed to the local hospital, officials said.

An investigation is underway but the cause of the accident remains unclear.—Internet
### HONOURING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

**Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon)** established for broadening the horizons of national race youths of border areas.

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—As a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the Ministry of Forestry opened the Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) at the building near the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the directors-general of the SPDC Office and the Government Office, heads of department, ambassadors of foreign embassies, service personnel, teachers and students from the University of Forestry and basic education schools, foreign experts and engineers of MRT Co who built the planetarium and guests.

The commander, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung formally opened the planetarium.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the planetarium's archway. He sprinkled the scented water on the stone plaque of the planetarium, and so did Lt-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed the exhibits around the planetarium.

Vocalists Hay Mar Nay Win, Kawni and Chaw Su Khin entertained the audience with the song composed to mark the planetarium by Bogale Tint Aung.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung in his speech said that the planetarium is to add to the image of Nay Pyi Taw, to serve as a public recreation centre, to enrich the public knowledge, and arouse the youth's curiosity about astronomy.

He said that in August 2008, the Head of State gave guidance on a planetarium project for younger generations enabling them to keep abreast of the youth of other countries in astronomy; and that to comply with the guidance, groundwork was carried out in line with Myanmar's geographical features.

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Secretary-1 hosts luncheon to Standing Committee member of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of CPC and party

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo hosted a luncheon to the goodwill delegation led by H.E. Mr. Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at Myat Tawwinn Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at 3 p.m. today. The luncheon were held for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Hly, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, departmental heads and officials.

After the luncheon, the Secretary-1 and the member of Standing Committee exchanged gifts. Mr. Li Changchun cordially greeted the artistes who presented variety songs during the luncheon. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and the Chinese goodwill delegation led by Mr. Li Changchun posed for documentary photo together with the artistes.—MNA

Modern planetarium, a feather in the cap...

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climate, and characters, and the design of the planetarium was drawn for many times. The design of the planetarium and all the construction process were undertaken by Myanmar engineers, which attracted the praise from the French and Singaporean experts. So far, there are only over 300 planetariums, only some of which had advanced methods and digital machines, all over the world. So, the modern planetarium is a feather in the nation’s cap. French expert Mr. Jean-François presented some facts about the project, and donated a telescope to the planetarium through Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented gifts to foreign experts through Mr. Jean-François, and to the engineers of MRT Co Ltd through Chief Engineer U Kyaw Kyaw.

The Secretary-1 viewed a short film of Myanmar beauty, and Egyptian Faro dynasty and belief in stars and watched a comic strip “Kaluo’ Kahina: Enchanted Reef”. Under the supervision of the Ministry of Forestry, service personnel and the MRT Co Ltd launched the project on 9 November 2008 and completed it on 20 March 2009.

The planetarium is constituted with the main hall, a lecture hall, and a briefing hall, and is equipped with modern equipment. Beginning 1 April, the planetarium opens from 10 am to 4 pm every day except Monday. The exhibition programmes are conducted two times a day, at 11 am and 1 pm.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views the presentation of digital projector system at opening ceremony of Planetarium(Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA
Myanmar, PRC sign agreements

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo met with Standing Committee member Mr. Li Changchun of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at the meeting hall of the SPDC Office, here, at 1 p.m. today and held a discussion on mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and departmental heads.

The Standing Committee member of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC and party were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo.

On arrival at the meeting hall of the SPDC Office, the Chinese goodwill delegation was greeted by the Secretary-1.

Next, the Secretary-1 and the Standing Committee member extended greetings.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and the Standing Committee member cordially discussed further strengthening friendly ties and relations between the two countries and mutual cooperation in energy, hydropower, communication, transport, information, culture and industrial sectors.

At 2.30 p.m. a ceremony to sign the agreements between the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China on the Myanmar-China Oil and Gas Pipelines and exchanged notes.

First, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Head of China’s National Energy Administration Mr. Zhang Guobao of the People’s Republic of China signed the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China on the Myanmar-China Oil and Gas Pipelines and exchanged notes.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Head of China’s National Energy Administration Mr. Zhang Guobao of the People’s Republic of China sign the agreement on Myanmar-China Oil and Gas Pipelines.

Minister Col Zaw Min and Head of China’s National Energy Administration Mr. Zhang Guobao of the PRC ink Agreement on Development of Hydropower Resources in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Chinese Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo sign the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor Mr Li Ruogu of Export-Import Bank of China sign MoU Regarding Buyer’s Credit for Constructions Projects.
Secretary-1 bids farewell to Chinese goodwill delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo bade farewell to the visiting Chinese goodwill delegation led by Standing Committee Member Mr. Li Changchun of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this evening.

The Secretary-1 welcomed the goodwill delegation when they arrived at the airport. The Secretary-1 presented the album of documentary photos on the visit of the delegation to Mr. Li Changchun. Afterwards, the delegation left here for Yangon by special flight. Secretary-1 General Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsane, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials bade farewell to the delegation. — MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation arrives in Yangon

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint welcomes Mr Li Changchun, Member of the Standing Committee of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

YANGON, 26 March — A Chinese goodwill delegation led by H.E Mr. Li Changchun, Member of the Standing Committee of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China arrived at Yangon International Airport by special flight yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo and officials. — MNA

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Republic of China signed the Framework Agreement on Development of Hydropower Resources between National Administration of the People’s Republic of China and the Ministry of Electric Power No. (1) of the Union of Myanmar and exchanged the notes. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor Mr Li Ruogu of Export-Import Bank of China inked the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Buyer’s Credit for Construction Projects between the Export-Import Bank of China and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union of Myanmar and exchanged the notes. — MNA

MCPA Software Developer Conference on 28 March

YANGON, 26 March — As part of the effort for development of information technology, Myanmar Computer Professional Association will conduct the MCPA Software Developer Conference at Conference Hall of Myanmar Information Technology in Hline Township on 28 March.

IT executives, project managers and software developers of ACE Data System, Bizsoft Business Information System Ltd, MCC Co Ltd and MIT Pte Ltd in Myanmar will share their experiences during the conference.

In the evening, the speakers and executives of MCPA will participate in the open discussion on software technique and job opportunities at the conference.

Members of MCPA and those interested in software may participate in the conference. More information is available at the office of MCPA, Ph 652276. — MNA

Repaved street inaugurated in Hlegu

YANGON, 26 March — Hailing the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Hlegu Township Development Affairs Committee opened the repaved Aungmingala 2nd Street in Aungmingala Ward of Hlegu this morning.

Executive Officer U Kyaw Myo Latt of the committee explained the tarmacking of the road.

Col Hsan Myint Oo of the local station, Director of Yangon Division D&AC U Aung Kyaw Nyine and local people U Kyaw Hsane formally opened the street and strolled along it. — MNA
India signs defence deal with Israel

NEW DELHI, 26 March—The Indian Government has signed a massive two-billion-US-dollar defence deal with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), local news website dnaindia.com reported Wednesday.

The deal, which was signed into a contract this month, came at a time when India already possesses a more powerful missile in the same class—the advanced air defence (AAD) missile, part of India’s anti-ballistic missile shield, said the website.

The website said that the deal, being kept under wraps, could sound the death-knell of the indigenous surface-to-air Akash missile system, into which millions have been invested over the years.

More importantly, the deal ignores the success of the AAD missile, which could be deployed as a surface-to-air missile and used exactly like the Israeli missile system MRSAM.

A senior Defence Ministry official, who defended the government on the contract, told the website that the MRSAM file was sent to the solicitor-general, who felt that the government could go ahead with the deal if it considered the missile essential.

MNA/Reuters

Costa Rican President opposes oil exploitation

SAN JOSE, 26 March—Costa Rican President Oscar Arias expressed his objection to the exploitation of oil in his country, and stressed Costa Rica was making great efforts to develop renewable energy, the local Press said on Tuesday.

In an address to the congress on Monday, Arias said he was determined to fulfill a pledge not to allow oil exploitation in Costa Rica. According to the website Nacion.com/el pais, Arias said his government was making efforts to develop solar and wind power, and geothermal energy.

“No oil exploitation is a decision I made long ago,” Arias said. “If I had been asked the same question three years ago, I would have given the same answer.”

Costa Rica is a net importer of oil. In January, Roberto Dobles, the former minister of Environment and Energy, said the country needed to exploit oil.

MNA/Xinhua

China to replace satellite made for Nigeria for free

BEIJING, 26 March—China has promised to replace a Nigerian telecommunications satellite free of charge after the last one, made and launched in China, failed after about 18 months in orbit, the China Daily said on Wednesday.

The 340-million-US-dollar Nigerian Communication Satellite, or NIGCOMSAT-1, was launched to great fanfare in 2007, with Nigeria hoping it would offer advanced telecommunications, broadcasting and broadband multimedia services for 15 years. Its solar-powered battery failed in November 2008.

The replacement NIGCOMSAT-1R will be launched from Sichuan Province in southwestern China in the fourth quarter of 2011, Yin Liming, president of China Great Wall Industry Corp, said at a signing ceremony on Tuesday. The satellite was supposed to make Africa’s most populous nation a technological hub, saving broadband users and phone users hundreds of millions of dollars a year and enabling Internet access to remote rural villages.

MNA/Reuters

French 3M manager released after deal with staff

PITHIVIERS, 26 March—Workers at a factory operated by the US firm 3M released the French manager they had held hostage for over 24 hours on Thursday after a deal on conditions for laid-off staff.

The industrial director of the group, Luc Rousselet, was barricaded in an office on Tuesday evening and workers had refused to let him out until he agreed to more favourable terms for the 110 employees who face the axe. “A framework of an agreement allowing for the end of the current crisis on the 3M site in Pithiviers was signed today,” a union representative said. Locking up managers is becoming a tradition in French labour disputes, with police unwilling to intervene to avoid violence.

MNA/Reuters
Two babies killed, 4 hospitalized by hand, foot and mouth disease in east China

JINAN, 25 March—Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) has killed two babies and hospitalized another four in Heze City of east China’s Shandong Province in March, local authorities said on Wednesday.

A seven-month-old infant died at 8:23 pm Sunday—10 hours after he was rushed to the Heze Infectious Disease Hospital (HIDH). A 15-month-old boy died at noon on Monday in the People’s Hospital of Juancheng County, Shandong Provincial Health Department said.

The disease was found in all the nine counties and districts in the city, he said.

Besides the HFMD cases, another four babies died of cephalitis or suspected HFMD from 8 March to 23 March, Li said.

The Health Department has dispatched expert teams to Heze to instruct emergency treatment as well as disease control and prevention. Medical equipments were also sent to Heze to assist the fight against the disease.

According to the Ministry of Health, HFMD can be caused by a host of intestinal viruses, but EV71 and the Coxackievirus (Cox A16) were the most common.

Two teenagers die after suspected ecstasy overdose in western Canada

OTTAWA, 26 March—Two teenage girls have died after they were brought to a hospital in western Canada suffering from suspected ecstasy overdose, police in Alberta Province said on Wednesday.

The girls, aged 15, were alongside also suffering from the Paul Band First Nation west of provincial capital Edmonton. They fell ill on Sunday probably after ingesting ecstasy, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said.

Two other girls who were alongside also suffered symptoms, but they are getting better.

Dennis Paul, a spokesman for the Paul Band First Nation, blamed individuals involved in the local drug trade for making the drug easily available to young people.

China to celebrate the year of Russian language

BEIJING, 26 March—The year of Russian language will debut in China on Friday as a way to mark the 60th anniversary of good diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The event will be celebrated throughout 2009. Many major schools will partake in activities both inside universities and across the nation, according to China’s Ministry of Education (MOE).

US billionaire promises productive space trip

BAIKONUR, 26 March—The first time US billionaire Charles Simonyi peered out from the international space station he was awe-struck. He’s vowing to be a little more productive on his second time trip.

The Hungarian-born software designer joined US flight engineer Michael Barratt and Russian commander Gennady Padalka for last-minute preparations on Wednesday as the three counted down the hours to blast off from Russia’s Baikonur cosmodrome.

On Thursday, the three men are scheduled to soar into the evening skies over northern Kazakhstan steps on their way to the orbiting station, some 220 miles (350 kilometres) above the Earth.

Simonyi, who made his fortune developing software for Microsoft Corp, forked over $35 million for the journey—a sharp increase from the $25 million he paid for his first trip, two years ago.

The 60-year-old told reporters he is itching to relive the experience for many reasons, not the least of which is because he whittled away his first time in awe.

Peering out of the station is “like seeing the Earth in widescreen,” he said.

He said this time around he plans on devoting more time to conducting radiation experiments as well as video conferencing with school children. —INTERNET

Tanzania to beat malaria in six years

DAR ES SALAAM, 26 March—The government of Tanzania has expressed high hope of rolling out malaria by 2015 after Monday’s release of a new global map on the killer disease.

Local English broadsheet The Guardian on Thursday quoted Tanzanian Deputy Health Minister Aisha Kigoda as saying that Tanzania can kick out the disease now with more knowledge about it and its prevalence in the country.

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Two Tianjin University representatives sit in the cockpit of an aircraft at the apron of China Civil Aviation University in Tianjin, north China, on 22 March, 2009.—INTERNET
Kahn and co point to lack of top-class keepers

B E R L I N , 26 March – Germany does not currently have a world-class goalkeeper worthy of helping the national team win next year’s World Cup, insists both ex-captain Oliver Kahn and national goalkeeper coach Andreas Koepke.

“We have very goodkeepers in the Bundesliga, but from my point of view we have no absolute world-classkeepers at present,” Koepke told Sport Bild on Wednesday ahead of Saturday’s World Cup qualifier against Liechtenstein.

And Kahn — who led Germany to the 2002 World Cup final defeat against Brazil — said the national team is lacking consistency from any of the current crop of goalkeepers. “This situation, which does not please me at all, is that all the current goalkeepers have all fallen into a rut and none of them have a high-level of consistency,” said Kahn, who retired last May.

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Fresh-faced France turn to habitual hero Henry

P A R I S , 26 March — Blighted by problems in the striking department prior to their World Cup qualifier in Lithuania on Saturday, France will once again be forced to look to the in-form Thierry Henry for inspiration.

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United will bounce back stronger: Fletcher

M A D R I D , 26 March — Manchester United midfielder Darren Fletcher insists the English Premier League leaders will be desperate to prove their critics wrong when they return to domestic duty. The 25-year-old — who is currently with the Scotland squad ahead of World Cup qualifiers against Holland and Iceland — admits successive losses to Liverpool and Fulham have been hard to stomach.

United now only lead Liverpool by one point, although they have a game in hand, and cracks seem to be appearing in Sir Alex Ferguson’s side, with Nemanja Vidic, Paul Scholes and Wayne Rooney having been red-carded in their last two matches. But Fletcher is confident they will get back to winning ways when they return from the international break against Aston Villa on 5 April.

He said: “We would have liked a match straight away to respond to a couple of difficult games. Hopefully it’s just a setback but it’s easy talking about it, you have got to prove that on the pitch. We would have been desperate for another league game but unfortunately the international break has come along.

“But I’m sure Liverpool would have wanted the league campaign to continue so it’s something we will just have to deal with. It’s easy saying it’s only a blip, the hardest part is showing it’s only a blip. We will all be desperate when we get back to prove that. And I’m sure we will get back to winning ways.

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M A D R I D , 26 March — Liverpool’s Albert Riera warned his Spanish teammates that Turkey, who face the Euro 2008 champions in a World Cup qualifying game on Saturday, are a “very aggressive” team which “plays as one.”

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R O M E , 26 March — Juventus chief executive JeanClaude Blanc said on Wednesday that the Italian giants will sign a star player in the summer. Juve are currently trailing Inter Milan by seven points in Serie A with only nine games remaining.

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S P O R T S

Tennis wild card Hewitt rallies for win in Miami

Australia’s Lleyton Hewitt, rallied from a first-set deficit to down Israeli lucky loser Dudi Sela 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the ATP Masters and WTA hardcourt tournament. — Internet

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Raymond Domenech’s squad. Anelka was replaced by Paris StGermain’s uncapped frontman Guillermo Houarou, who joins fellow novice Andre Pierre Gignac of Toulouse in a pool of forwards that makes 20-20, 20-year-old Lyon striker Karim Benzema look like a veteran. Domenech has yet to reveal his tactics for the Lithuania clash, but that Henry will play a pivotal role is a certainty.”

Internet

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Internet

Peter Shilton, seen here has urged Fabio Capello to hand Ben Foster the chance to prove he can be England’s first-choice goalkeeper at next year’s World Cup in South Africa. — Internet
Crunch year’ for world’s forests

LONDON, 26 March—Efforts to mitigate climate change could be hampered if nations do not agree to protect the world’s forests by the end of the year, warn researchers.

Deforestation accounts for about 20% of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from human activities, UN data shows.

The environmental charity will outline its concerns during a public lecture in central London on Thursday evening.

“This year is the crunch time for forests and climate change,” Earthwatch’s head of climate change research Dan Bebber told BBC News. “We are hoping for big things from the Copenhagen climate summit at the end of 2009,” he added, referring to a much anticipated UN gathering.

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“Unless we tackle the question of forests as a mitigation method for climate change, then we will really have lost the battle to keep greenhouse gas concentrations below levels that many people would consider to be dangerous.”

Internet

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Prime Minister General
Thein Sein receives
Chinese goodwill delegation

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Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a Chinese
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the Standing Committee of Political Bureau of the Central
Committee of the Communist Party of China at the hall of
Government Office, here, this evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign
Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and
Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric
Power No (1) Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power
(2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Energy
Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Information Brig-Gen
Kyaw Hsan, Director-General of State Peace and Peace
Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-
General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin,
Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw,
Director-General U Min Lwin of Consular and Legal
Affairs Department and Director-General U Kyaw Tin of
Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Member of the Standing Committee of Political
Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party
of China Mr. Li Changchun was accompanied by
delegation members and Chinese Ambassador to the
Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha
Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
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Changchun, member of
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