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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Thein Sein congratulates Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, on his re-election as the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain. — 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.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 18 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free markets here today and gave instructions to officials concerned.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited tax-free markets in Kamayut, Dagon, Yankin and Mayangon Townships and Fish Central Market in Kyimyindine Township, rice shops of Myanmar Rice Merchants Association and edible oil and meat shops.

During the visit, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials concerned to closely supervise the markets and shops in accordance with the objectives of establishment of tax-free markets so that residents can buy fresh foods, meat and vegetables at reasonable prices at the markets.

Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Energy, regiments and battalions in Yangon Division, district/township peace and development councils, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and other private firms also set up shops and sell foodstuff, meat, vegetables and household goods in Yangon. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects tax-free market in Bahan Township.

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Everyone is pleased to hear the democracy transitional processes. Neighbouring countries with genuine goodwill towards Myanmar, ASEAN nations and friendly nations welcome Myanmar for taking correct steps. Even the UN Secretariat also welcomed and acknowledged the laying down of the time frame for implementation of the seven-step Road Map. Generally speaking, everybody who really wants democracy welcomes and supports the steps of Myanmar political journey on the correct democratic path.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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For greater development of rural and urban areas

At the core of the drive for building infrastrucutres of the State lies the transport sector.

The government, with this concept, is constructing roads and bridges on a wider scale throughout the nation for improving the transport sector. As a result, so far, the nation's total length of tarred roads, concrete roads, gravel roads, laterite roads and earth roads has increased from over 20,000 miles in 1988 to over 60,000 miles. During the period, it has constructed 230 bridges with the length of 180 feet and above. Development of rural areas is interrelated with that of urban areas. So, the government is at the same time constructing more and more village-to-village, township-to-township and district-to-district roads for equitable region-wise development.

District-to-district road No (1) rises at TadaU Township in Mandalay Division and goes more than 400 miles till it meets No (3) Highway in Hmawby Township. Now, district-to-district road No (1) is under construction, and is in the process of being upgraded from earth facility to gravel one, then to tarred one. Some sections of the road have been constructed, and they are coping with traffic now.

In Sagaing Division, district-to-district road No (3) is being constructed section-wise in Wetlet, Shwebo and Katha districts. The government is accelearing the construction of transport facilities as district-to-district roads will make a dominant role in regional development.

Now, local people are enjoying a higher socio-economic standard, resulting from smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

The government is working hard to achieve the target of forming a network of roads and bridges that covers the whole nation. So, commodity flows will become swifter and the people of respective regions including rural areas will enjoy greater economic and social development in the near future.

Medical seminar on GI tract diseases and hepatitis in progress at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake in Yangon. — MNA



People's Desire

- * 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

Nyaungdon Township gets new road



Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects newly-opened gravel road in Nyaungdon Township. — PBANRDA

YANGON, 18 March — As a gesture of hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a new gravel road was commissioned into service in Nyaungdon Township on 16 March.

The road was formally opened in the presence of CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

The Zeebyugyun-Thazinyegyaw road was constructed by Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Committee.

The new transportation facility is 3.58 miles long and meets Yangon-Pathein Road. The road was upgraded from an earth road. The road contributes to easy transport from Yangon to Pathein, benefiting local residents of Thazinyay-kyaw village-tract.

After the opening ceremony, the minister also met with residents of the village-tract.

He also held a meeting with local people during his visit to Koesu Model Village yesterday.

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Medical seminar on GI tract diseases and hepatitis held

YANGON, 18 March — Jointly sponsored by Bangkok Hospital and Bangkok Hospital (Myanmar Branch), a medical seminar on GI tract diseases and hepatitis was held at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake (Yangon) on 16 March.

Professor/Head of GI tract Department of YGH Professor Thein Saw and Professor/Head of Hepatitis Department Professor Than Sit presided over the seminar.

Professor David Grahah of GI tract Department of Baylor College of Medicine briefed on modern medical therapies on H pylori, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) and NSAID Gastropathy, Associate Professor Varocha Mahachai on modern therapy on hepatitis, GI tract and Hepatitis Specialist Dr Pongsith on modern disease diagnostic techniques and therapies of Bangkok Hospital, and replied to queries raised by those present including professors, specialists, doctors and house surgeons.

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Poem collection “Think and feel freely” in circulation



Cover of the book entitled “Think and Feel Freely”. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—The collection of poems “Think and feel freely, and other poems” by U Maung Maung Soe Tint (Retd Ambassador) came out today.

The book consists of eight chapters, featuring religious, education, Myanmar, love, youth and social affairs and feelings. The bilingual work (English and Myanmar) is published and distributed by Pyae Sone Books Centre of No 78, Hledan Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, (Tel: 224375).—MNA

Clinton, Obama backers tone down rhetoric



Barack Obama

WASHINGTON, 18 March — Backers of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama toned down their rhetoric on Sunday for fear party infighting might turn voters against Democrats and deliver their votes into

the hands of Republican John McCain.

All over the Sunday TV talk show circuit, journalists tried to get campaigners working for Clinton and Obama to attack the other side, but time and time again the supporters would not take the bait and tried to stay on the high road.

“If this party breaks apart, then clearly we’ll probably pull defeat from the jaws of victory,”

Leon Panetta, who was President Bill Clinton’s chief of staff, said on CBS’s “Face the Nation”.

Clinton and Obama took the day off after telling their campaigns last week to tone down the language in the race to win the party’s nomination for the November election.

The man either of them will face in November, Republican candidate John McCain, was in Baghdad. With no Republican competition, the Arizona Senator was able to take trips such as this to bolster his foreign policy credentials.

MNA/Reuters

Militant groups resume rockets attacks on Israel

GAZA, 18 March — Palestinian militant groups said their militants launched on Sunday several homemade rockets from northern Gaza Strip at southern Israeli towns, causing no casualties.

The armed wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said in a leaflet sent to reporters that its militants fired one homemade rocket at the town of Sderout.

“The rocket’s attack is retaliatory to the Israeli occupation’s crimes against our people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip,

and a reiteration to the fact that resistance against the occupation would never stop,” the group said.

Meanwhile, the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) said in two separate leaflets sent to reporters that its militants fired two rockets at the southern Israeli towns of Sderout and Ashkelon.

“The two attacks are response to the killing of four militants in Gaza on Saturday and killing five Palestinians in the West Bank on Wednesday,” said one of the PRC leaflets.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia WWII warship found, ends 66-year mystery



The Australian warship HMAS Sydney (II) is pictured in Sydney Harbour after returning from the Mediterranean Sea in this undated handout photograph.—XINHUA

CANBERRA, 18 March — Australia’s greatest military mystery was solved on Monday with the discovery of a World War II warship which went down with all 645 crew in a fierce battle with a German vessel more

than 66 years ago. A day after searchers located the wreck of the German merchant raider *HSK Kormoran* off the West Australian coast, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said they had also found the

Australian battlecruiser *HMAS Sydney*, sunk by the German ship.

Rudd, flanked by top military commanders, said it was “a historic day for all Australians, and a sad day for all Australians.”

“It’s very important to understand that this is a tomb and there are 645 Australian sailors entombed there,” he said, adding both ships would be declared war graves.

The sinking of the *HMAS Sydney II* is Australia’s greatest naval tragedy, with all hands lost after a 30-minute battle with the German ship on 19 November, 1941.

MNA/Reuters

Demonstrations held worldwide to condemn Iraq war

BEIJING, 18 March — Protesters took to the streets on Saturday in many cities across the world to condemn the US-led invasion of Iraq, according to reports reaching here on Sunday.

In Los Angeles, some 2,000 people marched through Hollywood, holding banners denouncing President George W Bush and urged an end to the conflict in Iraq, police said.

However, organizers of the event put the number of protesters at tens of thousands.

London police said about 10,000 protestors rallied in the city to mark the upcoming fifth anni-

versary of the Iraq war which erupted on 20 March, 2003. Protesters there urged the British Government to withdraw troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Similar demonstration also took place in the Scottish city of Glasgow, Swedish capital Stockholm, Norway’s Oslo and Denmark’s Aalborg on the same day.—MNA/Xinhua



Anti-war protesters march through central Seoul during a rally to mark the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq, on 16 March, 2008. About 1,000 protesters demanded the withdrawal of South Korean troops in Iraq.—INTERNET

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Brazil, Germany to develop night-vision radar satellite

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 March — Brazil and Germany have signed an agreement to develop a night-vision radar satellite to observe the Amazon Region, the National Space Research Institute (INPE) said Sunday.

The INPE plans to build the *Multiple Application Synthetic Aperture Radar* with the help of the German Space Centre over 18 months, in the second satellite project undertaken by the two nations.—MNA/Xinhua



Residents look at the wreckage of a vehicle used in a bomb attack in Baghdad on 17 March, 2008. —INTERNET



Visitors view the paintings at the painting exhibition of artists from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) held in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 March, 2008.—XINHUA

Left seeks to capture big cities in French election

PARIS, 17 March — France goes to the polls for the final round of municipal elections on Sunday, which could leave the left in charge of most major French cities and put pressure on President Nicolas Sarkozy to change his style of government.

In the first round last weekend, opposition leftist parties won 48 per cent of the overall vote against 41 per cent for the centre-right, making gains in townhalls around the

country but failing to impose any shock defeats on Sarkozy and his allies.

Sunday could change that, with the Socialists challenging hard to win control of two big southern cities, Marseille and Toulouse, and fighting to clinch a landslide victory in Paris.

If its southern bastions fall, Sarkozy's centre-right UMP party will be left running just two of France's top 10 cities. If it clings on to them, it will be able to shrug off

anticipated losses in a slew of smaller towns.

"We are going to win back 30 medium-sized towns, but if we don't get Toulouse and Marseille people will say it isn't a great result," said Socialist party leader Francois Hollande.—MNA/Reuters

Israeli W Bank outpost hurt US relations

JERUSALEM, 17 March — Israel's Deputy Premier said on Saturday the Jewish State's delay in dismantling settler outposts in the occupied West Bank is hurting bilateral relations with the United States.

The comments made by Haim Ramon came after US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Friday neither Israel nor the Palestinians have done enough to meet peace commitments.

A long-stalled 2003 "road map" peace plan calls on Israel to remove outposts built without government authorization in the West Bank and to halt all settlement activity in the territory. It also demands the Palestinians crack down on militants. —MNA/Reuters

Chadian rebel chief threatens attack on oil region

DAKAR, 17 March — A Chadian rebel leader threatened on Sunday to attack Chad's southern oil-producing Doba Region unless France and the United States put pressure on President Idriss Deby to start a dialogue with his foes.

Timane Erdimi, head

of the Rally of Forces for Change (RFC) which attacked Chad's capital N'Djamena early in February along with other rebels groups, said his forces could halt oil production from installations in southern Chad pumping up to 160,000 barrels per day (bpd).

"We can carry the war to the south... if the Americans and the French don't put pressure on Deby to open an all-inclusive dialogue with political and military players," Erdimi told Reuters in a telephone interview.

MNA/Reuters

Rice, Gates hold missile defence talks in Moscow

Moscow, 17 March—US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defence Secretary Robert Gates on Monday held sensitive talks on missile defence with President Vladimir Putin and president-elect Dmitry Medvedev.

Welcoming Gates and Rice, Medvedev predicted "tense" talks but said there was a common will to overcome differences both on missile defence and replacing the strategic arms reduction treaty



(L-R) Robert Gates, Condoleezza Rice and Vladimir Putin. INTERNET

(START) that runs out next year.

"We still have differences in our positions on missile defence and the START treaty but none-

theless there is a will to move forward," Medvedev said.

Rice offered congratulations to Medvedev on his election victory at what was a first opportunity for the US side to gauge the political transition in Russia and the extent to which Putin will remain influential.

Gates earlier suggested there was little room for flexibility on missile defence, saying he wanted Russia to give ground.—Internet

Tabloid says Putin escapes plot to kill him

Moscow, 17 March — A Russian newspaper said on Saturday security forces foiled an attempt by a sniper to kill President Vladimir Putin near the Kremlin this month. ITAR-TASS news agency cited a

security source denying the report. The Kremlin declined to comment on the report by popular Moscow tabloid *Tvoi Den*, which is known for its strong sources in law enforcement circles. *Tvoi Den* quoted

an unnamed source as saying a sniper was arrested shortly before Putin walked through the gates of the Kremlin on election night, 2 March, to appear at a concert held next to the Red Square.

The concert was held to celebrate Putin's protegee Dmitry Medvedev's victory in a presidential election and although the two men walked through the gates together, the newspaper said Putin was the only target of the plot. ITAR-TASS quoted a source at Russia's security services as denying that people detained early this month for possession of automatic weapons had intended to kill Putin.

"The information that these people planned any actions against the country's leadership is absolutely wrong," the source said.

MNA/Reuters

Death toll from Karbala suicide bombing rises to 35



The death toll from a suicide bombing in Iraq's Shiite holy city of Karbala on Monday rose to 35, with 55 others wounded, an interior ministry source said.—XINHUA

BAGHDAD, 17 March — The death toll from a suicide bombing in Iraq's Shiite holy city of Karbala on Monday rose to 35, with 55 others wounded, an

interior ministry source said. A female suicide attacker detonated explosives in a market near the shrine of Imam Hussein in Karbala, about 110 km

south of Baghdad, the source said. The source said Iranians are among the casualties.

An early report put the toll at 10 killed and 30 wounded. The explosion came as US Vice President Dick Cheney paid a surprise visit to Iraq earlier in the day.

Suicide bombings involving women have been increasing recently. A female suicide bomber was blamed for one of the bloody attacks against two Baghdad markets in early February which killed nearly 100 people.

Internet



Photo taken on 17 March, 2008 shows Yellow River's Hukou Waterfall in northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The fall, located in Shaan-Jin Grand Canyon, resumed majestic as the upriver ice melted.—XINHUA

ICRC says humanitarian situation still critical in Iraq

OTTAWA, 18 March—Five years after the US-led invasion of Iraq, the humanitarian situation there is still among the most critical in the world, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Monday.

Because of the conflict, millions of Iraqis now still have insufficient access to food, shelter and other basic needs.

“Better security in some

parts of Iraq must not distract attention from the continuing plight of millions of people who have essentially been left to their own devices,” said Beatrice Megevand Roggo, the ICRC’s head of operations for the Middle East and North Africa.

“Among them are displaced and refugee families, and those who

have returned to their homes, children, elderly people, disabled people, households headed by women and families of detainees,” she said. According to the report, although security has improved in some parts of the country, Iraqis continue to be killed or injured on a daily basis in fighting and attacks. Civilians are often deliberately targeted, in complete disregard for the rules of international humanitarian law.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 17 March, 2008 shows the beautiful scene of the west lake park in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China’s Fujian Province. The beautiful scene of peach blossom in the park has attracted a lot of visitors.

XINHUA

Performers dance during the party held in Xinjiang opera house to welcome the Noruz Festival in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 March, 2008.—XINHUA



Canadian man killed after house collapses

OTTAWA, 18 March—A Canadian man from the province of Quebec was killed Sunday when the roof of his house collapsed under the weight of snow, making him the fourth victim in the province of such accidents this year.

The 55-year-old man was in his second floor bedroom when he heard a noise that made him suspect the roof was

caving in. He then alarmed his wife and two children and helped them out, but he was not able to go out before the house collapsed. The accident happened at about 7 am local time (1100 GMT) in the city of Shawinigan to the northeast of Montreal. The man’s body was discovered an hour later by emergency crews.

Police believe that the

collapse was probably the result of snow accumulation on the roof and have warned neighbours about the danger, Quebec provincial police spokesman Marc Butz told Canadian Television.

The heavy snowfall in Quebec this winter has caused several roof collapses, most notably a cave-in on 12 March at a warehouse that killed three women.

Xinhua

Canadian FM’s speech on Canada-Sino applauded

BEIJING, 18 March—China on Sunday applauded recent speech of Canadian Foreign Minister Maxime Bernier on Canada-China relations.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said China had noticed Bernier’s speech on 12 March. He talked about Canada-China relations when made a public speech on Canada’s Asia-Pacific policy.

China applauds his saying that the Canadian Government values relations with China, adheres to the one-China policy, regards the People’s Republic of China Government as the sole legal government of China, and opposes to Taiwan authorities’ proposed “referendum on UN membership”, Qin noted.—Xinhua

Over 200 arrested after restaurant blast in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 18 March—The Islamabad police have rounded up as many as 232 people, most of them students of religious seminaries, following the bomb explosion at an Italian restaurant in Islamabad, a senior police officer said Sunday.

The *News Network International* news agency quoted the chief of Islamabad police Syed Kalim Imam as saying that these people were arrested during a hunt in the capital. The security officials deployed at the US Embassy also visited the blast site and collected evidences. However, the Islamabad police chief denied the participation of the US officials in the investigation of the incident.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Philippine police trained on bomb handling

MANILA, 18 March—To gear up to fight growingly techno-savvy terrorists, the Philippine police are taking courses from American experts in bomb handling, local newspaper said Monday.

Superintendent Jose Bayani Gucela, chief of the explosives and ordinance disposal (EOD) unit with the Police Western Mindanao Office, told the *Philippine Star* that about 200 new police recruits underwent the two-day training in the insurgency-dotted region of Mindanao.

Trainees, under the instruction of US bomb experts, are expected to learn skills in handling post-blast scenes, bombs disposal, and bomb threats, the report said.

Gucela said bomb-

handling trainings have been conducted for police and military to keep up with the bomb technology adopted by terrorists.

Mindanao has seen a high portion of blasts in recent years partly because it is home to the 370-

member extremist group Abu Sayyaf and the country’s largest anti-government guerrilla forces—the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which has been fighting for a self-ruled Muslim domain in the region.—Xinhua

Greek military personnel sift through the wreckage of an army helicopter near Thessaloniki on 18 March, 2008. All three soldiers aboard the helicopter died in the crash some 20 kilometres east of the city.—INTERNET





One man surfs the Internet, while a second uses a mobile phone to get online.—INTERNET

Brown promises public inquiry into Iraqi war

LONDON, 18 March — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has promised a full-scale inquiry into the mistakes made in Iraq, prior to the fifth anniversary of the US-led war, *The Independent* newspaper said Monday.

“There is a need to learn all possible lessons from the military action in Iraq and its aftermath,” Brown said in a letter to Sunder Katwala, general secretary of the Labour-affiliated Fabian Society.

Brown’s remarks were a significant break from his predecessor Tony Blair, who steadfastly refused to hold an inquiry into the war, the newspaper said.

But Brown insisted that it was not the right time for an immediate investigation because the situation in Iraq remained “fragile” and British troops were still trying to bring stability to the country.

“There will come a time when it is appropriate to hold an inquiry,” he said. “But whilst the whole effort of the government and the Armed Forces is directed towards supporting the people and government of Iraq as they forge a future based on reconciliation, democracy, prosperity and security, we believe that is not now.” —MNA/Xinhua



Schoolchildren wearing masks walk out of the Alumni Association Primary School in Hong Kong on 12 March, 2008. —INTERNET

Greenspan says market crisis worst since WWII

LONDON, 17 March— The current crisis rocking the markets and global economy could turn out to be the worst since World War II, former US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said in remarks published on Monday.

“The current financial crisis in the US is likely to be judged in retrospect as the most wrenching since the end of the Second World War,” Greenspan

said in a Financial Times commentary.

“It will end eventually when home prices stabilise and with them the value of equity in homes supporting troubled mortgage securities,” he said, referring to the meltdown in the US sub-prime home loan market and subsequent massive losses for the banks holding the debt instruments.

“The crisis will leave

many casualties,” he said, his remarks coming after Bear Stearns, the fifth largest US investment house collapsed Friday and was taken over by JP Morgan Chase for a fraction of its value of only a week ago.—Internet

Ministers of Kuwaiti cabinet resign

KUWAIT, 18 March — First Deputy Premier and ministers of Kuwaiti Cabinet submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad on Monday, the official KUNA news agency reported.

The report quoted Faisal al-Hajji, state minister for Cabinet affairs, as saying that “First Deputy Premier and Defence Minister and the rest of ministers have submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad.”

However, the Prime Minister has no right to deal with the resignations, which will be handed in to the oil-rich country’s emir.

MNA/Xinhua



Four killed, 53 injured in blast in northern India

NEW DELHI, 18 March — Four people, including a woman, have been killed and 53 others injured in a powerful blast in India’s northeast state Assam, the *Press Trust of India* reported on Sunday.

The explosion was triggered by the banned militant group the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) on Saturday night when 15,000 tribal community people gathered at an open field to celebrate a function, the police said. The militants might have targeted the on-duty Assam Police Battalion personnel as four of them were seriously injured in the attack.

And a massive manhunt is underway to nab the attackers, said the police. The local government has offered compensation to the families of those killed and injured. — MNA/Xinhua

Five injured in Albanian explosions hospitalized in Greece

ATHENS, 18 March —Five people including two children injured seriously in a string of explosions at an Albanian Army Base were being treated in Thessaloniki hospitals in Northern Greece on Sunday, according to *Athens News Agency* (ANA).

Two children and three adults, all Albanian citizens, are being treated in Thessaloniki, where they were transported at dawn Sunday aboard Hellenic Army carrier C-130.

A Hellenic Army C-130 personnel carrier took off for Albania on Saturday night, transporting vials of blood, medical personnel and equipment, while military and civilian hospitals were put on alert for the treatment of injured people.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman surfs the Internet on a laptop computer at a wireless cafe in Beijing. With more Internet users than any other nation on the planet, China’s e-commerce is booming, but obstacles remain before the full business potential can be unleashed, analysts said.—INTERNET

Seven killed, 11 wounded in S Afghanistan suicide blast

KABUL, 18 March — A suicide bomber carried out explosion attack against a convoy of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province Monday morning, killing at least four ISAF soldiers and three civilians, and wounding 11 others, officials said.

Mohammad Hussain Andiwai, provincial police chief, told *Xinhua* it occurred at around 9:00 am (0430 GMT) when the suicide attacker drove a car full of explosive material and exploded it near the ISAF convoy in Greshk District of Helmand.

“At least three civilians were killed and seven more were injured,” he added.

Meanwhile, a spokesman from ISAF office confirmed there was an explosion attack against NATO convoy, killing four soldiers and wounding other four.

“All the wounded have been evacuated for medical treatment,” he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Title recipient Sayadaws and lay persons from abroad arrive

YANGON, 18 March—Title recipient Sayadaws and lay persons from the Republic of India, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand, who will attend a ceremony to present religious titles conferred by the State Peace and Development Council, arrived here by air this afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint and departmental officials, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr P.A.D Samarasekera and embassy staff and then were taken to Maha Santithukha Monastery where they are going to put up.—MNA



A title recipient Sayadaw being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport. — MNA



A title recipient Sayadaw being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport. —MNA

Right thinking do arrive at the essential

Having known the essential as the essential and the non-essential as the non-essential, they, nourished on right thinking, do arrive at the essential.

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A title recipient Sayadaw being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.

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A title recipient Sayadaw being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.

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Myanmar categorically opposes attempt of Taiwan to hold referendum for joining UN

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar had released a statement on 12 July 2007, explicitly opposing the Taiwan authorities' move for a referendum on joining the United Nations. The Myanmar delegation also voiced its full support to the People's Republic of China in rejecting the proposed inclusion of supplementary item called "The Question of representation of Taiwan" in the agenda of the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly.

It has once again come to the Ministry's attention that despite widespread opposition by the international community, the Taiwan authorities have announced on 1 February 2008, that they will hold the referendum on UN membership on 22

March 2008 at the same time with the election of leaders in Taiwan. As a close and friendly neighbour of the People's Republic of China, Myanmar consistently adheres to the "One China Policy" and always regards Taiwan as an integral part of the People's Republic of China.

Myanmar is concerned at the undesirable escalation in cross-strait tensions that could stem from Taiwan's continued push for the referendum as it could affect the peace and stability of the region. The Government of the Union of Myanmar therefore reiterates its categorical opposition to the Taiwan authorities' any move for "Taiwan Independence" including the attempt to hold the referendum on joining the United Nations.

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Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2008 to be held from 23 to 25 March

YANGON, 18 March—With the sponsorship of Myanmar Computer Federation, the Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2008, jointly organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association, will be held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 23 to 25 March instead of 21 March.

The exhibition will stage ISO recognized computers and accessories of 90 local companies and enterprises, new technology on Networking, software solution, computer courses, related documents and others. And computers and accessories will be available at reasonable prices during the exhibition.—MNA

Mandalay Mayor inspects construction of temporary shops

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March— Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han arrived at construction site of temporary shops of Modern Yadanabon Market at the corner of 27th Street and 77th Street of Haymazala

Ward in Chanayethazan Township on 10 March.

Officials concerned reported on construction of the shops.

The mayor inspected construction of temporary shops and urged the officials to finish the work in time.

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Beware of Fire

Essence and benefits of the State constitution

Soe Mya Kyaw

Now the draft of the constitution has been drawn in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention. In May 2008, the draft of the constitution will be approved through a referendum. Multiparty democracy general election will be held in 2010 in accord with the approved constitution. The people's democratic administrative system will emerge as desired by the people.

Everyone is pleased to hear the democracy transitional processes. Neighbouring countries with genuine goodwill towards Myanmar, ASEAN nations and friendly nations welcome Myanmar for taking correct steps. Even the UN Secretariat also welcomed and acknowledged the laying down of the time frame for implementation of the seven-step Road Map. Generally speaking, everybody who really wants democracy welcomes and supports the steps of Myanmar political journey on the correct democratic path.

It is found, however, that there are those who continue to oppose and disrupt the political way. They have opposed and disturbed Myanmar political journey in various ways and means since the beginning of the National Convention. They misled the people into misunderstanding the government giving false information and drove a wedge among the people.

As a duty-conscious person from the media, I wrote 14 articles entitled **"Legislative structure and essence of the future State"** with the aim of giving the people information on the developments of the National Convention. These articles have been published in book form since April 2006. The circulation of the book is in more than a hundred thousands and it was distributed to the people.

"The fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the Plenary Sessions of the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution" was published in September 2007. I had an opportunity to read **"The draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008)"**.

According to my study, I found that the accusations of the internal and external anti-government groups were totally contrary to the prevailing conditions. That was why I went to Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya again in order to explain the facts to the people.

As I introduced Bagyi Soe to the readers in my articles, he is a well-known person in Myanmar education field. After his retirement from professor, he serves as a delegate of intellectuals and intelligentsia to the National Convention. Kyee Kyee Mya is also a retired headmistress. They seek knowledge as they have no child. As for me, they are the bank of knowledge.

I therefore inform the people of the essence and benefits of the constitution that we discussed in our talk.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Bagyi Soe, I would like to ask you in brief. In our country people's democratic administrative system will be practised in place of the administration by the Tatmadaw. Why do some people oppose it?

Bagyi Soe: Greedy people use the weakness of some ignorant persons for political gain.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Your Bagyi reads books every day, takes notes and draws tables for knowledge. It is lucky for you to come here.

Bagyi Soe: Here, you need to know the main desire of anti-government groups and their accusations first.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Their main desire is like the old record. They demanded calling for the Hluttaw sticking to the result of the 1990 election and transfer of power.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Yes, of course. They want power through a short cut. So they tried to disrupt the National Convention. The entire people supported the National Convention. Finally, they became helpless and they resorted to any means they could lay their hands on.

Bagyi Soe: You're right. At a time when the draft constitution is about to be approved through the national referendum, internal and external destructive elements are trying to disturb and disrupt the plan looking backwards as they didn't have the chance to get involved in the political process or their clique did not participate in it.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes. Their reasons are totally groundless. They are criticizing the draft constitution by saying that it does not ensure equal rights of the national races, that it includes the points encouraging the Tatmadaw to wield power and that set qualifications of the Hluttaw representatives are outdated.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Actually, they are attempting to drive a wedge among the national brethren. They are employing the same way as the ex- and neo-colonialists did.

Bagyi Soe: In the name of national causes, they are resorting to wicked ways to revive the federal principle, to remove the Tatmadaw from its national political leadership role and to install a puppet government dancing to the tune of the west bloc.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Their attempts are very detrimental to the State and the people. Those saboteurs are still sticking to the ideologies of 1962 and the ploys of 1988.

Kyee Kyee Mya: It's none of our business no matter how they are adhering to such ideologies. But we cannot accept the way they are conspiring in complicity with the colonialists.

Bagyi Soe: Our people are politically awakened. So, they are well aware of the intrigues of internal and external elements.

Soe Mya Kaw: Then the general people themselves will know very well the essence of the draft constitution and its benefits.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Sure. Only a handful of destructionists are unable to know the value of the draft constitution.

Bagyi Soe: The people are able to distinguish between the enemy and the friend. They know who has the constructive attitude and who has the destructive attitude.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Can you explain the similarities between yours and the people's attitude towards the constitution?

Bagyi Soe: As a member of the general public, I would like to express my opinions. The draft constitution includes 15 chapters.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Chapter (1) prescribes **the State Fundamental Principles**.

Bagyi Soe: The remaining 14 chapters are **the State Structure, The Head of State, Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, the Tatmadaw, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens, Election, Political Parties, Provisions on State of Emergency, Amendment of the Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital, Transitory Provisions, and General Provisions**.

Kyee Kyee Mya: I have read it from beginning to end. Whenever foreign broadcasting stations such as BBC and VOA criticize the constitution, I read the provisions included in the chapter concerned. And their accusations are all pointless.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Their first accusation is that Myanmar exercises Bamar domination policy sidelining the rights of ethnic minorities. Is it right, Ba Gyi?

Bagyi Soe: The Fundamental Principles prescribe that **the State shall be known as Pyidaungsu Thamada Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw, that the State is a nation wherein various national races make their homes together, that sovereign power of the State is derived from the citizens and is in force in the whole country and that the Union is constituted by Pyidaungsu (Union) system**.

Kyee Kyee Mya: A study of the provisions shows very clearly that Myanmar is a nation where various national races are residing together and the nation will be built in accord with the Union system. It is common knowledge that we have no discrimination against any national races.

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Essence and benefits of the State constitution

Soe Mya Kyaw

(from page 8)

Soe Mya Kyaw: To ensure no racism as well as regionalism, the constitution has prescribed that **the existing seven divisions are designated as seven regions and the existing seven states are designated as seven states. It is also prescribed that those seven regions and seven states are of equal status and authority.**

Bagyi Soe: In this regard, just as we see the word “**delineation**” we can easily understand that it does not mean **demarcation**. It is prescribed to **ensure equal status**.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I think it was 1989. A TV play “Di a-taing be` kaung ba de” (Maintain the status quo) won the satisfaction of the people.

Kyee Kyee Mya: It reflected an evidence to highlight non-disintegration of the Union. We national brethren have been living through thick and thin and we love each other more than ever. We will never accept any situation that may break up national unity.

Bagyi Soe: The more I study the constitution, the more I understand that it is designed to ensure flourishing of Union Spirit.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Tell me more about it, Bagyi.

Bagyi Soe: Chapter (2) is “**The State Structure**”. It says that the State is delineated and constituted with the seven regions and seven states as follows: **(a) Kachin State, (b) Kayah State, (c) Kayin State, (d) Chin State, (e) Sagaing Region, (f) Taninthayi Region, (g) Bago Region, (h) Magway Region, (i) Mandalay Region, (j) Mon State, (k) Rakhine State, (l) Yangon Region, (m) Shan State, (n) Ayeyawady Region, and (o) Union territories.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: In this chapter, it is said that **Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union.** I would like to know the designation of a Union territory.

Bagyi Soe: It is said that **if the need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration, economy, etc. as Union territories they may be so designated as Union territories after enacting laws.** So, Nay Pyi Taw is designated as a Union territory.

Kyee Kyee Mya: People are worried in case the constitution will prescribe a principle about secession from the Union like the 1947 constitution.

Bagyi Soe: Don’t worry about that. It is prescribed that **“No part of the territory of the Union, namely regions, states and self-administered areas etc. shall ever secede from the Union”.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: I am no longer worried about the future of our country, then. I notice this principle carries an expression “**self-administered areas**”.

Bagyi Soe: Self-administered areas mean a self-administered division and self-administered zones. It is prescribed that **(1) to group together Leshi, Lahe and Namyun Townships in Sagaing Division and prescribe it Naga Self-Administered Zone; (2) to group together Ywangan and Pindaya Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Danu Self-Administered Zone; (3) to group together Hopong, Hsihseng and Pinlaung Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Pa-O Self-Administered Zone; (4) to group together Namhsan and Manton Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Palaung Self-Administered Zone; (5) to group together Konkyan and Laukkai Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Kokang Self-Administered Zone; (6) to group together Hopang, Mongmao, Panwai, Nahpam, Pangsang (Pankham) and**

Metman townships in Shan State and prescribe it Wa Self-Administered Division.

Soe Mya Kyaw: If so, one more self-administered division and five more self-administered zones are to be formed.

Bagyi Soe: Yes. At the National Convention, the delegates had to hold discussions thoroughly and laid down this principle for the national races that have not got separate regions or states to enjoy the right on self-administration.

Kyee Kyee Mya: National races are going to get all the rights they deserve. So, the entire people are pleased with this.

Soe Mya Kyaw: National ethnic minorities are given rights many more than ever. I would like to know how the self-administered division and self-administered zones are formed.

Bagyi Soe: Yes, I will explain it later. Now, you have understood the essence and benefits of the draft constitution, haven’t you? Have a look at the chart I have drawn. Then, you will understand that more.

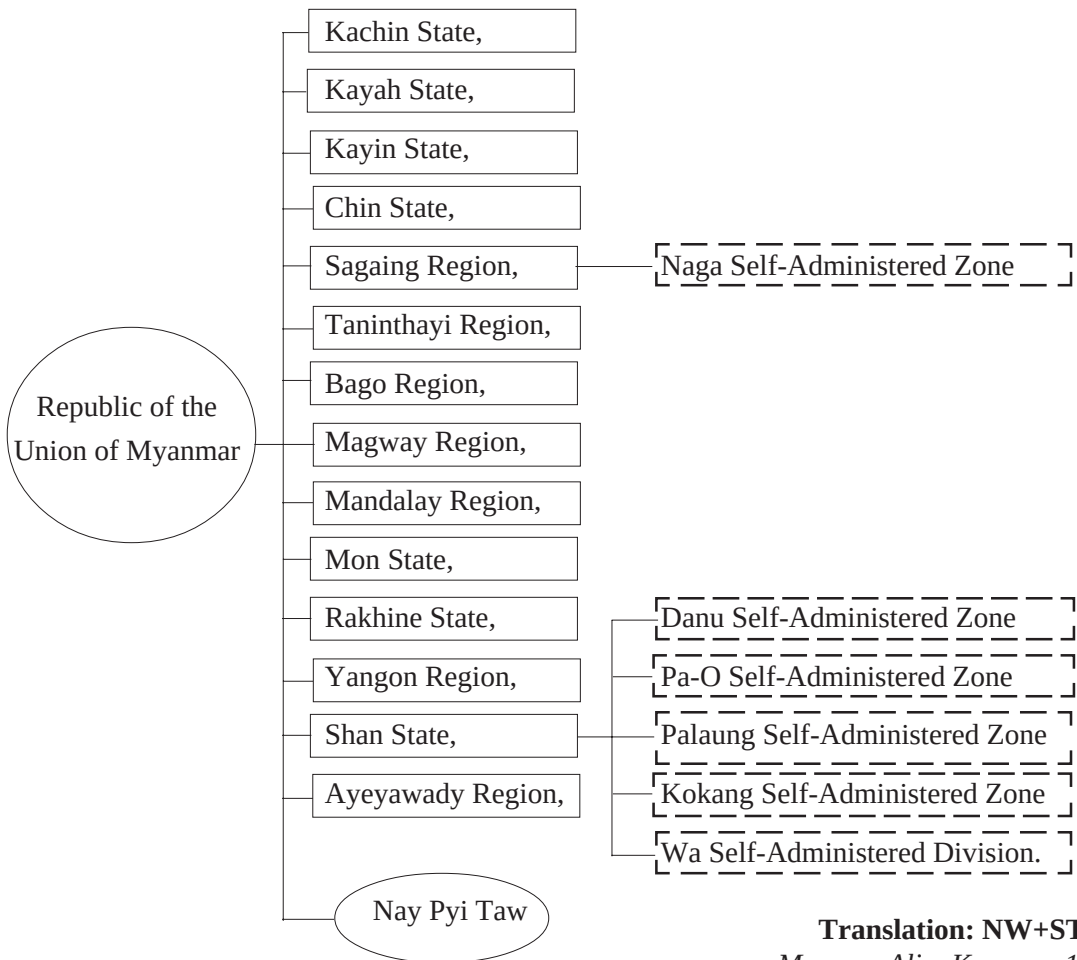
Chart showing the structure of the future State

The State practises discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy

The Union is constituted by Pyidaungsu (Union) system

Sovereign power of the State is derived from the citizens and is in force in the whole country

No part of the territory of the Union shall ever secede from the Union.



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Democrats fault Bush amid financial crisis

WASHINGTON, 18 March—Tumultuous weekend developments on Wall Street reflect the Bush Administration’s failure to come to grips decisively with a housing meltdown now afflicting the broader economy, contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination said

Gas explosion in apartment building kills 3 in Barcelona

MADRID, 18 March — Three people were killed and eight others were injured Monday morning in a gas explosion in an apartment building in downtown Barcelona, Spain.

A total of 37 people were rescued by firefighters, news reports from Barcelona said.

The explosion was reportedly caused by a gas leak on the first floor of the eight-floor building.

MNA/Xinhua

on Monday.

“The news coming from Wall Street today has confirmed our fears that the financial fallout from the mortgage crisis would spill over into the wider economy,” Senator Barack Obama said while campaigning in Pennsylvania. The Federal Reserve stepped in on Sunday to boost financial market liquidity by cutting an interest rate and approved a takeover of ailing Wall Street investment bank Bear

Stearns by JPMorgan Chase & Co for a bargain-basement price of two US dollars a share. That deal committed the Fed to fund up to 30 billion US dollars of Bear Stearns’ less liquid assets.2 Senator Hillary Clinton, speaking to reporters after delivering a speech at George Washington University, said she would not “second guess” what the Fed had done, especially given the seriousness of the current economic situation.—MNA/Reuters



Foreign tourists visit Yu Garden, one of the most popular tourism sites in town, Tuesday March 11, 2008, in Shanghai, China. The booming economy draws millions to China to work, study and travel, and criminals increasingly are defying a culture that has long considered foreigners inviolate.—INTERNET

Playground bomb attack injures 8 children in Thai south

BANGKOK, 18 March — Eight children were injured, including three seriously, when suspected insurgents detonated a bomb at a playground in Thailand’s restive deep southern province of Yala on Monday, according to Thai media reports.

The bomb hid inside a motorcycle and left near

a playground behind a house exploded at about 11:00 a.m. (0400 GMT) in Yala’s Bannang Sata District, district chief Methi Kanachanphuwa said, quoted by the news website of media group *The Nation*.

Some of the injured children were sitting in the house and the rest were

playing in the playground when the bomb went off. Methi said the insurgents might have set the time bomb to explode when a patrol unit of soldiers passed the spot, but no soldiers were injured, the report said.

Insurgent violence has troubled Thailand’s three southernmost provinces — Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani unabated since January, 2004, killing over 2,800 people in the region. Thai authorities have blamed the violence on Muslim separatists.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll in NY crane collapse up to seven

NEW YORK, 18 March — Three more bodies were found beneath the rubble on Monday, raising to seven the number of people killed when a giant crane fell and crushed a residential building in Manhattan, a police spokeswoman said.

The crane flipped over on Saturday, flattening a four-storey townhouse with a bar on the lower level and damaging three other buildings, injuring more than 10 people.

Six of those killed were believed to be construction workers, including the crane’s operator. The seventh victim was a woman visiting New York from Florida police said.

Authorities were investigating the cause of the collapse. The crane broke during an operation to increase its height.

MNA/Reuters

US army names soldier shot dead by German police

BERLIN, 18 March — The US Army has named Jeremiah W. Carmack as the soldier stationed in southern Germany who was shot dead by police last week.

German authorities said on Friday they shot 30-year-old Carmack dead after he threatened an ex-girlfriend and then went on the run armed with an assault rifle.

The 2nd, “Dagger”,

brigade of the US 1st Infantry Division, where Carmack was serving, is taking part in a joint investigation by the US

Army and German authorities, the brigade said in a statement late on Saturday, which named the soldier.—MNA/Reuters

Four FBI agents wounded in Pakistan bombing

WASHINGTON, 18 March—FBI agents were among those wounded in a bomb attack on an Italian restaurant in Islamabad during the weekend, the FBI said on Sunday.

“Four FBI personnel

were slightly injured in the bombing attack in Pakistan. The FBI is providing the necessary assistance to our employees and their families,” FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said.

Kolko provided no further details. The US State Department had no addition comment.

A bomb planted in the garden dining area of the Luna Caprese Restaurant on Saturday killed a Turkish woman and wounded 11 people, including five Americans.

The restaurant is a popular spot with foreigners in Islamabad.

ABC News, citing unnamed sources, reported that an investigation was under way to determine whether the attack was based on whether terrorists had learned in advance the agents would be at the restaurant.

MNA/Reuters

Iran condemns EU accusations over parliamentary election

TEHERAN, 18 March—Iran on Monday strongly condemned the European Union (EU)’s latest “unfair” accusations over the parliamentary election in the Islamic Republic, state media reported.

While the final and official results of the election were not released yet by Iranian officials, it is surprising that the EU

rotating presidency managed to assess the election and release a statement about it, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini in a statement.

EU’s Slovenian presidency overnight Saturday labelled the disqualification of candidates during the general elections a “grave

violation” of international norms, saying that Iran’s legislative election was “neither fair nor free”.

“(The EU) expresses its deep regret and disappointment that over a third of prospective candidates were prevented from standing in this year’s parliamentary elections,” it said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese yachtsman Kenichi Horie waves from the deck of the wave-powered boat Suntory Mermaid II in Honolulu Harbor, Hawaii in this handout photo taken on March 16, 2008. Horie plans to make a solo crossing of the Pacific in a boat that converts the movement of ocean waves into forward propulsion.—INTERNET

Images of the Day

These cymbals on display at Frankfurt's Music Trade Fair on 14 March, might all look fairly similar, but as the man checking out the instruments in the corner would probably say, the bang is in the details. —INTERNET



This 'flying saucer' house is pictured on the side of Signal Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn., on 14 March, 2008. A Cincinnati woman's \$135,000 bid bought the flying saucer-shaped house on 15 March, 2008. An auctioneer who conducted the sale said the buyer, Pearl Johnson, did not want to talk about the transaction. Auctioneer Terry Posey said he thought she bought it as a second home. —INTERNET



People play a human foosball game in front of a department store in Hangzhou, East China's Zhejiang Province, on 16 March, 2008. —XINHUA



Dancers perform Chu Shui Ba Shan, an original drama displays a panorama of ancient people at the Three Gorges area of China, during a public show in Yichang City, central China's Hubei province, 17 March, 2008. Chu Shui Ba Shan is created and performed by the Yichang Song and Dance Ensemble. The drama has been condensed and put into the tourism market as a culture product, into which bilingual host has been added, to meet the market needs. —XINHUA



Visitors look at the gold-plating tableware for restaurants during the 14th China International Exhibition for Hotel & Restaurant Facilities, Equipment & Services, Food & Beverages that opened at the China World Trade Center Exhibition Hall in Beijing, capital of China, on March 16, 2008. —XINHUA PHOTO



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ABBA drummer found dead in Spain

MADRID, 18 March—A former drummer for 1970s Swedish pop group ABBA, Ola Brunkert, has been found dead after an apparent accident in his house in Mallorca, Spanish police said on Monday.

Brunkert bled to death from a throat wound which police suspect was caused after he accidentally smashed a pane of glass, a spokeswoman for the Civil Guard police said, adding that authorities were awaiting the result of an autopsy.

The official website of the band said Brunkert was possibly the only instrumental musician to appear on all the albums released by the band

MNA/Reuters

100 tons of heavy oil spills into France's Loire River

PARIS, 18 March—About 100 tons of heavy oil spilt into France's Loire River late Sunday when pipes of an oil tanker leaked during the loading process, local government of Loire-Atlantique Province said Monday.

According to a government statement, aside from the 100 tons of heavy oil spilt into the river, 300 more were poured onto the river bank. The provincial government warned that heavy oil is harmful to human health and has to be handled with caution.

Residents living in the area are not allowed to join in the government effort to clean the spill, the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

FWD102 Model walks the runway at the Puja Arya show during Fall 2008 Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week in New Delhi on 16 March, 2008.

INTERNET

Guangdong reports poultry bird flu outbreak

BEIJING, 17 March —An outbreak of bird flu in poultry has been reported in south China's Guangdong Province, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) said on Sunday.

The National Bird Flu Reference Laboratory confirmed the case, which occurred at a market in Liwan District of Guangzhou City on Thursday. It was caused by the highly pathogenic H5N1 subtype of the avian influenza virus, the MOA said.

The disease, which killed 114 domestic fowl and led to the culling of another 518, was brought under effective control after the MOA and provincial government took timely emergency measures.

It was China's fifth bird flu outbreak in poultry this year. Others included one in the northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, two in the southwestern Tibet Autonomous Region and one in the southwestern Guizhou Province.— MNA/Xinhua

New method finds networks of genes behind obesity

WASHINGTON, 18 March—Overeating disrupts entire networks of genes in the body, causing not only obesity, but diabetes and heart disease, in ways that may be possible to predict, researchers reported on Sunday.

The researchers developed a new method of analyzing DNA and used it to discover that obesity is not only complex — something already known — but complex in ways that had not been previously understood.

"Obesity is not a disease that is the result of a single change to a single gene. It changes entire networks," said Eric Schadt, executive director of Genetics at Merck Research Laboratories.

His team identified networks of hundreds of genes that appear to be thrown out of kilter when mice are fed a high-fat diet.

"This network is completely rocked by exposure to a high-fat, Western-type diet," Schadt said.

They then turned to a database of Icelandic people being studied by Decode Genetics Inc and found people have the same networks.—MNA/Reuters



Space station robotic handyman flexes its muscles

HOUSTON, 17 March — Astronauts aboard the *International Space Station* put their new mechanical maintenance man through a trial workout on Sunday, testing the joints on its gangly arms while crewmates prepared for another spacewalk to get the robot ready for service.

The Canadian-built robot, named Dextre, was assembled during an occasionally frustrating spacewalk that ended earlier Saturday by shuttle Endeavour astronauts Richard Linnehan and Michael Foreman.

Dextre's 11-foot (3.35-metre) arms were flown to the station anchored — at some points too tightly

— to a work pallet. “We may have to get medieval on Mr Dextre,” Linnehan remarked at one point when even a pry bar was not readily freeing a stuck bolt.

Eventually, the astronauts were able to pin Dextre's arms on his body, clearing the way for a spacewalk on Monday to outfit the handyman with a tool caddy, television cameras and other accessories.

Dextre is designed to operate on the station's robot arm, adding manual dexterity and another 30 feet (9.1 metres) of reach to assist spacewalking astronauts during station repair and maintenance tasks. — MNA/Reuters

Uruguay, Venezuela to launch communications satellite

MONTEVIDEO, 18 March — Uruguay and Venezuela are expected to have a shared communications satellite in the air soon which will cover South and Central America, an official from Uruguay's Communication Services Regulation Unit said Sunday.

The 250-million-US-dollar satellite, which is designed for 15 years of service life, will boost both nations' communications and allow them to lower the cost of using the broadband Internet, Leon Lev, president of the regulation unit told media.

“It (the satellite) will be jointly used by Uruguay and Venezuela for peaceful ends,” Lev said, adding that “Uruguay is on the verge of a fundamentally important event”.

Local media said the joint programme has already enabled the two nations to improve their aerospace research. The satellite's launch site has yet to be confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua



Surgeons are seen operating at a hospital in Osaka, western Japan. Japan might boast universal health cover and some of the world's best medical technology, but an acute shortage of doctors is leaving some hospitals unable to treat even car crash victims.—INTERNET



Two girls enjoy the beautiful scene of the west lake park in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province, on 17 March, 2008. The beautiful scene of peach blossom in the park has attracted a lot of visitors.—XINHUA

New drug identified in US for parasitic worm disease

BEIJING, 17 March — US researchers have identified a new drug that hold promise as potential therapies for schistosomiasis — a parasitic worm disease that afflicts more than 200 million people worldwide.

The drug killed worms in the lab, and cured mice infected with the disease, said David Williams of Illinois State University, who reported his findings on Sunday in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

The results exceeded all benchmarks set by the World Health Organization for potential new drugs to treat schistosomiasis.

Importantly, the researchers also showed that the drug was active against all three major species of *Schistosoma* worms that infect humans.

Schistosomiasis, also known as bilharzia or snail fever, affects an estimated 207 million people, most of whom live in developing nations in tropical areas.

About 20 million of

those people are seriously disabled due to severe anemia, diarrhea, internal bleeding and/or organ damage. In addition, another 280,000 die of the disease each year.

Internet



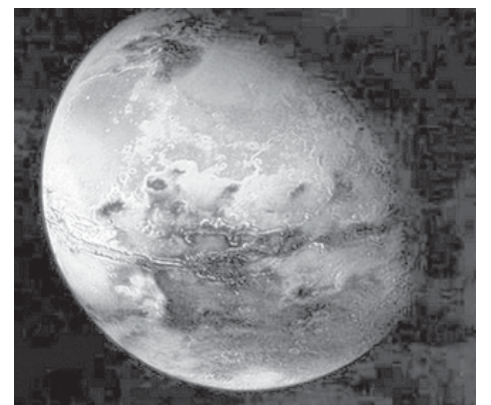
Pet dogs are displayed for sale on a street in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou recently.—INTERNET

Mars, Venus very different, very similar

BEIJING, 17 March — Two nearly identical spacecraft orbiting Mars and Venus has sent back data that reveals the two planets have more in common than heretofore thought.

The ESA's Mars Express and Venus Express have discovered the two worlds' atmospheres, while quite different, are much alike as to how they interact with solar radiation. The data show that charged particles from the gas layers around both planets are being scavenged by solar wind and storms. “Mars and Venus are very different planets,” said David Brain, a planetary scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, and a supporting investigator for Venus Express.

“Venus's atmosphere is very thick, dry and hot, and Mars's atmosphere is very thin and cold. And yet the same processes are happening on both planets.” The atmospheres of Venus and Mars are about 95 percent carbon dioxide.



A handout of the European Space Agency ESA shows a visualisation of Mars, created from spacecraft imagery.—XINHUA

Earth's is mostly nitrogen now, but scientists think it used to be more like the other rocky worlds. Because neither of our neighbouring planets has a global, protective magnetic field, the solar wind is free to interact directly with the planets' atmospheres.—Internet

SPORTS

Palmeiras score three penalties to beat Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 March — Palmeiras converted three penalties in the last 20 minutes on the way to a 4-1 win over arch-rivals Sao Paulo 4-1 in the Paulista championship on Sunday.

Adriano, on loan from Inter Milan, headed Sao Paulo in front in the 38th minute on a rain-soaked pitch, but Palmeiras, under former Real Madrid and Brazil coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo, equalized five minutes later with a goal from Kleber.

The game turned Palmeiras's way when flamboyant Chilean midfielder Jorge Valdivia went down in the penalty area in the 76th minute. After three minutes of Sao Paulo protests, former

Brazil forward Denilson converted.

Five minutes later, it was Valdivia's turn to score after Kleber was judged to have been fouled by Juninho, who was sent off. Forward Diego Souza won and converted the third penalty in injury time.

MNA/Reuters



Newcastle Utd's Michael Owen (2ndR) beats the Birmingham City defenders to the ball to score his team's equaliser.—INTERNET

Woods clinches Arnold Palmer Invitational win

ORLANDO (Florida), 18 March — Tiger Woods produced a superb 24-foot putt for a dramatic birdie on the final hole to claim his ninth win in 10 tournaments at the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday.

World number one Woods went into the 18th hole level with fellow American Bart Bryant on nine-under-par and looked set for a play-off.

Journeyman Bryant, ranked 137th before this event, had kept the pressure on Woods throughout with a consistent

round of 67 but was left to watch a perfect putt for victory — Woods' seventh successive worldwide.

Woods celebrated with a punch of his fist and threw his cap to the ground before picking the ball out of the hole with the massed ranks of fans cheering his success. "It was just a great day. I hit the ball well all day," said Woods who had struggled to find his form in the opening two rounds and who had been down in 20th place, seven shots off the lead on Friday. —MNA/Reuters

Goal flurry leads Sporting to emphatic win over Nacional

LISBON, 18 March — Sporting scored three times in as many second-half minutes to record a 4-1 home win over Nacional Madeira in the Portuguese Premier League on Monday.

Brazilian striker Liedson shot the UEFA Cup quarter-finalists into a 55th-minute lead and captain Joao Moutinho made it 2-0 a minute later.

Liedson then made sure of victory with his second goal of the game in the 57th

Sporting missed a penalty before winger Yannick Djalo completed the rout after a goalmouth scramble in the 65th.

MNA/Reuters



Barcelona's Andres Iniesta (L) controls the ball next to Almeria's Juanito during their Spanish first division soccer match at Mediterraneo stadium in Almeria on 16 March, 2008. Kalu Uche headed in an 85th-minute equaliser on Sunday to give Almeria a 2-2 draw against 10-man FC Barcelona in the Spanish league.—XINHUA



Sania Mirza of India serves during her match against Israel's Shahar Peer in the third round of the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California.—INTERNET

Hamburg keen to recruit Croatia coach Bilic

ZAGREB, 18 March — Hamburg SV have put Croatia coach Slaven Bilic on top of their wish-list and the Bundesliga club are keen to sign him immediately after the Euro 2008 tournament in June, the Jutarnji List daily reported on Monday.

"They made it clear that they want me to take over the team from this summer. However, we haven't talked about any concreted details yet," Bilic told the popular daily.

Bilic said he was also in talks with the Croatian Soccer Association (HNS) about his coaching future.

"I wouldn't like to use media as a means of communication with my employer and anyhow, there is nothing new yet. It is true that the Hamburg offer is an honour for me," Bilic said.

MNA/Reuters

Valhalla in McDowell's view after Korea win

JEJU (South Korea), 18 March — A place at Valhalla beckons for Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell as the biggest of prizes for victory on South Korea's island of gods. Beating India's Jeev Milkha Singh in a playoff at the European Tour-sanctioned Ballantines Championship makes McDowell an early favourite to claim a Ryder Cup spot in September.

"This is the year for me really," the 28-year-old told reporters after Sunday's sudden-death thriller. "At the K Club (at the 2006 Ryder Cup), I realized I should have been on the team. I was good enough. I promised myself I was going to give myself every opportunity to be on (Nick) Faldo's team at Valhalla." —MNA/Reuters

Owen's equaliser gives Newcastle breathing space

BIRMINGHAM (England), 18 March — Michael Owen's second-half goal allayed Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan's relegation fears in securing a 1-1 Premier-ship draw at Birmingham on Monday night.

England coach Fabio Capello watched Owen show his predatory instincts in front of goal as he levelled matters 10 minutes into the second half with his seventh goal of the campaign.

James McFadden had given Birmingham a deserved half-time lead but it was a different story after the break when the Magpies looked the more menacing.

The Scot punished some poor defending to put the Blues ahead but the visitors were much improved in the second half to grab their equaliser through Owen.

McFadden said the hosts deserved three points.

"We were by far the best team in the first half. They were the better team in the second half but if we take our chances it's a different game."

"They've done well to come back into it and in the end we've done well to hang on." —Internet



Ai Sugiyama of Japan returns the ball during her 1-6, 1-6 loss to Jelena Jankovic in the third round of the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California.—INTERNET

Goless draws complete violence-hit weekend in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 18 March — Boca Juniors and River Plate were involved in goless draws on Sunday as a weekend of violence in Argentine soccer came to an end.

South American champions Boca missed a chance to go top of the Clausura championship when they were held 0-0 at Huracan, despite dominating most of the game.

River drew at home to bottom club Racing Club, a result which left the hosts undefeated after five games and the visitors winless after six.

Huracan goalkeeper Marcelo Barovaro denied Rodrigo Palacio and Fabian Vargas after both were put clean through in the first half, then produced another brilliant stop from Palacio just before the interval.

In the second half, Boca striker Martin Palermo was close with a left foot shot and Sebastian Battaglia hit the post in a goalmouth scramble. —MNA/Reuters

Bordeaux stay in title race with Strasbourg win

PARIS, 18 March — Girondins Bordeaux kept alive their title hopes when an Henrique double helped them to a 3-0 victory over lowly Racing Strasbourg in Ligue 1 on Sunday.

The Aquitaine side remain second in the standings, with nine matches left, on 55 points, six behind leaders Olympique Lyon who won 3-0 at Monaco on Saturday.

Olympique Marseille missed the chance to move within a point of third-placed Nancy when they wasted a two-goal lead in a 3-3 draw at struggling RC Lens.

France midfielder Samir Nasri opened the scoring in the 25th minute with a 16-metre shot and Benoit Cheyrou doubled the tally three minutes later after benefiting from a poor clearance from Lens centre back Vitorino Hilton. —MNA/Reuters

Belarus seeks staff cuts in US Embassy

MINSK, 18 March — Belarus has asked the United States to cut staff at its embassy in Minsk, a week after Washington's envoy temporarily left the former-Soviet state which the US and European Union says violates human rights.

A statement from the Foreign Ministry said a US diplomat from the embassy had been called in and told of the "urgent recommendation from the Belarussian side that the US Embassy in Minsk reduce its number of personnel".

The ministry did not give a reason for this demand.

Ambassador Karen

Stewart's departure last Tuesday followed two requests that she leave Belarus over what Minsk called new US sanctions against national oil products firm Belneftkhim.

Last year the US ordered its citizens not to deal with the company and said no new action had been taken since.

US officials said Stewart's departure was for

consultations only, and that she remained ambassador to Belarus. Minsk last week also recalled its envoy from Washington.

Since a dispute with Russia last year, however, Lukashenko has tried to improve ties with the West and courts have released several opposition activists — moves cautiously welcomed by the EU.

MNA/Reuters

Israel killed 100 Hamas police since June

GAZA, 18 March — Chief of Hamas Police in Gaza General Tawfiq Jabber said that Israel had killed some 100 Hamas police officers in the Gaza Strip since the movement had taken over the enclave in mid June last year.

Israeli air fighters hit several police stations and posts in the Gaza Strip over the past nine months, killing about 100 police men. Israeli airstrikes were retaliatory to rockets attacks carried out by Gaza militants against Israel.

Jabber revealed that the police formed by Hamas had evacuated all the police buildings and headquarters all-over the Gaza Strip, in fear that Israel may strike on them in the coming days.

Hamas militias had taken control of the Gaza Strip nine months ago, after it defeated President Mahmoud Abbas security forces. Abbas said no dialogue with Hamas until it gives Gaza back to the Palestinian

Authority.

Jabber revealed in a statement sent to reporters that the police in Gaza "have full plans of emergency all-over the Gaza Strip to deal with the current situation in case Israel escalates its

military actions".

He added that the police also have plans to continue acting in the Gaza Strip "in case the police buildings and headquarters are targeted by Israel".

MNA/Xinhua

Indoneia airline loses half its fleet after default

JAKARTA, 18 March — Indonesian budget carrier Adam Air, which has been warned about its safety standards, said on Monday that a leasing firm seized more than half its fleet after the airline defaulted on its payments.

Adam Air, which like all other Indonesian airlines has been banned by the European Union because of safety concerns, was forced to cut back several

scheduled flights on Monday because it did not have enough aircraft, causing delays for some passengers.

"Out of 22 planes, now we only have 10 because 12 of them have been declared in default. The other 10 have been declared in default as well, but I'm still trying to work out a way to restructure the payments," Adam Suherman, the airline's

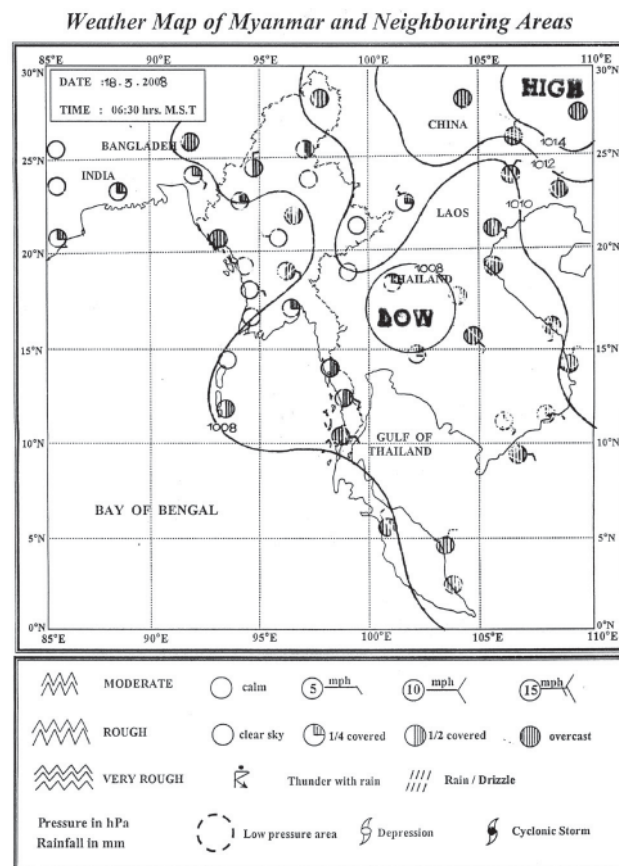
French Socialists lead way against Sarkozy

PARIS, 18 March — France's opposition Socialists secured strong gains in second round local elections on Sunday, opinion polls said, dealing a blow to President Nicolas Sarkozy and his 10-month-old government.

The polls suggested leftist candidates had won control of a number of towns and cities currently run by the centre-right, including Caen, Amiens and Reims in the north of France, and Perigueux in the south.

There was no immediate sign if Sarkozy's allies had managed to hold onto the two main prizes within the left's grasp — the southern cities of Marseille and Toulouse. If the right loses these votes it will represent a severe setback for Sarkozy.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Tuesday, 18 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (40°C) and Aungmye (39°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Minesat (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-3-2008 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 18-3-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-3-2008 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 17-3-2008 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-3-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (15:30) hours MST on 17-3-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-3-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Shan States and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-3-2008: Partly cloudy



Wednesday, 19 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ကြီး
ဦးဥတ္တမသာရ၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း

7:50 am

5. Musical programme

8:00 am

6. Dance variety

8:15 am

7. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့
ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. “မပြောမပြီးမတီးမမြည်”
(နေရဲလင်း၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊
မိုးဇော်ရှင်ဖုန်း၊ အိမ်ချယ်၊
နိုင်ဆုသွယ်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

4:00 pm

1. စစ်ချီတေး၊ စစ်သည်တေး

4:10 pm

2. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု
တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

4:20 pm

3. HIV/AIDS

(နေတိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊
ကျော်ထူး၊ သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊
ရတနာဖွင့်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖီးနစ်))

4:25 pm

4. Musical programme

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်
(စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု)
(စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Songs and dance of
national races

5:05 pm

8. Musical programme

5:30 pm

9. ရသေ့လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်
လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 am

12. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

7:00 pm

13. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့
ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:15 pm

14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်
အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:45 pm

15. Musical programme

8:00 pm

16. Local news

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. The mirror images of
the musical oldies

20. မြန်မာ့ဒီဇိုင်းဇာတ်လမ်း
ကိုကုန်း

(လွင်မိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)

People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

Coord meeting of Chin State Sub-commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of Draft Constitution held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March— Chin State Sub-commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the meeting 1/2008 at the office of the Chin State Sub-commission in Haka on 16 March.

Members of Commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Tin Aye together with Dr Hmu Htan and U Saw Win Aung presided over the meeting.

Meeting Chairman U Tin Aye made an opening speech on the occasion. Chairman of the Sub-commission U Tin Myint explained about laws and rules regarding the referendum and forming of sub-commissions at district, township, ward and village/tract levels.

Those present held a general round of discussions and the meeting chairman made the concluding remarks.—MNA



Coordination Meeting of Chin State Sub-commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of Draft Constitution in progress. — MNA

Objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- * To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- * To realize the seven-step Road Map of the State joining hands with the people
- * Joining hands with the people and based on Union Spirit to crush internal and external destructive elements sabotaging stability and development of the State
- * To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

Significant Day Temperatures

Minbu	(40°C)
Aunglan	(39°C)

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC**