

Subhasita ca ya vaca, to have words well spoken; this is the way to auspiciousness.

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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

To ensure perpetuation of sovereignty at the risk of lives



Sovereignty is the lifeblood of a nation. The three powers— legislative, executive and judicial—must be understood as sovereignty. These three powers must be in the hands of our citizens and our national races. We cannot put them in the hands of any alien directly or indirectly. Once the sovereignty of our country is influenced in any way by others, it is tantamount to indirect enslavement under neo-colonialism. Hence, the Tatmadaw must ensure perpetuation of sovereignty at the risk of lives.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From address at the parade of the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Prime Minister addresses meeting for holding Fourth World Buddhist Summit

YANGON, 13 March — A work coordination meeting was held for holding the Fourth World Buddhist Summit, at the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in Mayangon Township this

morning, with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the mayor of Yangon, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the pro-rector of the university, and members of the Leading Committee, work committee and subcommittees for the summit.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that Myanmar has held coordination meeting several

times to successfully host the summit on a grand scale. Leading Committees and Sub-committees were formed for successful holding of the summit and a lot of preparations have been made and progress can also be seen. Specified and detailed measures are to be taken, while the summit is drawing near.

He called on experts and scholars with vast experience of international meetings to make combined efforts in holding discussions, exchanging views and experiences, laying down programmes and seeking ways and means for successful holding of the summit in accordance with the traditions of world level summits. Measures are to be taken in advance for using modern technologies for the international level meet-

ing and convenience of the guests from foreign nations. At the same time, being a Theravada Buddhist summit, systematic measures are to be taken beforehand in accord with the essence of Theravada Buddhism. Secretary of the Leading Committee Minister for Reli-

gious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung reported on progress of work carried out by respective committee and subcommittees and future tasks for the summit. Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung

Ko reported on tasks to be carried out and conditions in taking measures for the summit. Next, chairmen of the subcommittees and officials reported on work being done, followed by a general round of discussions. After that, the Prime Minister evaluated the reports. — MNA



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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address at the meeting to host Fourth World Buddhist Summit.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 14 March, 2004

For flourishing of Union Spirit

Since its assumption of the responsibilities of the State, the Tatmadaw has been striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation after laying down the 12 political, economic and social objectives upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

National unity is sine qua non for building a modern nation. The Tatmadaw has been able to build national unity which has not been achieved in the successive governments. As a result, 17 armed groups, after realizing the goodwill of the Tatmadaw, have returned to the legal fold and have been taking part in regional development tasks hand in hand with the Tatmadaw and the people. As from 1989, the Tatmadaw Government has been building necessary infrastructures for border area development after forming the Border Area and National Races Development Central Committee.

Nowadays, basic education schools, hospitals and clinics, dams and reservoirs, roads and bridges have emerged in border areas. Towns such as Kawthoung, Myawady, Muse, Tamu, Laukkai and Chinswehwa which were a little bit bigger than a hamlet in the past have now flourished with modern buildings. From 1989 to the end of 2003, a large sum of money that is equivalent to 50,245.75 million kyat was spent on border areas and national races development projects.

Stability is the basic needs for national development. It is necessary for the people to pursue their education, to conduct their business and to practise their religious faiths with peace of mind.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, stability has been achieved throughout the country. When the Tatmadaw took the duty of the State, the condition of the nation got deteriorated due to uprising in the country. Facing various difficulties and overcoming many barriers, the Government has been striving for national development.

Economic infrastructures have been established and social foundations laid across the country through the united efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. It is safe to say that national development is the result of national reconsolidation. The Tatmadaw, which is equipped with military capability, organizational capability and administrative capability, have safeguarded the nation.

We firmly believe that the Tatmadawmen, serving the interests of the State, will be able to further promote the flourishing of Union Spirit throughout the country.

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Ambassadors, diplomats and military attaches visit Gems Emporium

YANGON, 13 March—The ambassadors, diplomats and military attaches of foreign missions here and officials of UN agencies viewed items on display at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium being held at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here from 9 am to 5 pm today.

They were welcomed and conducted round the gems emporium by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Mines.—MNA

59th Anniversary

Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point policy programme
- To crush internal and external destructive elements hindering the stability and progress of the State through people's militia strategy
- To implement border area development tasks and the five rural development tasks hand in hand with the entire people
- To build up a strong and efficient Tatmadaw to uphold 'Our Three Main National Causes'

Press conference on holding of 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium held

YANGON, 13 March—The press conference on the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2004, organized by the Central Committee for Organizing the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium, was held at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Present were members of Public Relations and Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director Col Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Director (News) U Hla Tun, Correspondent U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway and members, Mr Jerry Harmer of Bangkok-based APTN news agency and correspondents.

Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director U Khin Oo of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members welcomed the journalists and explained preparations for sales of finished jade and gems goods, ornaments and jade figurines at fixed prices produced by MGE, private jewellery shops and gem-encrusted painting shops on the ground floor, uncut jade stones in the compound of the mart and display of jewellery and pearl lots to be sold through competitive bidding system on the third floor.

Next, the press conference on the Myanmar Gems Emporium was held at the hall of the mart. Deputy Minister U Myint Thein said that quantity and



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and mediamen preview the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MNA

quality jade, gems and pearl lots will be sold at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium. As invitation cards were sent to 501 companies from 26 countries, over 260 gems merchants of 97 companies of 12 countries will attend the emporium it is learnt. And, more gems merchants from abroad are expected to come to the emporium.

Arrangements have been made for selling finished jade products worth euro 0.11 million at a fixed price in addition to 1,254 lots of jade worth euro 13.25 million at a reserve price at the emporium. Altogether 146 jade lots worth euro 2.37 million at a reserve price will be displayed by joint venture companies, 130 lots of jade worth euro 1.3 million at a reserve price by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, 972 lots of jade worth euro 9.58 million at a reserve price by companies and private entrepreneurs. So, there will be 1,254 lots of jade worth euro 13.25 million at the gems emporium.

In addition, 1,054 lots of uncut jade stones worth euro 2.93 million will be sold through tender system. Single lots of uncut jade stone worth euro 10,000 each and above will be sold through competitive bidding. There will be 200

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

lots of uncut jade stones worth euro 10.32 million. There are 38 lots of uncut jade stones valued at euro 50,000 and above each at the 41st gems emporium. Lots of uncut jade have been formed according to quality, weight and reserve price.

Altogether 318 lots of gems with a floor price of euro 8.9 million will be put on sale at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium—90 lots of gems with a floor price of euro 8.7 million will be put on sale through competitive bidding, 89 lots of gems with a floor price of euro 180,555 by tender system and 139 lots of gem will be put on sale at fixed price of euro 63,045.

Altogether 318 lots of gems with a floor price of euro 8.9 million and 76 lots of Mongshu uncut gems with a floor price of euro 8.3 million will be put on sale at the emporium.

A total of 1,207 items of jewellery valued at euro 950,884 will also be put on sale at the emporium.

Over 0.17 million pieces of pearl were jointly cultured in 2003-2004 financial year. Of them, over 0.11 million pieces of pearl were cultured by Myanmar

Tasaki Company. Pearls of the company were formed into lots separately. Altogether 216 lots of pearl with a floor price of euro 1,466,000 were formed.

In addition, new pearls cultured by the department and other joint ventured enterprises were formed into lots, mingling them with old pearls. Altogether 73 lots of pearls with a floor price of 343,300 were formed.

Therefore, a total of 289 lots of pearls with a floor price of euro 1.8 million will be put on sale at the emporium.

Next, member of Public Relations and Information Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein made a speech.

After that, Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of MGE U Khin Oo and Managing Director of Myanmar Pearls Enterprise U Maung Toe replied to queries raised by the foreign and local journalists.

The press conference ended with the concluding remarks by Deputy Minister U Myint Thein.

MNA

479 gem merchants arrive

YANGON, 13 March—Altogether 479 gems merchants—253 from 94 companies of six countries and 226 from 79 local companies have already arrived here to attend the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium being held at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here.

The merchants viewed items on display at the gems emporium from 9 am to 5 pm today.

Secretary of the Central Committee for Organizing the Gems Emporium Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and the Secretary of the Jade, Gems and Pearl Sub-Committee welcomed and conducted them round the emporium.

Most of the foreign gem merchants arrived here via Hong Kong and more gems merchants will continue to arrive here via Thailand and Kunming.—MNA



Diplomats visit the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA

Bomb blast kills two US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 MARCH—Two American soldiers were killed when their Humvee struck a roadside bomb, the military said Friday. US officials also worried that Iraqi police — not impostors in their uniforms — may have been behind the shooting deaths of two coalition staffers and their translator.

The two soldiers died Thursday when the Humvee they were riding in hit a homemade bomb northeast of Habbiniyah in the Sunni Triangle, the heartland of the anti-US insurgency.

A third soldier was wounded in the blast. The soldiers were part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of Task Force All American, part of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Their deaths bring to 556 the number of US service members who have died since the United States launched the Iraq war in March. Most have died since President Bush declared an end to active combat 1 May.

In Baghdad, a prominent supporter of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr was shot and killed in Baghdad's al-Shawafa district, movement spokesman Adnan al-

Safi said Friday.

Thursday's shooting of Kazim al-Sayed Musa al-Ghoriebi came hours after a Sunni Muslim cleric was wounded in what he claimed was an assassination attempt. His son and son-in-law were killed.

Nazem Khalaf, a cleric at the Rahman mosque in Abu Dsheer, a suburb in southwestern Baghdad, said assailants drove up next to his car and opened fire.

In central Baghdad, thousands of Shiites rallied against the US presence in Iraq, chanting "Kill America! Kill America!" and "Yes, yes to Islam!"

Protesters hurled stones at a passing pair of armored civilian SUVs, of the type often used by coalition workers or plainclothes security officials, forcing the vehicles to back away. There were no injuries.

Internet

Iraqi lawyer says US undermining Saddam evidence

BAGHDAD, 13 March—A top Iraqi lawyer coordinating preparations for Saddam Hussein's trial accused the US military on Friday of hampering efforts to gather evidence by releasing detainees linked to the toppled leader.

"The US military just releases detainees without consulting with us. They are releasing people with valuable information on Saddam. They are undermining the process of putting him on trial," Salem Chalabi told Reuters.

"Why should we bother?"

Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations for the US Army in Iraq, said the release of detainees from American custody did not preclude the Iraqi authorities from taking action against them.

Chalabi said frustrations over the releases were growing in the US-appointed Governing Council, with some members discussing putting on hold the special tribunal expected to try Saddam and his top aides if they were not consulted.

"There is a feeling that it is a pointless exercise. Important figures are being released and we are not even consulted. These people are leaving the country."

Chalabi said he expressed his concerns

to a high-level US Justice Department team that visited Iraq this week to assemble evidence for war crimes cases against Saddam.

"They said they would relay our concerns," he said, adding that a much larger American team of 50 would return in about five weeks.

Although many Iraqis believe Saddam is guilty of widespread crimes against humanity, proving it in a court may not be easy in some cases.

Chalabi said prosecutors would seek to establish a chain of command that proved Saddam ordered atrocities such as a chemical attack on the Kurds in 1988 and the crushing of a 1991 Shi'ite uprising that allegedly sent thousands to mass graves.

The US-educated attorney, whose uncle Ahmad Chalabi is a member of the Governing Council, said there were about 100 Iraqi detainees with ties to Saddam who could provide hard evidence against him.

MNA/Reuters



An armed security guard watches as an elderly Iraqi is helped to pass in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 March, 2004. —INTERNET

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A US Army Blackhawk helicopter door gunner keeps watch over Iraqi fields near Ramadi during its patrol on 11 March, 2004. —INTERNET

US Senator says report on Iraq intelligence 'damning'

WASHINGTON, 13 March—A US Senate Intelligence Committee report about prewar intelligence on Iraq will be "tough and damning" and spread the blame around, a senior Republican senator said on Friday.

"It will be damning of some of the intelligence. I think it's going to be highly critical, it will be critical of a lot of different programmes and people," said Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona, third-ranking in the Senate Republican leadership.

The blame spreads over Democratic and Republican administrations, intelligence agencies and Congress, he said. "Nobody is without blame."

The report is expected to be issued this spring, possibly in April.

Kyl's comments came in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations aimed at countering harsh criticism of the Republican administration by Sen Edward Kennedy a Massachusetts Democrat, a week earlier to

the same group.

Kennedy's case that the Bush administration misrepresented intelligence to Congress and the public to go to war against Iraq was "long on innuendo and very short on facts," Kyl said.

Administration officials had based their comments about Iraq on intelligence assessments, he said. "They did not... distort, mislead, or misrepresent what the intelligence community said."

US intelligence reports before the war said Iraq had biological and chemical weapons and was developing a nuclear weapon, but since the US-led invasion last year no such banned weapons have been found. —Internet

Good, bad and ugly is same in brains of beholders

WASHINGTON, 13 March—Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but what is good, bad and ugly to one person is pretty much good, bad and ugly to another, Israeli scientists reported on Thursday.

A brain imaging study showed people's brains reacted in a surprisingly similar manner as they watched the classic Clint Eastwood Western "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly".

About 30 per cent of brain activity in key visual, auditory and face recognition areas was virtually identical in five different people when shown a sequence from the film, the researchers said.

"This strong intersubject correlation shows that, despite the completely free viewing of dynamical, complex scenes, individual brains 'tick together' ... when exposed to the same visual environment," they wrote in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

Uri Hasson of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel and colleagues used functional magnetic resonance imaging for their study. This scanner can provide a "live" look at brain activity.

When shown the same 30-minute sequence from the film, close to 30 per cent of one person's brain response could be predicted by another's, the researchers

said.

The brain areas that were in sync included the visual and auditory areas, the fusiform gyrus, which responds to faces, and the collateral sulcus, which responds to images of outdoor scenes.

"Such responses imply that a large extent of the human cortex is stereotypically responsive to naturalistic audiovisual stimuli," they wrote.

Just to test, they also scanned the volunteers as they lay quietly, and their brain patterns barely matched.

But movie fans do not have to worry that their own enjoyment may not be unique, pointed out psychologist Luiz Pessoa of Brown University in Rhode Island.

Large regions of the cortex reacted in different ways in each viewer, he wrote in a commentary. "Thus there might be, after all, ample cortex for you and I to experience 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' in a unique way," Pessoa wrote.

MNA/Reuters

Poll shows Arab-Americans dissatisfied with Bush

WASHINGTON, 13 March — Arab-Americans in four battleground states have "deep dissatisfaction" with George W Bush's policies and low support for the President's re-election, a poll showed on Friday.

This is a shift from the 2000 presidential campaign, when Arab-Americans in Michigan, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania—all expected to be closely contested this year — strongly favoured Bush, a Republican, over Democrat Al Gore.

"This community's vote is decidedly moving in a direction that is not in

favour of Bush's re-election," said James Zogby of the Washington-based Arab American Institute, which commissioned the tracking poll.

The poll found Arab-Americans rated Bush lowest for his handling of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one of three issues of greatest importance to this group of

voters. The others were civil liberties, which Arab-Americans have seen as being under pressure since the September 11, 2001 attacks, and the war in Iraq. On these issues as well, those polled gave Bush low marks.

The four states are among the top 10 states in terms of Arab-American population, and represent a

total of 510,000 likely voters. All have seen rapid growth in the size of their Arab-American communities in the last decade.

Voter turnout among members of this community is slightly higher than in the US population as a whole.

The poll showed 32 per cent of Arab-Americans across the four states rated Bush excellent or good for his overall job performance — down from 38 per cent in January — and only 28 per cent said he deserves to be re-elected. Sixty-five per cent said it was time to elect "someone new."

In 2000, 46 per cent said they voted for Bush, compared with 29 per cent for Gore, while this year, 27 per cent favoured Bush and 43 favoured John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate. — MNA/Reuters

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11th Wisconsin soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 March—An Army Reservist from Ellsworth in northwestern Wisconsin has died when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy in Iraq.

Spc Bert Hoyer, 23, was assigned to the 652nd Engineer Company based in Ellsworth and was killed in the explosion Wednesday. His parents, Larry and Peggy Hoyer, said they last talked to their son by telephone Sunday.

Larry Hoyer said the conversation was brief because his son was running a bit late, with his unit packing up and on the move, but "everything seemed OK, given the circumstances."

A military officer came to the family home Thursday afternoon to inform them of the death.

Bert Hoyer was a 1999 graduate of Ellsworth High School. He had decided to enlist in the Reserves when he enrolled at Vermillion Community College in Ely, Minn.

He was a semester away from graduation when his unit reported to Fort McCoy near Sparta in February 2003. Hoyer is the 11th person from Wisconsin to die serving in Iraq. — Internet



Spanish soldiers check motorists as they conduct mobile checkpoints at Diwaniya, 160 kilometers, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq on 11 March, 2004. — INTERNET

US soldier, two women amongst four killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 March—Four persons including one American soldier, two Iraqi women working for American company were killed in attack by unidentified attackers.

One US soldier was killed and two officials wounded in landmine blast in Baquba. Two Iraqi women, employed by a unit of US

oilfield services company Halliburton, were shot dead in the southern city of Basra on their way home from work.

One Iraqi was killed and two others were wounded when a bomb meant for a US military convoy exploded in the flashpoint town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, police said. — Internet

Latin Americans commit to population control

SANTIAGO (Chile), 13 March — Latin American and Caribbean nations agreed on Thursday to intensify their commitment to birth control and AIDS prevention programmes after a two-day UN meeting in Chile.

The United States, a major financial backer for regional family planning programmes, was the only one of 38 delegations that withheld support for the declaration.

Latin America has made progress on reproductive health in the last 10 years but poor people and teenagers lack access to family planning, according to an assessment presented at the meeting organized by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Today's meeting emphasizes the importance of strengthening programmes directed at adolescents, increasing access to services and information," Elena Zuniga, Secretary General of Mexico's National Population Council, told Reuters.

She said that although Mexico has brought down its birth rate, 80 per cent of adolescents failed to take precautions against

pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases when they lost their virginity.

The US delegation expressed reservations about providing confidential birth control services to adolescents, saying parents should be involved.

Under the Bush Administration the US has concentrated much of its international AIDS-prevention and birth control funding in campaigns, often jointly with religious groups, that promote abstinence.

Delegates said Latin America, despite being largely Catholic, took a different approach.

"Mexico respects those who believe that abstinence is the best method, but as a government we are obliged to offer teenagers all the existing options that are safe and people can make decisions based on their convictions," Zuniga said.

MNA/Reuters

Paper says ministers put off Arab League reform

CAIRO, 13 March—Arab foreign ministers will advise their leaders to put off any decisions on reforming the Arab League until at least 2005, according to a document published in the London-based newspaper al-Hayat on Thursday.

The document, entitled the "Charter of Covenant between the Leaders of the Arab States", incorporates many of the proposals Arab governments submitted to an inconclusive meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo about 10 days ago.

But it does not specify any of the new institutions which Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa has been advocating — such as an Arab security council, court and Parliament. The Arab League said in a statement later on Thursday that the text in al-Hayat was an early draft and some amendments had been made since it was written. But the statement did not dispute any specific details in the published version. Al-Hayat said the document would be

presented to Arab leaders at a summit meeting in Tunis on 29 March and 30. The document recommended the leaders ask the ministers to draft the reforms and present them to the subsequent summit, scheduled to take place in Algiers in March 2005. — MNA/Reuters

company from 1995-2000.

"DCAA (military auditors) has identified significant deficiencies in KBR's estimating practices related to the award of subcontract costs," said Pentagon Comptroller Dov Zakheim, referring to the Defence Contract Audit Agency.

In testimony to the House of Representatives Government Reform Committee, Zakheim said on January 13 — three days before the company was given a new 1.2 billion US dollars contract in Iraq to repair its southern oil fields — auditors told the Army to inform them before the negotiation of any future contract awards.

"I don't think it should be the job of the Administration to give Halliburton the

benefit of the doubt in every case," said California Representative Henry Waxman, one of the fiercest Democratic critics of Halliburton and its work in Iraq.

But Zakheim stressed no conclusions had been reached. "An investigation is simply that. It does not mean someone is guilty."

The US Army Corps of Engineers was pressed on whether it had considered the auditors' request to be contacted about future work before the second oil repair contract was given.

"It was considered and reviewed and (the second contract) found to be an appropriate outcome," said Major-General Carl Strock, director of civil works for the Army Corps.

MNA/Reuters



Citizens hold a banner reading, 'The bombs dropped in Iraq explode in Madrid' during a protest march through central Barcelona, on 12 March, 2004. Millions of Spaniards packed the major thoroughfares of Madrid and other cities nationwide on Friday, chanting 'killers' and 'cowards' in a mass condemnation of train bombs that killed at least 192 people in Spain. — INTERNET

Iraqi police suspected of killing US civilians

BAGHDAD, 13 March — Four Iraqi police were being held on suspicion of killing two American civilians and an Iraqi translator, all of whom worked for the US-led administration, in an attack this week, a military spokesman said on Friday.

"Six persons were detained as part of the incident. Four of those persons were carrying current and we believe valid Iraqi police service identification," Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations for the US Army in Iraq, told a news conference. The three were killed late on Tuesday on a road between Kerbala and Hilla, south of Baghdad. Their car was found later by Polish troops in charge of security in the area, with the bodies of the victims in the trunk. US occupation troops have been hiring

and training Iraqi police in the hope that they could eventually take over the security of Iraq.

The two American civilians were Department of Defence employees working for the US-led administration in Iraq. One of them was working on women's rights issues and the other was involved in developing the Iraqi media. It was the first time since the start of the war that US civilians working for the administration were killed.

MNA/Reuters

China, India discuss means to sustain growth of bilateral trade

BEIJING, 13 March — With bilateral trade set to touch a record 10 billion US dollars this year, India and China reviewed the current state of trade relations and discussed ways to sustain the rapid growth witnessed in recent years, official sources said here Thursday.

The two sides reviewed the current trends in bilateral trade ties and discussed ways and means to sustaining the ongoing rapid growth of such trade when Indian Ambassador Nalin Surie called on the new Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai Wednesday, the sources said.

Both sides agreed that the bilateral trade relationship between India and China was "very promising" and this is the right time to push forward, the sources said. Bo and Surie discussed the forthcoming first meeting of the Joint Study Group established during the visit of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to China in June last year.

"Both sides attach importance to the work of this group whose mandate is clearly stipulated in the declaration issued by the two prime ministers in June 2003," the Indian Embassy said in a Press release. — MNA/PTI

NATO Chief assures Baltics of air space patrols

RIGA/TALLINN, 13 March — NATO said on Thursday it would patrol the air space of Baltic members joining next month despite Russian worries, saying the alliance believed Moscow would understand.

"There will be no Baltic air space — it will be NATO air space, and NATO air space will be policed," the alliance's Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer told a news conference during a visit to Latvia.

"Russia understands this very well, because NATO has always behaved like this."

NATO is working on a plan to give the Baltic region — which lacks fighter jets — air protection after the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia join in April, along with Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Russia has softened its long-standing criticism of NATO enlargement east of the old "Iron Curtain" but remains uneasy that NATO forces could be based on its borders, especially in the ex-Soviet Baltic republics.

Local media reported on Thursday that alliance member Denmark might station four F-16 fighter jets and 100 soldiers in Lithuania. Western diplomats said NATO had yet to decide.

De Hoop Scheffer de-

clined to comment on the reports but said he would go to Moscow this month to try to allay Russian suspicions about NATO's plans in the Baltics.

"Today, NATO enlargement is proceeding smoothly, and neither NATO nor Russia lose much sleep over it," he said. "Indeed, what is most remarkable about the whole process is that it is so unremarkable."

Estonia is especially concerned about airspace surveillance, after a dispute with Moscow in which Tallinn accused Russian fighter planes of violating Estonia's airspace last autumn to test its radar system.

The NATO chief tried to calm the tiny Baltic state when he arrived in Tallinn on Thursday.

"There are no Grade A and Grade B members in NATO," he said, and added that the alliance would ensure Estonia's security both in the skies and on land after Estonia becomes a NATO member.

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Former UN chief weapons inspector in Iraq, Hans Blix, is seen during a news conference about his new book 'Mission Iraq' in Berlin on 11 March, 2004. Blix reported about his time as weapon inspector in Iraq. — INTERNET

Greenspan says trade barriers not answer to job loss

WASHINGTON, 13 March — US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that erecting protective trade barriers was not the answer to current US worries about job loss to foreign competition.

The anxiety in the United States over the loss of US jobs to low-wage countries was understandable, but a new round of protectionist steps, which is being proposed, "would make matters worse rather than better", said Greenspan in his testimony to the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

"They would do little to create jobs, and if foreigners were to retaliate, we would surely lose jobs," he said. The extended period of job losses has heightened fears that US workers are losing out to foreign competition and spurred a number of proposals to erect protectionist trade barriers, Greenspan said.

"We can erect walls to foreign trade and even discourage job-displacing innovation," he said. "The

pace of competition would surely slow, and tensions might appear to ease, but only for a short while."

Having discovered time and again through history, he said that attempting merely to preserve the comfortable features of the present, rather than reaching for new levels of prosperity, is a sure path to stagnation. Greenspan said ideas rather than materials or physical brawn have been by far the greatest contributors during the past half-century to the economic growth. "Technological advance is continually altering the shape, nature, and complexity of our economic processes," he added.

He said the United States need to explore avenues to make sure that all Americans have opportunities to get a good education

and be able to return to school for improving their job skills. America's reputation as the world's leader in higher education is grounded in the ability of its educational system to serve the practical needs of the economy by teaching and training, said Greenspan.

Besides enhancing education, he said the United States need to further open markets here and abroad to allow its workers to compete effectively in the global marketplace. He also said that Americans had reason to be more optimistic that job market would rebound in coming months. "As our economy exhibits increasing signals of recovery, jobs loss continues to diminish," he said, "In all likelihood, employment will begin to increase more quickly before long." — MNA/Xinhua

Thousands of people march down a main street of the northern Basque city of Bilbao, on 12 March, 2004, during a demonstration to protest the numerous bomb attacks on trains in the Spanish capital Thursday that killed nearly 200 people and injured another 1,400.

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Death toll of terror blasts rises to 192 in Madrid

MADRID, 13 March — The death toll of simultaneous bomb attacks, which ripped through four commuter trains here on Thursday, has risen to 192, the authorities said.

Of the dead, mostly workers and students, 181 were found on the blast scene and nine died in hospitals. The explosions occurred between 7.35 and 7.55 am local time, tearing apart cars of trains that had just arrived or were about to arrive at stations on the railway line between Madrid and Guadalajara, east of the capital.

One explosion hit a train arriving at Madrid's busy Atocha Station, causing it to derail. Two wagons were destroyed and the roof of one of them was tossed into the air. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEP 3 to be held in Vietnam

HANOI, 13 March — Ten Asian and 15 European countries will discuss political and socioeconomic issues at the third Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP 3) slated for Vietnam's Hue city on March 25-26.

Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the National Assembly of Vietnam, Vu Mao, made the statement at a Press briefing on Friday.

The meeting with the theme "Toward ASEM 5 Summit" will discuss four main topics: "Current International Security Context and Challenges to International Law", "Cooperation for Fairer and More Equal Global Trade", "Cultural Identity and Diversity in Context of Asia-Europe" and "Toward Revitalizing and Substantiating Asia-Europe: Voice of Parliamentarians." "By hosting ASEP 3, the National Assembly of

Vietnam hopes to gather efforts of legislative institutions to promote the partnership with the European Union (EU)," Mao said. Around 100 parliamentarians from seven members of the Association of South-East Nations (ASEAN), China, Japan, South Korea and 15 EU members are expected to attend ASEP 3, he said. ASEP is an inter-parliamentary dialogue under the framework of ASEM process, acting as a forum for parliamentarians from the two continents to participate in the Asia-Europe cooperation process, and promote their external activities.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq in the aftermath of US invasion

Cost for rebuilding Iraq



Huge smoke billows behind the former Presidential Palace, now a base for Coalition forces and civilian personnel, after another explosion on 7 March 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Estimated cost for Iraq reconstruction under UN up to 2007

Local administration and civil society	\$313m
Health, education, employment	\$7,190m
Infrastructure	\$24,204m
Agriculture, water resources	\$3,027m
Other	\$855m
Total	\$35,589m



An Iraqi woman stands next to the remains of rockets, which were fired on 7 March 2004 into the heavily-fortified area known as the 'Green Zone' in Baghdad.



Flames and smoke rise from a burning oil pipeline near the Iraqi town of Samarra, Iraq on 26 Feb 2004.

It is estimated that rebuilding of Iraq will cost at least US\$ 100,000 million. The earnings from sale of oil will not be sufficient to cover the reconstruction cost.

The US was criticized for taking control on Iraq, a country with second largest oil deposit in the world. During the war against Iraq, many oil facilities were bombed and as a result reconstruction for Iraq's economy has faced many difficulties.

Estimated cost for Iraq reconstruction under US and allies up to 2007

Security and police	\$5,000m
Oil	\$8,000m
Culture, religious affairs	\$1,540m
Other	\$4900m
Total	\$19,440m



An Iraqi boy looks at the scene of a rocket attack in a private house in Iraqi capital Baghdad on March 8, 2004. Guerrillas fired mortars at a Baghdad police station, wounding two policemen and three civilians.



Iraqi men gathered near a destroyed building following an explosion in Baqouba, 34 miles northwest of Baghdad, Iraq on March 10, 2004.

Hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Nation-building tasks jointly carried out by the Tatmadaw and the people



Roads built by Tatmadaw members

No	State/Division	Railroad	Motorway
1.	Yangon Division	Toegyauunggalay-Okposu Danyingon-Okposu	Taikkyi-Phugyi-Phaunggyi Yangon-Bago six-lane road
2.	Shan State	Shwenyaung-Yaksawk Aungpan-Loikaw Namhsan-Mongnai Banyin-Phamon Taunggyi-Phamon Shwenyaung-Taunggyi Namhsan-Mongwan	Tarkaw-Mongpyin-Kengtung Kengtung-Tachilek Yaksawk-Kyaukgu- Taungsan-Nawngkhio
3.	Ayeyawady Division	-	Pathein-Thalatkwa- Mawtinsun Pathein-Thalatkwa- Ngwehsaung Tarkwe-Kazan Maubin-Hsamalauk Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Tanai-Nanyun Pasawng-Khemaphyu- Htihta-Sawhta Kawkyaik-Kawtpayan- Zathabyin Bawgaligy-Mawchee Wabodaw-Kamamaung Papon-Kamamaung
4.	Kachin State	Myitkyina-Nampaung	
5.	Kayah State	Aungpan-Loikaw	
6.	Kayin State	-	



The opening of the Banyin-Phamon Railroad Section in progress in Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South), which was constructed by Tatmadaw members.



Tatmadaw members seen participating in the Hsaikkhaung-Namhsan Railroad Project in Shan State (South).



Tatmadawmen contribute towards No 4 Highway Project linking Yangon and Hmawby.

**Tatmadaw
which can
endure
hardship**

Transport facilities constructed across the nation

Subject	1988	2004
Tarred road (mile)	5543	8398
Gravel road (mile)	1569	3194
Bridge (above 180 feet)	16	168
Railroad (mile)	2793	3906
Airport	21	27
Airport (jet)	6	18



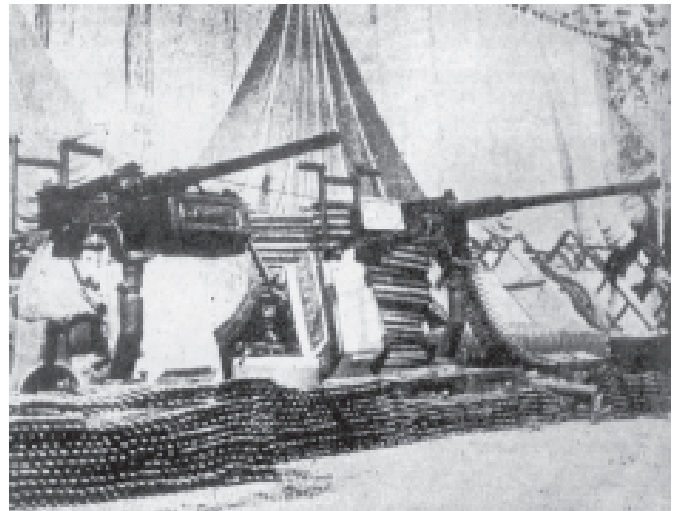
The Yaybawthaung-Bawlekyun Bridge in Taikkyi Township which was jointly built by Tatmadaw members and the people.

The Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) in perpetual service of the people



south. The commander of KMT troops was General Limi.

In the first week of June in 1950, the Tatmadaw gave KMT troops an ultimatum demanding them to surrender or leave the country. However, KMT troops replied that they would not surrender and they were prepared to retaliate if the Tatmadaw attacked them. Later, they occupied an area from milepost-81 on Kengtung-Tachilek Road up to Tachilek. In the second week of June in 1950, the Tatmadaw launched offensives on KMT troops. The Tatmadaw defeated the KMT troops along Kengtung-Tachilek road on 21 July and recaptured Tachilek the same day. The Tatmadaw's victory over the KMT troops while crushing the surge of multi-coloured insurgents at home can be accounted for its nationalism and patriotism. It is one of the credits the Tatmadaw



The US-made machine guns and ammunition seized in 'Operation Mekong' in 1961.

Mongmaw headquarters attacked Kaima region of Yunnan province and Sisaopana in the south. However, they had to retreat from there suffering heavy losses as they encountered the attacks launched by Chinese People's Army. The act of the

vaded Mongyan via Monghsat and suppressed the local people.

From the mid-1952, the KMT troops conducted more military operations. In the first place, they operated in the area they were stationed. Later, they attempted to seize the whole Shan State and Kachin State, to establish a permanent military base at the border area in the north, and to threaten the national independence by colluding with armed insurgent groups who rose against the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

It was on 14 February of 1953 that the KMT troops with a strength of nearly 1,000 attacked Muse, Mongyu and Kyugok. However, they were forced to retreat after suffering heavy losses as the Tatmadaw launched counterattacks against them.

Likewise, the

military regions in 1953 were: some 4,000 troops at Mongshu and Panyan at No 1 military region on the eastern bank of Thanlwin river; some 3,000 troops at Monghtan, Nanhkam and Muse at No 2 military region of north-east region; some 4,000 troops at Monghsat, Mongton and Mongpan of No 3 military region; and some 1,000 troops at Mawchi, Hlaingbwe and Karuppi, totalling 12,000.

On 1 March of 1953, the Government of Myanmar decided to lodge a complaint with the United Nations Organization over the issue of the invasion of KMT troops. It was on 25 March that the issue was officially submitted to UN.

In April 1953, the issue was put to vote at UN. Of 60 nations, there were 59 votes for the motion demanding the withdrawal of KMT troops

Tatmadawmen who are born of the people

As there rose internal insurgencies following the independence in Myanmar, the Tatmadaw had to safeguard the national independence and

territory as they no longer bore the offensives launched by Chinese People's Army.

In the first week of January in 1950, some 200

earned.

Withdrawing from Kengtung-Tachilek road, the KMT troops gathered at Monghsat. In April 1951, the strength of the KMT troops reached about 4,000.

Leaving some 1,000 troops at Monghsat, the KMT marched to Kokang and Monglin regions and opened the headquarters at Mongmaw. Furthermore, they also established another headquarters at Mongyan, north of Kengtung region, with a total strength of 1,500 who were stationed there.

In the first week of May in 1951, the KMT troops with their strongholds in the territory of Myanmar launched attacks on Yunnan Province on two sides. The KMT troops stationed at

KMT troops in attacking Yunnan province by using the territory of Myanmar as their strong-hold was just an attempt to harm the friendly ties between Myanmar and China.

The strength of KMT troops on their retreat to Monghsat at the end of 1951 totalled nearly 6,000.

Although they could gather at Kengtung in sizeable strength, there remained other KMT troops left in disarray in Shan State (North). As they continued making disturbances at areas on the eastern bank of Thanlwin river, the Tatmadaw had to launch 'Operation Panglong' to quell them in November and December of 1951. In consequence of it, the KMT troops retreated to Kengtung suffering heavy losses of lives.

At first, the KMT troops operated in areas on the eastern bank of Thanlwin river. Then, they moved to the western bank beginning March of 1952 and were active there. Establishing their headquarters at Panyan, the KMT troops with the estimated strength of 500 crossed Thanlwin river and intruded into Mongshu area.

As of June in 1951, the KMT troops with the strength of some 400 in-

At a time when the Tatmadaw was quelling the rise of internal insurgencies, it was also faced with the invasion of KMT troops at the same time. Since the perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of Myanmar is the goal of the Tatmadaw, the Tatmadaw braved every hardship without taking into consideration even their lives so as to reach the goal.

sovereignty. The crush of the Tatmadaw curbed the momentum of internal insurgency. At that time, Nationalist Chinese KMT troops intruded into Myanmar.

At the end of 1949, KMT troops in the southern part of Yunnan Province of China ran in disarray and invaded Myanmar

KMT troops entered Mongyan, and some 1500 with some 500 members of their families into Kengtung. KMT troops were stationed near Mekong river and Indo-China border in the east, Kengtung and Tachilek in the west, and triangle region which is Thai-Myanmar border in the



Tatmadaw (Air) takes part in quelling the invasion of KMT troops.

Myint Wai Hlaing

Tatmadaw also launched 'Operation Maha' in the first week of March in 1953 and crushed the KMT troops, who later withdrew crossing Thanlwin river and suffering heavy losses.

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The estimated strength of KMT troops deployed in respective

from Myanmar soil and one abstention. There was no vote against the motion. However, the KMT did not follow the resolution because of the interference of the United States.

The interference of the US-formed CIA in Myanmar created a situation in which Myanmar might lose its independence and sovereignty. Although Myanmar Government submitted the issue of the invasion of KMT troops to the UN, the US gave fake help for the issue. What the US wanted actually was to allow the KMT troops to take a stronghold in the hilly regions of Shan State. They had known it that only when the hilly regions in Shan State separated

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The US intervention stated in 15-2-1961 issue of Kyemon.

themselves from Myanmar would the KMT troops be able to build a stronghold there for a long time. Therefore, they made CIA stir up problems. CIA also did its best to separate Shan State from Myanmar by instigating Shan Sawbwas. In consequence of it, the Union of Myanmar was on the verge of disintegration.

Moreover, Myanmar Tatmadaw could seize the arms and ammunition air-dropped by the US for the KMT troops. Then, on 22 February 1961, Myanmar complained to the UN about the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs with evidence.

The KMT troops intruded into the country from 1950 until 1961. The Myanmar Tatmadaw had to sacrifice a great deal of lives and blood of its members in launching military operations on the intruders.

A casual look at the background history will show that the Myanmar Tatmadaw after the time of the regaining of independence had to fight on two fronts at the same time — internal insurgency and foreign intrusion. The Tatmadaw had thus to launch many battles and sacrifice a large number of lives of its members for perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty of the country.



Myanmar Tatmadaw members who bravely and brilliantly fought against the KMT troops in the post-independence period.

The Tatmadaw drove the intruders out of Kengtung and Tachilek in June 1950; out of Monye, Naunglin, Kengtung, Nantmon, Panglong and Pangyan from February until October 1951 through Frost, Maw and Panlon opera-

tions; out of Kyugok, Mongyu, Kengtung and Taunggyi in March 1952 through 'Special Operation Moegyo'; out of Wanpyit, Mongpin, Wanaung, Mongpyat, Mongpuauung, and Hsinlun of east Bhamo from September until December 1952 through 'Special Operation Bayint-naung'; out of such regions of Mon State and Taninthayi Coastal Region as Karuppi, Panga, Kawtdwt and Lamaing in January and February 1953 through 'Operation Thiri'; out of Mongyu, Mongton, Monghsat, Mongpon, Mongpyin, Wanhala, and north-east, south-east and western Kengtung from March until April 1953 through Maha Naganang, Kyaw Tun and Aung Lan operations; and out of Mawchee, Kengtawng, Kengkham, Wantarlon and Kutkai regions from June to November 1953.

In 1954, the strength of the invaders had grown to three divisions. And they were robbing the property in the regions and insulted local people. So, the Tatmadaw had to completely wipe out the KMT members in Maukmai, southern Langkho, Wansalaung and Kadugyi regions in January by launching 'Opera-

1961 five-year period, localized military operations were launched on the KMT troops in respective regions. During the time, the KMT troops reinforced their military presence — some 500 troops along with an air strip in Mongpasho Village; around 950 in Kenglat; and around 600 in Monglin between Mongpasho and Tarley totalling over 2,000.

Thus, starting from 30 December 1960, the Tatmadaw had to launch 'Operation Mekong'. The Tatmadaw reoccupied the strongholds of the KMT troops around Monglin on 11 January 1961 and Wanpower base on 31 January. In the Operation Mekong the infantry divisions in cooperation with the fighter planes of the Defence Services (Air) attacked the camps of the intruders, reoccupying Mongpasho on 27 January 1961, and seizing a large range of artillery, arms and ammunition, rations and other items. On 15 February 1961, three Sea Fury fighter planes with pilots Lieutenant Maung Thein, Lieutenant Peter and Lieutenant Chit Khaing whiling on patrol from Kengtung to Wanpashan Village, were attacked by a war plane of the enemies. In the ensu-

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Poem

Eye-witnesses

* 124 years of colonial era

Mired and won over into its hands

Only one of its kind seen

The Innwa Bridge

Still remains as eye-witness.

* 40 years of civil war

In the darkness it divided

Had to remain as puppet on strings

Trouble was brimming over

Still remains as eye-witness.

* New era of 16 years

In love and amity victory flag was hoisted

Armed Forces and the people, back to back

To make our abode, our land long enduring

With loving-kindness for own relatives

On self-help, helped each other

Success achieved in variegated ways

If river-spanning bridge taken into account

There will soon be in excess of 200.

Thiha Aung (Trs)



ing fight, the enemy plane burst into flames and crashed. Lieutenant Peter also lost his life in the dogfight.

In the end, the successful 'Operation Mekong' resulted in the complete withdrawal of the KMT troops who had intruded into Myanmar's territory en masse for more than 11 years to Myanmar's neighbors crossing the Mekong River.

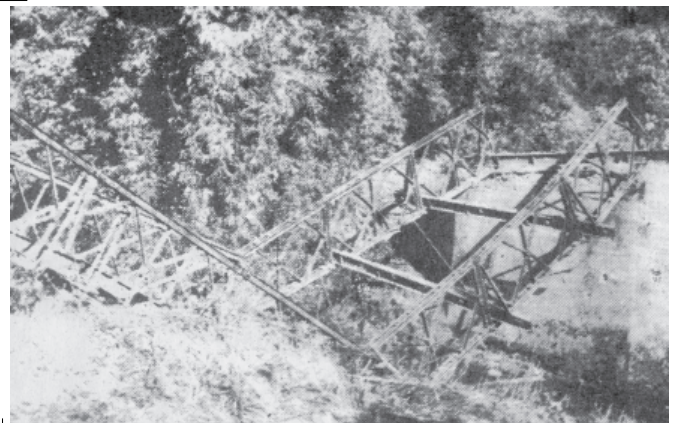
Then, the KMT troops and their families left for Formosa one group after another.

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— internal insurgency and foreign intrusion. The Tatmadaw had thus to launch many battles and sacrifice a large number of lives of its members for perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty of the country.

Indeed, being born of the people, the Tatmadaw members never hesitate to sacrifice their lives, blood and sweat for their motherland and the people. Besides, the Tatmadaw members fully equipped with great courage and unyielding spirit will keep on fighting against the intruders in the interest of the people. It is the Tatmadaw's fervent spirit which remains unchanged.

Translation: KTY+MS



A bridge destroyed by the KMT troops in 1961.

tion Yuzana'; in Mongton, Monghan valley, Monghsat and Mongpuauung regions in March by launching 'Operation Bayintnaung'; and in Myawady feeder road, Thingan Nyinaung and around the border with Thailand by launching 'Operation Hsinbyushin'. During the period from March to May 1955, the Tatmadaw expelled the remaining KMT troops in Mongyawn and Lwelan regions through 'Operation Yan Gyi Aung'.

During the 1956-



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

Industry-1 Minister inspects Win Thuza Shop in Bagan-NyaungU

YANGON, 13 March—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by officials concerned, this morning arrived at Win Thuza Shop in Bagan-NyaungU in Mandalay Division where he inspected sale of garments, food stuff, medicines and stationery, Maung Myanmar bicycles, Maung Myanmar sewing machines and construction materials and gave instructions.

At 11 am, the minister arrived at Ayeywya Village in Taungtha Township where he paid homage to remains of late Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kelasa.

After that, the minister presented offertories to Yangon Thayettaw Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Abhidaja Agga Maha

Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Panñajota, Myingyan Tazaunggyi Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Abhidaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Cakkinda and members of the Sangha.

In the afternoon, the minister met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the meeting hall in Taungtha and gave instructions on regional development.

Next, the minister inspected progress in construction of two-storey building, construction of new wards for the Township Hospital and thriving of onion plantations between Welaung Village and Kyaukka Village.—MNA



The lot of raw jade stones is priced 1,810,000 euros at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium. — NLM



High quality pearls with full lustre are priced 22,300 euros at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium. — NLM



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the mess of football athletes at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre.

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Raising of Myanmar football ...

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selection of the players and training for them and infrastructures were established, he said.

He spoke on providing daily consumption of calories, protein, fats and carbohydrate needed, nutritious food to the players in accord with the suggestions of the doctors medical experts and health care services such as keeping medical reports for individual player and assigning duties separately to doctors for each team.

He said the government is paying attention to nurturing of the players to be strong mentally and physically. He said MFF was reconstituted and officials on football were appointed. It is obvious that the government has provided necessary assistance for raising of Myanmar football standard, he added.

Every nation of the world is now making efforts for raising of football standard assuming that football is the national sport. Football plays an important role in uplift of national prestige and integrity and uplift of dignity of the nation through sports, he pointed out.

He said the government is making endeavours for raising of its sport standard with the lofty aim of Myanmar

sports the world to conquer. He said continued efforts are to be made with full diligence for realization of the aim.

Like ours, other countries are making efforts for uplift of the sport standard and sports efficiency of Myanmar and other nations has improved. Strenuous efforts are to be made for gaining victory in international matches after realizing that fact. He spoke of the need to study the developments such as improvement of sport standard of rival countries, progress in techniques and encouragement of the State and the people.

At a time when the government is providing facilities for improvement of Myanmar football standard such as training, formation, accommodation and food, it is necessary for all the players to apply their best ability in sports.

He called for making endeavours for raising of the standard of Myanmar football.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected track suits and sport equipment. He went to Youth Training Camp in Thuwunna and inspected hostels and renovation of messing hall and food. The Prime Minister also inspected construction of new training grounds in Kyaikkasan Grounds.—MNA

Sanitation tasks carried out to hail 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 13 March — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin visited Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, staff of the YCDC, social organizations and people carrying out sanitation tasks to hail the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day in Yangon municipal area this morning.

The commander and the mayor inspected weeding and dredging the drains along U Wisara Road and Zagawa Street in Dagon Township, Yangon West District.

Next, they inspected laying concrete alleys along Kwingyaung, Settwin and Theikpan streets in Ahlon Township. They also looked into the unblocking and dredging of drains and Aung Chan Tha main drain Sangyoung Street near Padomma Sports Ground in



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party inspect sanitation tasks at back lanes in Ahlon Township on Saturday. — MNA

Sangyoung Township, and gave instructions on preventive measures against flooding in wards and roads in the rainy season.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the People's Square in Dagon Township, and inspected sanitation work carried out by Tatmadaw members who will participate in the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, in the precinct

of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

The commander and the mayor inspected sanitation work and dredging of drains in Kyaikkasan Grounds in Tamway Township, Yangon East District. They gave instructions to the officials on ensuring systematization in carrying out tasks for beautifying Yangon municipal area, preventive measures against

flooding in the rainy season, proper drainage, and prohibition of burning rubbish to avoid air pollution.

Similar tasks were carried out in South Okkalapa, Kamayut, Pabedan, Mayangon, Hline, Latha, Lanmadaw, Kyauktada, Kyimyindine, Seikkan and Bahan townships in the same morning.

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**Wellwishers
invited for
sinking tube-wells**

YANGON, 13 March—The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in states and divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, the Director (Engineering), the Director (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee). — MNA



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

**Indonesian court gives life sentence to
foreign drug dealer**

JAKARTA, 13 March — An Indonesian district court sentenced Yoseph Ndaaba, 35, a citizen of Lesotho in southern Africa on Thursday to life imprisonment and fined him 50 million rupiah (5,882 US dollars) for possession of 250 grammes of heroin.

The judge panel in Tangerang, some 20 kilometres west of Jakarta, also handed down a 15-year sentence to Melani Taurisia Setiyati, 31, an Indonesian, reported *The Jakarta Post*

newspaper Friday.

The defendants said they would allow their lawyers Siti Sibarani and Restu Widiyastuti, to decide whether to appeal.

Judge Sitorus said two mitigating factors that lowered the sentences for them (the maximum is death) were that they had apologized to all Indonesian citizens for their transgressions and that they had no previous police record.

The prosecutor charged them with violating the law on drugs and the criminal code on organized crimes. Both carry a maximum penalty of death.

Since 2000, the court has handed down 24 death sentences to drug smugglers, however, none of them have been executed, and at least four have had

their sentences reduced to life by the Supreme Court.

Melani was arrested by the police at her house in Jakarta on June 11, 2003. The police seized 250 grammes of heroin from her.

She later admitted that the drugs belonged to Ndaaba. Police searched for Ndaaba and later arrested him at a restaurant in Central Jakarta on June 12.

Ndaaba, who claimed he was a student in Lesotho and in Indonesia as a tourist, arranged the drug transactions with the customers by himself, while Melani was his courier.

She took the heroin from Ndaaba and gave it to their regular customers, who had already placed orders.

MNA/Xinhua

**IAEA helps Greece face any
nuclear threat at Olympics**

VIENNA, 13 March — The UN's nuclear agency will help protect this summer's Athens Olympics against any nuclear threat, such as a "dirty bomb" attack.

A document to governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency this week said the IAEA would "provide advice and equipment to prevent and detect any unauthorized use of nuclear and other radioactive materials" during the Olympics.

The document obtained by Reuters said the United States was helping to upgrade security at nuclear research installations in Greece, and France was involved in reviewing "incident response arrangements".

An IAEA spokesman declined to comment on the document titled "Nuclear Security — Measures to Protect Against Nuclear Terrorism".

Western intelligence sources say they do not believe groups like al-Qaeda have access to nuclear weapons but that militants probably do have the capacity to build a crude "dirty bomb".

Using radioactive material packed around conventional explosives, such a device would contaminate the area of the blast and trigger mass panic, even if it did not kill large numbers of people.

Attacks using chemical, biological or radiological weapons are among the ultimate threats faced by security planners for the Athens Olympics in August, the first summer Games since the September 11 attacks on the United States in 2001. — MNA/Reuters

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ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုစွမ်းဆောင်ရည်ရှိသော သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းကုသမှုရရှိ ခြင်းထောက်မြင်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘာဝကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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ပျားရည်နှင့် အစွမ်းသတ္တိ

- * ပျားရည်သည် အင်အားပြည့်စုံပြီးပေးရာတွင် အသန်စင်ဆုံး အာဟာရတစ်မျိုး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် သတ္တုဓာတ်၊ အင်ဇိုင်းနှင့် အာဟာရဓာတ် အများအပြားပါဝင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်သည် ခံစားနိုင်စွမ်း၊ သကြားဓာတ် အဓိကပါဝင်သော သကြားဓာတ်ပေါင်း တစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ဘက်တီးရီးယား၊ ပိုးမွှား၊ သန့်စင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ပရိုဗီယံ ဓာတ်၊ ရှိသည့်သတ္တိပါရှိသဖြင့် အနာဒဏ်ရာများ အနာကျက်မြန်စေပြီး လျင်မြန်စွာ ပျောက်ကင်းစေပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်စားသုံးပြီး မိနစ်ပိုင်းအတွင်း စွမ်းအားတိုးတက် လာစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါ များဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremers)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလေးများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများများ နွှော့ကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိစွမ်း သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နားထွက် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံ များကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Halluncinosis)။

၃။ အတက်ကြွရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရူ ပြန် ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ခန့်ကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။ အထက်ပါဆို ကျူးလွန်မှုများကို မစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန်တိုက်တွန်း အပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**Singapore's jobs fall by over
12,000 last year**

SINGAPORE, 13 March — Employment in Singapore decreased by 12,919 last year, only about half of that in 2002, which registered a loss of 22,857 jobs, according to a statement by the Ministry of Manpower on Friday.

The ministry said that the bulk of the losses last year were concentrated on construction and manufacturing.

After a difficult first half of 2003 brought about by uncertainties due to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), the labour market in the island state started to pick up in the second half of the year following improvements in the economy.

The employment increased strongly by 16,233 in the fourth quarter, after reporting a slight gain of 900 in the preceding quarter.

The bulk of the increase came from service industries, boosted by hiring to deal with post-SARS recovery and year-end festivities.

The annual unemployment rate stood at 4.7 per cent last year, higher than the corresponding 4.4 per cent in 2002. — MNA/Xinhua

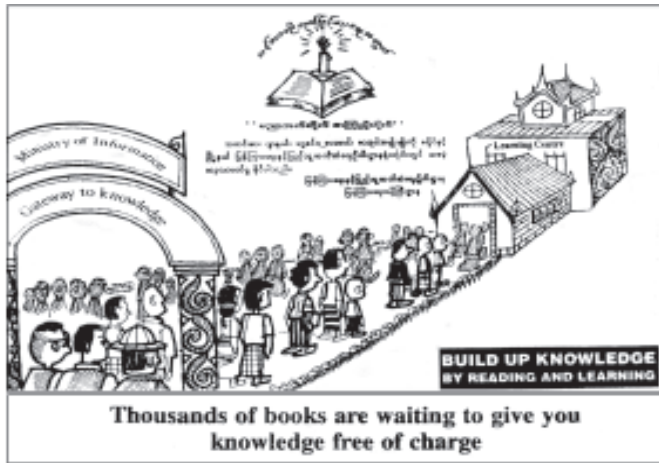
“သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

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- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရံတစ်ဝှမ်း ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉၉)
- (၂) ကြို့မဲကြေး နန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၅/၂၅၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

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Japan's crimes involving foreigners rose in 2003

TOKYO, 13 March—Criminal cases involving foreigners hit a record high in Japan last year. The number of criminal cases involving foreign nationals, excluding those with permanent resident status, rose to a record high of 40,615 in 2003, up 16.9 per cent from the previous year, the National Police Agency (NPA) said on Thursday. The news is likely to further fan public concerns about crimes by foreigners as it comes amid a slight decline in overall criminal cases. The total of criminal cases fell 2.2 per cent in 2003 to 2,790,000.—MNA/Reuters

Nine foreign suppliers to bid for Vietnam's first satellite

HANOI, 13 March—Nine companies from the United States, Japan and Europe will bid for the construction and launch of Vietnam's first satellite which is scheduled to become operational late 2005.

The bid valued at 250 million US dollars will mainly comprise launching the communication satellite, building a ground control centre, transferring technology and buying insurance, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Thursday.

The satellite named *Vinasat* will provide telephone, radio and television services to all corners of Vietnam without topographical interference. It weighs 2.2 tons, and has a life-span of 15-20 years.

The medium-sized satellite will span its coverage over Vietnam, Southeast Asian countries, and some Eastern Asian countries in-

cluding Japan and South Korea.

Vietnam has registered for the satellite to operate at 135-degree east Longitude, and on the 120 kilometres square-equatorial plane, the paper said.

The country now has to hire satellite services of foreign companies from Thailand, Indonesia and Russia, paying them some 10 million US dollars annually.

Vinasat will be Vietnam's second space conquest. Former fighter pilot Pham Tuan became the country's first astronaut when he took part in a Soviet space mission in 1985.

MNA/Xinhua

China's life insurance premiums to reach \$100b in 2008

BEIJING, 13 March—The China branch of the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), a leading international business strategy consultancy, released a research report which predicts that China's insurance market will develop into the world's biggest in the next 20 years.

If the life insurance business can secure a compound annual growth rate of around 20 per cent over the next four years, total premiums will reach about 830 billion yuan (about 100 billion US dollars) by 2008, says the report.

Giles Brennan, BCG's vice-president, who is also the author of the report, explained that the strong growth of China's life insurance business should be attributed to the expansion of Chinese urban residents' financial assets.

Though the life insurance's 2.5 per cent penetration rate, the percentage ratio between the total premium of life insurance and GDP, is still much lower than the world average of 5 per cent, China's life insurance sector has witnessed rocketing growth from 0.5 per cent

in the late 1990s to 2.3 per cent now, according to the report.

It also suggests the huge potential of China's insurance market, Brennan said.

China's group life insurance business, a lucrative arena for insurance practice, will open to foreign insurance companies at the end of 2004.

"In a long run, the winners, both domestic and foreign, will be those players that best manage increasing customer demands, the evolving regulatory environment, and their own internal capabilities and resources," said Brennan.

He said the ability to offer superior, trustworthy and reliable service to consumers, and cultivate the most profitable customers, will be critical to success.

MNA/Xinhua

ပြည်တွင်းပြန်လှည့်အားပေးပါ

Fijian President reiterates one-China policy

CANBERRA, 13 March—Fijian President Josefa Iloilo said on Thursday that his country will adhere to the one-China policy and not to have any official contact with Taiwan.

He made the remarks when receiving credentials of China's new ambassador to Fiji Cai Jinbiao in Suva, capital of the South Pacific island state.

Reports reaching here quoted Iloilo as telling Cai that Fiji and China have enjoyed a long-term friendly relationship ever since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1975.

The two countries have witnessed frequent exchanges of high-level visits and fruitful cooperation in the political, economic and sports areas for the recent years, the President said.

Iloilo also thanked the Chinese Government for the assistance provided over the many years for the benefit of Fiji's social and economic development.

Cai arrived in Suva on 5 March.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian PM asks third country to test its wheat

CANBERRA, 13 March—Australian Prime Minister John Howard asked Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf for a third country to test a shipment of Australian wheat allegedly contaminated with the fungus karnal bunt.

Howard made the request in a letter to Musharraf.

Pakistan refused to accept the shipment last month, claiming that the fungus karnal bunt was discovered in the shipment. Pakistani scientists have conducted new tests on the 34 million-Australian dollar (25 million US dollars) wheat and confirmed the discovery of fungus karnal bunt.

The claims were officially confirmed by Pakistan overnight. Pakistani Agriculture Minister Sardar Yar Mohammad Rind has told the Senate that tests proved the wheat was "sub-standard" and unfit for human consumption.

But Australia has been rejecting the claims, insisting that the wheat was clear of the fungus.

MNA/Xinhua

China to pick state road "Zero-Km" symbol through Internet voting

BEIJING, 13 March—Beijing municipal government will initiate voting on its web site from March 10 to 15, in a bid to select the state road "Zero-Kilometre" symbol from the 49 proposals it has collected nationwide since February this year.

The municipal government will select 20 proposals through voting on its web site www.bjttw.gov.cn and experts will choose the final one.

To mark the starting point of the country's state roads, the Ministry of Communications and the municipal government decided to set up the "Zero-Kilometre" symbol at the Tian'anmen Square.

Last month, the government of Beijing launched a nationwide symbol design collection, gathering 49 proposals by 8 March.

The final selected symbol will be set at the Tian'anmen Square. It should not only be a work of art, but in harmony with

the Square, the ministry said. Meanwhile, the design should not infringe any intellectual property rights, either at home or abroad.

China's roads totalled 1.81 million kilometres by the end of 2003, in which Beijing had 14,359 kilometres, according to the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

One-fifth of Australians living in poverty

CANBERRA, 13 March—About 3.6 million Australians, or one-fifth of the country's population, are living in poverty, according to a Senate's inquiry report released Thursday.

The report said more than 20 per cent of the population cannot even afford medicines for their children.

Figures cited in the report showed the number of those who live on less than 400 Australian dollars (300 US dollars) a week rose from 11.3 per cent in 1990 to 13 per cent in 2000.

Inquiry committee chairman Steve Hutchins said one of the most disturbing trends found during the 12-month inquiry is that 700,000 children lived in homes with no parent who is in full-time work.

Hutchins called for action to prevent children and youth from becoming disadvantaged adults.

But Prime Minister John Howard rejected the report, saying "It's fair to say that the rich have got richer but the poor are getting no poorer."

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed in building collapse caused by strong winds in Beijing

BEIJING, 13 March—Two people were reported killed and four more injured after a building set up for temporary use was pulled down by strong winds sweeping Beijing on Wednesday, according to the *Beijing Evening News*.

Details of the accident that occurred at about 3:00 am Wednesday were not given.

In another development, the strong winds with an average force of seven swept down a big advertisement board on a street at about 8:00 a.m. the same day, injuring a 30-year-old passenger.

The strong winds began battering Beijing at about 2:00 am Wednesday, blurring the visibility to four kilometres and leading to the first ever dusty weather in Beijing this year, said Guo Hu, head of the Beijing meteorological station.

The dusty weather was approaching Wednesday afternoon and the visibility rose gradually to 15 kilometres, added Guo.

The weather forecast predicted little possibility of sandstorms in Beijing in the following days, though dusty weather and sandstorms, the strongest this spring, attacked most areas in north China from Tuesday to Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

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“Spirit” rover takes Earth picture from Mars

LOS ANGELES, 13 March—The *Spirit* rover on Mars has taken the first picture of Earth ever made from the surface of another planet, NASA scientists said Thursday.

The photo of Earth shows the planet as a bright dot above the horizon of Mars about an hour before sunrise, according to Mark Lemmon, a rover scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Lemmon said the image is not in colour, but if a human stood in the same spot and looked earthward, home would probably appear pale blue.

Another sky photo from *Spirit* shows a thin and short streak of light.

“That streak could have

been a meteor,” Lemmon said. Or it could have been the *Viking Orbiter 2*, still circling Mars long after its 1970s mission ended.

The rover also took images in the direction of the constellation *Orion*. At least four bright stars are shown on these pictures.

None of *Spirit's* astronomy images are part of the rover's primary mission, Lemmon said. But by taking those pictures, scientists hope to learn something about the amount of dust and water vapour in the nighttime at-

mosphere of Mars.

On the other side of the planet, *Opportunity* captured animated images of Mars' moon Phobos eclipsing the sun. This, along with the previous image of Deimos' solar eclipse, will help astronomers map the small moons' orbits around the planet. Knowing the moons' exact orbital path would allow satellites orbiting Mars to obtain close-up photos of the moons. Researchers do not know if the moons formed along with Mars as captured asteroids. —MNA/Xinhua



Japan's top carmaker Toyota unveiled a trumpet-playing robot — its first humanoid machine — in a bid to catch up with robot technology frontrunners such as Honda and Sony. —INTERNET

Japanese car makers to infuse \$330m in Philippines

MANILA, 13 March—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said Thursday Japanese auto makers plan to infuse some 330 million US dollars of new investments to expand plants in the Philippines.

“Next week I will be back in Laguna (in the northern Philippines) to bring in 330 million dollars in investments,” she said in a speech to local women at industrial city San Pablo, south of Manila, which hosts assembly plants of Japanese, US and other auto makers.

In a Presidential Palace statement, Arroyo identified the Japanese auto makers that have decided to infuse fresh capital as Mitsubishi, Nissan, Toyota, Honda, and Isuzu, but did not discuss specific plans by any of them.

She suggested that the planned investments would be for export markets.

Aside from the Japanese investors, Arroyo said American car makers, like Ford, will also put in new investments amounting to 50 million dollars.

The assemblers sell less than 100,000 units to the domestic market every year, but Arroyo said some of the assemblers are planning export facilities for the Asian as well as European markets.

Vehicle sales in the Philippines rose 7.73 per cent year-on-year in 2003 to 90,535 units.

MNA/Xinhua

New gene linked with cancer found

WASHINGTON, 13 March—US scientists said on Thursday they had tracked down another gene involved in several different cancers, which seems to become active just before a tumour begins to spread.

They hope the gene, called PIK3CA, might be a good “marker” for diagnosing cancer, or a target for new cancer drugs.

The gene was found by a team that included some of the country's leading experts in the genetics of cancer at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Led by Dr. Victor Velculescu, the researchers found PIK3CA mutations in 74 of 234 colon cancer patients, or 32 per cent of them. Mutations in the gene were found in 27 per cent of patients with brain tumours known as glioblastomas, 25 per cent of stomach cancer patients and 8 per cent of breast cancer patients.

They found 92 mutations in all.

MNA/Reuters

Changes in gene may make people prone to diabetes

WASHINGTON, 13 March—A gene that helps control pancreatic and liver cells may also make certain people prone to type 2 diabetes, US and Finnish researchers said on Thursday.

They found four changes in the gene's code — called single nucleotide polymorphisms or “snips” — that were much more common in people with type 2 or adult-onset diabetes.

The team looked at two groups — Finns and Ashkenazi Jews — often studied for genetic research because of their relative genetic purity.

Writing in the April issue of the journal *Diabetes*, the team said all four of the variations were found in a gene called hepatocyte nuclear factor 4 alpha or HNF4A. This gene acts as a master switch to regulate hundreds of other genes.

In the beta cells of the pancreas, it helps control the secretion of insulin in response to glucose. Diabetes is marked by a malfunction of these cells — in type 1 or juvenile diabetes, they are destroyed.

But in type 2 diabetes, the body gradually loses its ability to respond properly to insulin. The researchers believe a person's genetics may predispose them to this condition, which can kick in with the help of outside factors such as overeating or a lack of exercise.

“It may be a master regulator of cells that make insulin,” Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, said in a telephone interview.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia to issue law against illegal logging

JAKARTA, 13 March—The Indonesian Government will issue a government regulation in lieu of law to deal with illegal logging in an emergency measure to stop the rapid destruction of the nation's forests, a minister has said.

The new regulation will become a special law on illegal logging outside the current criminal law, Minister of Forestry Mohammad Prakosa said after a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

“Illegal logging has become an acute problem. Efforts to stop illegal logging have been hampered by inadequate laws that cannot provide a fast solution or proper punishment to the culprits,” said Prakosa, who was quoted by *The Jakarta Post* Friday.

The law will enable law enforcement officials to try illegal loggers immediately after they are arrested, and will allow authorities to confiscate materials used in the crime, including any vehicles or boats used to transport illegally cut logs.

The regulation will also contain severe punishments for those involved in illegal logging. —MNA/Xinhua

15 Philippine power plants to be sold by June

MANILA, 13 March—A Philippine government power agency said on Thursday 15 state-owned power plants are scheduled to be sold off by June.

The power plants will be sold off in several batches starting with the sale of a 3.5-megawatt hydroelectric facility in the southern Philippines in March, said the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. in a statement.

With a total capacity of more than 1,400 megawatts, the plants to be sold range from a 600 megawatt bunker fuel plant to a 0.4-megawatt hydroelectric plant, and five of which are already non-commissioned, the company personnel said, without revealing the estimated price of the facilities to be sold.

Under the proposed sale structure, buyers will have no obligation to run the plant and can dismantle or transfer the assets if they wish. They are also under no obligation to retain the existing employees. —MNA/Xinhua

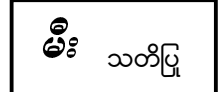
China to stage 1st International Gallery Exposition

BEIJING, 13 March—The first Chinese International Gallery Exposition will be held in Beijing from 22 April to 26.

The exposition, co-sponsored by the China Audio & Video Publishing House and Beijing Chinese Art Exposition's Media Co Ltd will showcase contemporary Western art and modern Asian art with the participation of 40 overseas and 30 domestic galleries.

The Gallery Association of South Korea has organized a group of 21 Korean galleries to display the works of famous artists including Kimts Chang-yeul, Park Seobo and Suh Se-ok in a Korean Modern Fine Art Exhibition held during the event.

Japanese artist Takashi Murakami's work that has impressed the world fashion circle in the past few years



SPORTS

Cambodia loses right to host Tiger Cup

PHNOM PENH, 13 March— Cambodia has lost its right to host the Tiger Cup soccer tournament in 2004 due to its major plumbing and electrical problems at the Olympic Stadium, local reports said Wednesday.

Instead, Vietnam and Malaysia will co-host the round-robin games to be played in December, after officials deemed the newly renovated Olympic Stadium unfit for crowds, the *Cambodia Daily* quoted the ASEAN Football Federation as saying.

Cambodian Football Federation president Khek Ravy said that a capacity crowd would result in sewage flowing onto the field.

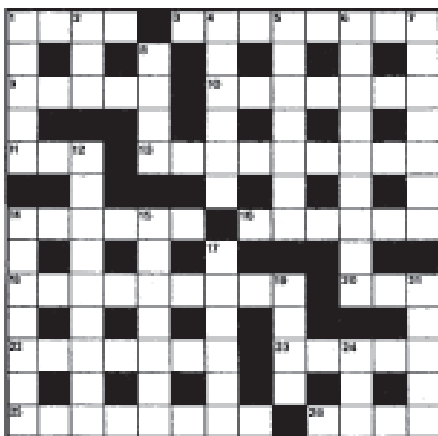
Cambodia, which has never hosted the biennial tournament, was originally selected to host the event by the Association of South-East Asian Nations Football Federation.

The tournament was expected to draw thousands of tourists and millions of dollars in revenue, and the latest decision dashed visions of money-spending crowds and positive international publicity it might have won for Cambodia.—MNA/Reuters



Marissa Irvin returns a shot against Jamea Jackson at the Pacific Life Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California. Jackson had to retire in the third set because of heat with Irvin ahead 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 1-0.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Skin blemish
- 3 Open insults
- 9 Mountain range
- 10 Loss of memory
- 11 Monetary unit of Japan
- 13 Disguised
- 14 Aerated-water bottle
- 16 Seemly
- 18 Submarine weapons
- 20 Proverb
- 22 Life's hectic routine scramble (3,4)
- 23 Concise
- 25 Mistrusts
- 26 Move by slow degrees

DOWN

- 1 Very tired
- 2 Disencumber
- 4 European country
- 5 Revoke at cards
- 6 Unpleasant quality
- 7 Esparto (anag.)
- 8 Italian wine
- 12 Inflammation of kidneys
- 14 Stitches
- 15 Daunt by arousing respect
- 17 Very short time
- 19 Waist-band
- 21 Observe closely
- 24 Possess

Juve striker Del Piero out for three to four weeks

ROME, 13 March— Juventus captain Alessandro Del Piero is expected to be out of action for between three to four weeks while he recovers from an injury to his right calf muscle, a spokesman for the club told Reuters on Thursday.

The news will be greeted with some relief by the striker, who feared a much longer lay-off after hobbling off the pitch after seven minutes of Tuesday's Champions League tie against Deportivo Coruna, which Juventus lost 1-0.

A similar injury to the left calf in September kept the Italy international out of first team action for more than 50 days.

In the short term, however, Del Piero's injury adds to woes of Juve coach Marcello Lippi, who is already struggling to cope with a long casualty list and has just 13 first team players available for Sunday's game against Serie A leaders AC Milan.—MNA/Reuters

Malaysia to bid for 2010 Asian Games

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 March— Malaysia will bid for the 2010 Asian Games after losing out to Qatar for 2006, a top official said on Thursday.

Sieh Kok Chi, secretary of the Olympic Council of Malaysia's (OCM) said the official bid document would be submitted to the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) on March 30, one day before the deadline.

Against possible candidates of Guangzhou, Seoul and Amman, Sieh hoped Malaysia win the right for the 16th Asiad, saying that it was Southeast Asia's turn to host in 2010 as West Asia and Central Asian countries had decided not to.

MNA/Xinhua

Newcastle hit back to crush Mallorca 4-1

LONDON, 13 March— Newcastle United produced a superb comeback to thrash Real Mallorca 4-1 in the first leg of their UEFA Cup fourth-round tie at St James' Park on Thursday.

Craig Bellamy, Alan Shearer, Laurent Robert and Titus Bramble scored for the team lying fourth in the Premier League after Fernando Correa had given the Spanish side a 58th-minute lead.

"They scored when we were at our best because we had raised the tempo," manager Bobby Robson told reporters.

"The goal was a shock but we bounced back superbly. We're very happy at the resilience we showed after going behind. We got back level pretty quickly and then took advantage at our set-pieces."

He added: "They scored an away goal and that still counts for something so we will have to play to our maximum when we go to Mallorca (on March 25). The tie is far from finished...and we will certainly not be complacent."

Following a minute's silence for the victims of the Madrid bombings, Mallorca

striker Samuel Eto'o skied a clear chance from close range after only three minutes of a poor first half.

The Cameroon striker inspired Mallorca's breakthrough, though, exchanging passes with Alejandro Campano before slamming a shot against the crossbar for Correa to head home the rebound.

Newcastle had looked lacklustre until then but suddenly came to life and equalised after 67 minutes with a low finish by Welsh international Bellamy.

Shearer headed in a Robert corner four minutes later and three minutes after that the French winger made it 3-1 with a low, driven free kick that Mallorca goalkeeper Leo Franco badly misjudged.

Mallorca's Edu Moya was sent off for a second yellow card and Bramble immediately volleyed Newcastle's fourth from another Robert free kick.—MNA/Reuters

China hopes to clinch a bout with Mike Tyson

BEIJING, 13 March—Former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson, his finances down for the count, may fight in China this year for a purse of some three million US dollars, a sports promoter and state media said on Thursday.

Zhang Heng, head of the Beijing Competition Administration Centre, said the centre was working with an agent of Tyson's to organize the October bout, but it had not yet been approved by the Beijing sports authority.

"We don't have any agreement yet. It's just a kind of intention," Zhang said.

"It should be no problem to get approval from the authorities because we have been working on it for several years. The only thing we are paying close attention to is funding."

Part of the deal, estimated to be worth three million US dollars, was for Tyson, 37, to tour China for 10 days in June for "exchanges" with Chinese boxers, charity events and sightseeing, said the web site of the official *People's Daily*, at www.people.com.cn.

"Tyson to tour China to ease bankruptcy," read the headline. Tyson, widely considered a parody of the boxer he once was, would fight an unidentified Russian.

Zhang declined to comment on any link to the financial woes of the boxer, who sports a tattoo of China's former Communist leader Chairman Mao Zedong.

MNA/Reuters

Unfit Tyson given runaround in community programme

NEW YORK, 13 March—Mike Tyson spent time at a New York boxing gym on Thursday as part of his community service programme but admitted he was shown up by the youngsters he was teaching.

"I am in such horrible shape I couldn't keep up with the kids," he told reporters.

The former world heavyweight champion agreed to 100 hours of community service and counselling after pleading guilty last month to charges of misdemeanour following a 2003 brawl with two men in a Brooklyn hotel.

Tyson reported to the fabled Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn earlier in the week to agree a tentative schedule for his work, and on Thursday spent two hours coaching and talking to a group of eight to 17-year-olds.

"I told them to have fun when they step inside a ring," the 37-year-old said. "It's important that they enjoy themselves." Asked whether he could help teach the children right from wrong in life, Tyson said: "The kids just wanted to talk boxing, so we kept it to that perspective."

Tyson sweated profusely early on and looked, as he admitted himself, "out of shape", but he appeared relaxed around his young students.

After sparring lightly with eight-year-old Sherif Younan, he told him in jest, "You're a beast!"

A controversial figure inside and out of the ring, Tyson rejected the chance to talk about resurrecting his career, saying only that he wanted to get fit.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Karagounis, left, grabs the shorts of Benfica's Tiago while shooting during their UEFA Cup fourth round, first leg, soccer match on 11 March, 2004, in Lisbon, Portugal.—INTERNET

MRTV-3

**14-3-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Victories of the State,
the People and the
Tatmadaw "Industrial
Sector"
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Illustrious handiwork
in Kyeethe
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Resort for Rest and
Recreation
9:25 San-Thit-Hla-Pa
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Song "No Matter In
Whichever Country
You are, Remember,
You are Myanmar"
9:40 Myanmar Toddy Palm:
A Source of Rural In-
come
9:45 **National News**
9:50 From Poppies to Lus-
cious Fields and Enter-
prises (Part-II)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**14-3-2004 (Sunday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36 Victories of the State,
the People and the
Tatmadaw "Industrial
Sector"
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Illustrious handiwork
in Kyeethe
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Resort for Rest and
Recreation
15:55 San-Thit-Hla-Pa
16:00 **National News**
16:10 Song "No Matter In
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16:20 From Poppies to Lus-
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16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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timent"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanmar Performing
Arts Showroom
16:40 Myanma Traditional
Snacks
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myanma Traditional
Gold Leaf Works
16:55 Dance of the Oil
Lamps
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Lawka Nanda Sanctu-
ary Garden
17:10 Song "Aristocratic
Beauty"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Myanma Lacquerware
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
19:36 Opium Substitute Cul-
tivation & Livestock
Breeding (Northern
Shan State)
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Production of A Deli-
cious Seafood
19:45 **National News**
19:50 A Rural Village
19:55 Rattan Wares and
Bamboo Strip Hat
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Expedition of Rare
Crocodile Species In-
habiting in Fresh And
Seawaters (V)
20:10 Songs On Screen
"Welcome to
Myanmar"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Novitiation Ceremony
20:25 Song "Beautiful Shan
Land, Hospitable Peo-
ple"

- 20:30** **National News**
20:35 Good Prospects for
Myanmar Coffee
20:40 How to Make Chinlone
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Given the gift of
life"
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Myanma Paintings of
Successive Periods
21:10 Song "Phenomena of
Love"
21:12 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast (Myeik to
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**14-3-2004 (Sunday) &
15-3-2004 (Monday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

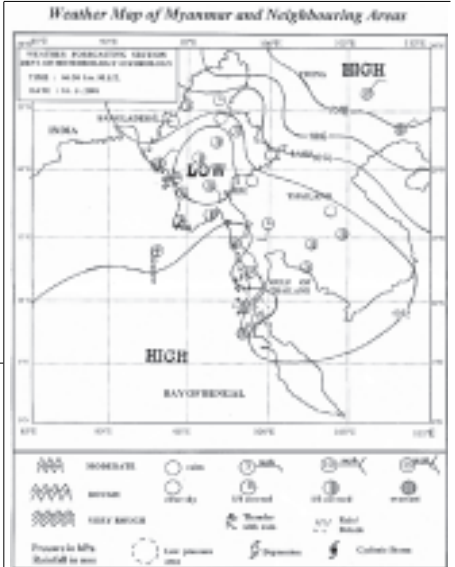
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01:15 **National News**
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**15-3-2004 (Monday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
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03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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WEATHER

Saturday, 13 March, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remain-
ing areas. The significant day temperature was in Aungmye (41°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2004 was 38.5°C (101°F). Minimum temperature on 13-3-2004 was 19.3°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-3-2004 was 70%. Total sun shine hours on 12-3-2004 was (9.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-3-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at (01:30) hours MST on 13-3-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 14-3-2004:** Except for the possibility of isolated rain in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Possibility of isolated rain in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-3-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-3-2004:** Partly cloudy.



Sunday, March 14

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးစွာ (နေပြည်တော်)
8:05 am
6. အတိတ်ပြန်
8:15 am
7. ရွှေလင်းတံတား
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Say It In English
11:00 am
1. Martial song
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ဗိုလ်ချုပ်မှူးကြီးသန့်စန္ဒ မိန့်ကြားသည့်
မိန့်စကားမှ ကောက်နုတ်ချက်
11:10 am
2. Musical programme

- 11:25 am**
3. Round-up of the week's
TV local news
11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ
"နက်ရှိုင်းသော" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
12:10 pm
5. သာယာပြန်ချမ်းမိုး စီမံခန့်ခွဲခြင်း
ရန်ကုန်မြို့ (အပိုင်း-၁)
12:20 pm
6. Myanmar video feature:
"အချစ်ဆုံးကလေးသမီး"
ပိုင်ဇော်လှိုင်၊ နိုးမြင့်စုမှာ
ဒါရိုက်တာ-သန့်စန္ဒစော၊
2:45 pm
7. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
(၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊
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မိန့်စကားမှ ကောက်နုတ်ချက်
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold
national spirit
4:30 pm
3. English For Everyday Use
4:45 pm
4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ ရက်ပြည့်သောသီချင်းဖြည့်
ချက်များ (၂၀၀၂ ခုနှစ်)
5:00 pm
5. အခမဲ့သင်တန်းသို့လှည့်လာရေး
ရန်ပြင်ဆင်မှု သင်ခန်းစာ
တစ်ခုစီ (သိပ္ပံသုတေသနပြုရေးရာ)
(စာတည်း)
5:15 pm
6. Dance of national races
5:30 pm
7. (၅) နှစ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်နေ့

- ရက်ပြည့်အခမ်း**
5:45 pm
8. Agricultural force
country's development
5:55 pm
9. Sing and enjoy
6:30 pm
10. Evening news
7:00 pm
11. Weather report
7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ
"နက်ရှိုင်းသော" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
7:35 pm
13. တစ်နေ့ တစ် (၂၀၀) ခုနှစ်တစ်နှစ်
စီမံခန့်ခွဲခြင်း (သတင်းစာ)
7:45 pm
14. (၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊
တပ်မတော်ကာကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ်
ဗိုလ်ချုပ်မှူးကြီးသန့်စန္ဒ မိန့်ကြားသည့်
မိန့်စကားမှ ကောက်နုတ်ချက်
"ပြည်သူ့အတွက် တပ်မတော်"
ပြည်သူ့အတွက် တပ်မတော်
တို့ဝန်ထမ်း (ဗိုလ်မှူးချုပ်၊ ဗိုလ်မှူး)
-တပ်မတော်နေ့စွဲဖြင့်တော်
တပ်မတော်အစိုးရတော်ထံ
-မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် (ရဲဘော်နိုင်ငံ)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. Myanmar video feature:
"ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
ရာဇဇာတိ၊ ကြည့်လှိုင်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးစိုးလှိုင်
19. The next day's
programme



Sunday, March 14
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
8:55 am National news/
Slogan
9:05 am Music
9:10 am International news
9:15 am Music
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Story for children
"Mahabandoola"
1:50 pm Songs for children
9:00 pm Weekly news review
9:10 pm Music
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Radio Play In Honour
Of Armed Forces
Day "Shining
Moon Over the
Rakhine Mountain"
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Prime Minister attends cash donation ceremony for building Thabbyinnyu Stupa

YANGON, 13 March—The 25th cash donation ceremony for building Thabbyinnyu Stupa was held at the stupa, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, here, at 4.30 pm today, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials and wellwishers.

First, the Prime Minister paid homage to Sithupan Lacquer Buddha Image built by King Alaungsithu and viewed progress in construction of the third portion of the stupa.

Construction Committee Secretary Deputy Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung reported on progress in building the stupa under the aegis of Dhammethaka Nunnery Presiding Nayaka Daw Dhammesi. It is the replica of King Alaungsithu's Bagan Thabbyinnyu Stupa.

Out of three portions of the Stupa, the concrete works at lower part of the Stupa and Gandakuti Taik have already been completed. At present, concrete works of the pagoda portion were also completed.

Preparations are being made for offering gold foils to four walls and post of the Gandakuti Taik in which Buddha images are being kept. Construction of the Aparajita Throne on which Raja Maha Muni Sithupan Buddha Image is taking residence magnificently has been completed with the decoration of gold plates.

Similarly, gold plates have been put on at the ceiling of Gandakuti Taik. Therefore, pilgrims can pay obeisance to Raja Maha Muni Buddha Image in most majestic appearance soon.

The preparatory tasks completed for building the bud atop the pagoda. The ground floor is being decorated with Myanmar handicraft of lacquerware and sculpture. And, three lifts were installed for the use of pilgrims to conveniently visit the Gandakuti Taik.

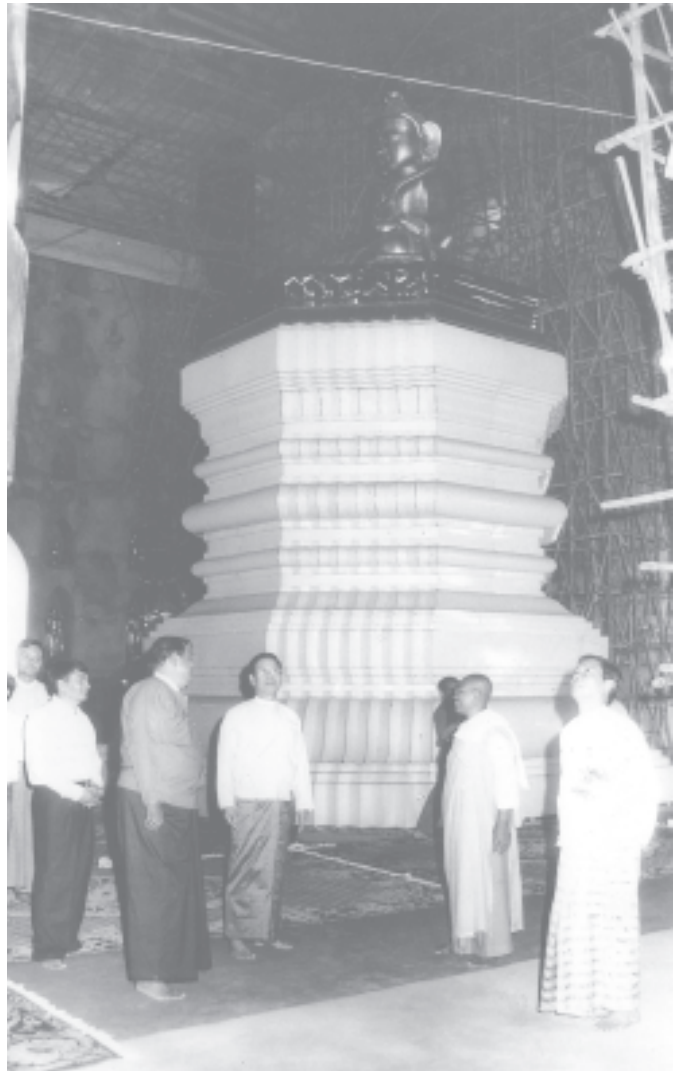
Chairman of the Finance Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin reported on availability of cash donation and expenditure.

Next, the commander, the ministers and officials accepted K 26,553,000 donated by wellwishers including K 5 million for construction of the Stupa donated by families of military intelligence units; K 500,000 by Ministry of Transport; K 500,000 by Yangon City Development Committee; K 300,000 by Ministry of Industry-2; K 200,000 by Ministry of Industry-1; K 2.7 million by U Myaing Hin-Daw Nan Hoo; K 1.5 million by Maung Weik Co; K 1.5 million by Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel); K 500,000 by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council; K 1 million each by Asia World Co and Hong Pang Construction Co; U Tint Hsan-Dr Htay Htay Myaing; Shwe Thanlwin Co; U Mya Han-Daw Khin Sabei Kyi; K 300,000 each by Myanma Shipyards; Department of Civil Aviation; Yangon Airways; and Marine Administration Department; K 500,000 by the Office of the Prime Minister; K 300,000

each by Myanma Airways; Air Mandalay; Myanma Airway Intentional; Inland Water Transport; Myanma Maritime University; Institute of Marine Technology; Myanma Five Star Line; Myanma Port Authority; and Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems; K 600,000 by U Maung Maung Lay-Daw Ohnma Khin; K 300,000 each by U Phone Myint Lu (CTI Co); and U Kyaw Myint Oo of Oscar Nalson Co; K 100,000 each by Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise; and Myanma Pulses, Beans and Sesame Traders Association; K 500,000 by U Kyi Aye-Daw Saw May Aye; K 500,000 by U Zeya Thura Mon-Daw Khaing Khaing Myint; K 270,000 by U Nyein-Daw Ohn Kyin; and K 150,000 by Daw San San and family; K 303,000 by U Kyaw Myint (DSA)-Daw San San Myint; K 300,000 by U Tin Maung; K 200,000 by U Aung Myat; K 300,000 by Myanmar Moe Khaing Co; K 200,000 by U Hla Gyi; K 200,000 by U Kyaw Swa Moe; K 100,000 by U Min Din-Daw Win Win Aye (a) Ma Gyi; and K 30,000 by U Ko Thurein-Daw Swe Swe Han.

Next, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress in construction of Thabbyinnyu Stupa.— MNA

Raising of Myanmar football standard coordinated

YANGON, 13 March—A coordination meeting on raising the standard of Myanmar football was held at the meeting hall of the national training ground in Thingangyun Township this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Patron of Myanmar Football Federation Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, the Yangon mayor, the deputy

ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department, President of Myanmar Football Federation and officials.

First, Director-General of SPED U Thauang Htaik reported on implementation of the directives on improvement of Myanmar football given by the Prime Minister during his inspection tour of youth training camp on 2 February 2004 and construction of new

football grounds and renovation of the playgrounds.

Next, President of MFF Chairman of Dagon International Co Ltd U Win Aung reported on arrangements for international football matches in 2004, Myanmar football team's participation in those matches, local football matches, selection of outstanding football players, food arrangements for tentatively selected players, renovation of hostels and MFF's cooperation with international football bodies.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt took part in the discussions. He said the government is making arrangements for improvement of Myanmar football standard and for systematic development of football including construction of modern football grounds.

He said the government is also providing facilities for physical and spiritual development of Myanmar football players. Necessary organizational set-ups were formed for systematic (See page 10)

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting to raise Myanmar football standard.— MNA