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Kachin State advancing on right track

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win visited Hsinbo and Myohla in Bhamo District, Kachin State on 27 February.

While visiting the local battalions in Myitkyina and in Hsinbo, Lt-Gen Tha Aye called for officers, other ranks and their families to join hands with people for development of the regions and presented gifts to them.

In meeting with departmental personnel, senior citizens, social organizations and local people of Hsinbo and Myohla, Lt-Gen Tha Aye urged them to be dutiful staff and citizens and coordinated essentials for progress of the regions. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander provided the two towns with foodstuff, clothes and publications.

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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**

A red-letter day in Katha history

Article & Photos: *Tin Htwe (MNA)*

All the attendees turned their attention to the train which was to start the service from Moetagyi railway station after clapping hands passionately. Residents, attending the inauguration ceremony of Katha-Bhamo railroad section on 20 February morning, were shedding tears out of happiness.

Daw San in her early fifties from Pawmamyine village has earned a living by selling vegetables from her farm in Katha to where she had to travel daily by a bicycle from her village. She was feeling as happy as a lottery winner.

"I had bicycled to Katha from Pawmamyine to sell vegetables. I sometime had struggled with heavy loads and ragged roads. It is all over now. I can carry many vegetables without exerting much efforts. The train fare is also cheap. So, I want to say thanks to all the officials for building the railroad," she said, inviting me with heartfelt hospitality to have lunch in her house. Her words made me happy as she was.

The emergence of Katha-Bhamo railroad section, implemented by Myanma Railways under Ministry of Rail Transportation, is a dream comes true. "I am very happy to see the grand occasion in my lifetime," a local graduate Ma Zin Mi Than Lwin revealed her feeling. Daw Phyu Phyu Thwe from Katha Township Accounts Office explained that the easy and better transport may lead to higher socio-economic status of the residents.

"I had traveled by train from Mandalay to Myitkyina in the past. I can travel to Moetagyi by train now and even to Bhamo in the coming future," Daw Sein Mya of Katha compared the situations of the past and present.

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Locals near the signboard of Katha (North) railway station at opening ceremony of railroad section.

Train starts its journey from Katha (North) railway station.

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3 March 2010

Peasantry to take more active part in building modern, developed nation

In Myanmar, agriculture is so successful that it makes substantial contribution towards the socio-economic life of the peasantry and national economic growth. As a gesture of honouring the important role the peasantry play in ensuring food security through agricultural production, the 2nd of March is designated as the Peasants Day.

The message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the Peasants Day (2010) says, "The role you the peasantry have played in the Myanmar politics is very important. So, you have to elect representatives capable of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and exercising the democracy correctly. You also have to ward off potential dangers of those who will disrupt State stability and community peace with assistance of aliens in the background."

The government constantly provides all possible assistance for greater development in the agricultural sector. In the process, it has so far constructed 200 dams, 31 sluice gates, 322 river water pumping stations, along with a great number of tube-wells, small-scale rural dams and lakes. The irrigation facilities have benefited farmlands of various crops.

Using advanced agricultural methods and high-yield quality strains, farmers have been able to increase total sown acreage of monsoon and summer paddy to over 20 million. Now, the nation's paddy output has touched more than 1500 million baskets, which is enough for the population of the nation in future. Regions concerned across the nation have achieved great success in growing such major crops as corn, black gram, green gram, pigeon pea, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, long staple cotton and sugarcane.

With rapid development in the agricultural sector, farmers have to stay in touch with modern agricultural machinery, advanced agricultural methods, and advanced post-harvesting technologies for further development of their business.

What Biotechnology is, Let's listen on 6 March

YANGON, 2 March—Under the auspices of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science, Biotechnology Specialty Group will hold a Biotechnology Forum on 6 March from 9 am to 12 noon at Auditorium (B) of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Road, here.

Head of Microbiology Department, University of Medicine (1), Professor Dr Kyi Kyi Thinn will give talks on "Telomeres and Ageing, Telomeres and Cancer" and Head of Biochemistry Department, Professor Dr Myo Win on "Blaming genes-how to avoid them".

Those interested (medical and non-medical) are invited to attend the forum for free.—*MNA*

Peoples 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**

A & I Minister meets US Charge d' Affaires ai

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Charge d' Affaires ai of the Embassy of the United States of America Mr Larry M Dinger at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing-directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

MNA

U Tin Yu concurrently appointed as Ambassador to Sudan

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of the Sudan.—*MNA*

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Charge d' Affaires ai of the Embassy of the United States of America Mr. Larry M Dinger.

MNA

It's all about political entanglements

YANGON, 2 March — A book entitled "World-famous political entanglements" compiled by Writer Tin Nyunt has been circulation recently.

***Cover of the book entitled "World-famous political entanglements".*—MNA**

The book presents 16 articles accompanied by photos about political, economic and social entanglements of top leaders from America, England, South America, Africa and some Asian countries, includingUS President Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinski Saga, Indonesian President Suharto's corruption and Imelda Marcos, Queen of Shoes.

Copies are available at Wisdom House, No 101, Building (1191-1192), Letwe Mindin Street, Myitta Nyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon (Ph: 09 5058533) with a unit price of K 2500.

MNA

Bright star over Aungpan

YANGON, 2 March—Bright Star Education Centre in Aungpan started its computer courses on 28 February.

Brig-Gen Thet Naing from local station, U Sein Win of BSEC and Aungpan Basic Education High School No (1) Headmistress Daw Khin Mya Win formally opened the centre.

Principle U Thein Myint (Retd) of Education Collage extended greetings, followed by thanking words of U Sein Win.

BSEC will launch not only computer courses but also painting and musical ones. The centre targets to establish social etiquette, LCCI and advanced computer classes in summer.

MNA

Beware of Fire

13 killed in Haiti floods, 3,000 more evacuated

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 2 March — Floods and mudslides last weekend claimed at least 13 Haitians' lives, said the country's emergency officials on Monday.

Among the 13 victims, four people died in the rain-poured Les Cayes, Haiti's third largest city, located on the southern coasts, four were killed in Cavalion, while another four in Saint Louis du Sud and one in Aquin, according to officials from Haiti's civil protection agency.

Three more people are still missing and over 3000 citizens have been evacuated, officials said.

Already stressed by the humanitarian relief efforts in the quake ravaged Haiti, the floods, which also seriously damaged many roads and corps, have further burdened the aids distribution among the needy.

MNA/Xinhua

Children plant rice seedlings in a rice planting ceremony with women in Japan's traditional farming attire during the opening of the Urban Farm at Pasona Group's headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, on 2 March, 2010. Pasona Group, a Japanese human resource corporation, opened their new office space Urban Farm on Tuesday, as part of the company's agricultural internship project, which offers individuals the opportunity to experience the world of farming.
INTERNET

A farmer harvests crop damaged by a dry spell at Isabela Province, the province most affected by El Nino, north of Manila, on 2 March, 2010. Water levels at dams across the Philippines have been dropping to near record lows due to the dry spell caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon, putting at risk irrigation for farms. The damaged crop, which farmers cannot sell, will be used as animal feed.—INTERNET

Eight killed in building collapse in Yemen

SAN'A, 2 March— Security officials in southern Yemen say a three-story building collapsed when explosives stored in its basement went off, killing at least eight people.

The officials said it was unclear what set the explosives off early on Tuesday in the southern town of Taiz.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to speak to the media.

The officials say the basement was used by an arms dealer to store dynamite and other explosives.

They say the blast was so strong the building, which had six apartments, totally crumbled.

The officials say rescue operations are still continuing and that 15 people were injured in the blast.

Two nearby buildings were damaged and have been evacuated.—*Internet*

Three foreign troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 March— Three servicemembers with the NATO- led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in two separate incidents in Afghanistan on Monday.

A Press release issued by the ISAF said two NATO troops were killed by gunfire in another operation in western Afghanistan and another ISAF servicemember was killed in a small-arms attack in southern Afghanistan.

The ISAF Press release failed to offer any further detail.

A massive operation on Taleban has been going on in the southern province of Helmand.

MNA/Xinhua

Hamas seeks to have rockets in West Bank

GAZA, 2 March— The military wing of Hamas movement on Monday said it is working on home-made rockets which can be fired on Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

"Having a Qassam rocket in the West Bank is a demand that must be achieved," Ezz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement published on its website.

The statement came a week after security forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas arrested a Hamas cell while preparing to test-fire a rocket near Ramallah city. It was the first time that a home-made rocket be found in the West Bank ready to be fired.

Xinhua

Triple blasts in S Afghanistan claim eight lives

KABUL, 2 March— Triple explosions in Afghanistan's troubled southern region claimed eight lives in a single day on Monday amid ongoing operation against Taleban bastion in Marjah District of southern Helmand Province.

In the first incident in Taleban birthplace Kandahar Province, at least four civilians were killed and another sustained injuries, officials said.

A suicide bomber attacked a convoy of the NATO-led troops in Kandahar, south of Afghanistan, killing four civilians on Monday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. "The attack occurred at 07:30 am local time today on a road in Daman District when a convoy of NATO-led forces was passing, claiming the lives of four innocent citizens and injured another," said the statement.—*Xinhua*

A burnt tanker is seen in Peshawar, Pakistan, on 1 March, 2010. A tanker carrying fuel for NATO was attacked by militants on Monday in Peshawar.—XINHUA

NATO oil tanker blown up in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 March — Suspected militants armed with guns and rockets on Monday blew up a tanker carrying fuel through Pakistan for NATO troops based in neighbouring Afghanistan, police said.

According to a private TV channel, several armed men lobbed a rocket and then opened fire on the supply convoy on the outskirts of Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, senior police officer Imtiaz Ahmed said.

"The attack triggered a huge fire and destroyed one tanker. Its driver escaped unhurt but his helper was wounded," he said.

In a subsequent exchange of fire lasting up to an hour, Pakistani security forces killed a militant, said police officer Karim Khan.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A worker makes final touches at the stand of Google where cars used for "Google View" are on display at the CeBIT exhibition centre in Hanover on 1 March, 2010. The world's largest IT fair CeBIT opens its doors on 2 March and runs through on 6 March.—XINHUA

Iraqi civilian deaths jump in February

BAGHDAD, 2 March—The civilian death toll in Iraq jumped to 211 people compared with the previous month, officials said on Mon-day, a sign of rising violence in the run-up to a 7 March parliamentary election.

Overall violence in Iraq has fallen in the last two years, but a series of blasts in recent months shattered the peace before a national vote, seen as a crucial test as Iraq emerges from years of war, sanctions and sectarian slaughter. In January, 135 people died violent deaths.

On 5 February, twin car bombs killed at least 40 people and wounded 145 others in Iraq's holy city of Kerbala as hundreds of thousands of Shi'ite pilgrims observed a religious rite. Sunni Islamist insurgents such as al-Qaeda and members of Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath party are still capable of staging devastating attacks.

The attacks appear aimed to undermine Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's Shi'ite-led government before the parliamentary election and highlight the shortcomings of the security forces. At least 100,000 Iraqis have been killed in the more than 6-1/2 years since the US-led invasion in 2003, according to *www.iraqbodycount.org*. Some groups put the toll much higher.

MNA/Reuters

Plane carrying aid to Chilean city crashes, killing six people

SANTIAGO, 2 March—Six people were killed on Monday when the small plane they were on board crashed while carrying aid to Chilean city Concepcion, which was hit hard by the 8.8-magnitude earthquake early on Saturday, local officials said.

The *Piper PA 31* crashed at 12:28 pm local time (1528 GMT) on its way from the Chilean capital of Santiago to the Tome area near Concepcion.

The death toll from the devastating earthquake has reached 723, the Chilean government said on Monday.

Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said on Sunday night that the catastrophe is "enormous" and the death toll will continue to grow.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Japanese electronics giant Sony assured millions of users that a system bug halting play on older versions of the PlayStation 3 had been fixed.—INTERNET

Economists say China may "adjust" monetary stimulus

BEIJING, 2 March — Chinese economists are speculating that the government will rein in some of its expansive monetary policies this year.

"Stimulus policies have done much in the crisis, but it is time to consider when and how to withdraw them," said Qin Xiao, chairman of China Merchants Bank Co, Ltd, the country's sixth largest commercial bank.

Overcapacity in the steel industry and redundant infrastructure construction caused by too much lending could lead to high inflation, he said.

Chinese banks lent an unprecedented 9.6 trillion yuan (1.4 trillion US dollars) in 2009, almost double that of 2008, and almost half the 2009 gross domestic product, according to People's Bank of China, the central bank.

To cool bank lending, the government began tightening the credit market by raising the capital adequacy ratio, provision coverage ratio, deposit-loan ratio and reserve ratio in the second half of last year.

China Banking Regulatory Commission chairman Liu Mingkang said the government planned to restrict credit supply to 7.5 trillion yuan in 2010.

Xinhua

Boeing seeks foreign buyers for C-17 planes to keep plant running

LOS ANGELES, 2 March—Boeing has been engaged in an intensified sales campaign to seek foreign buyers for its mammoth cargo plane *C-17* in hopes of keeping its sprawling assembly line in Long Beach, California from closing in two years, the *Los Angeles Times* said on Monday.

Although each plane sells at a staggering asking price of 240 million US dollars, India has shown its interest and has tentatively agreed to buy 10.

The sale "could help the line stay open an additional year," the newspaper said.

However, India's purchase request must first pass muster with the State Department and Congress in a complicated process, the report said. The transaction is a potential game changer because it showed that there was a robust international market for the plane, analysts were quoted as saying.—*Xinhua*

Japan's jobless rate unexpectedly falls to 4.9 pct

TOKYO, 2 March—The unemployment rate in Japan decreased by 0.3 percentage point in January to 4.9 percent on the seasonally adjusted basis, according to statistics released on Tuesday by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

The unemployment rate, which stood at 5.2 percent in December, was also lower than an average market prediction of 5.1 percent, further confirming the economic recovery.—*Xinhua*

France, Russia sign accord on cooperation of Nord Stream project

PARIS, 2 March—French and Russian energy giants Gaz de France (GDF) Suez and Gazprom singed a memorandum on cooperation of the European strategic gas project Nord Stream on Monday in the presence of presidents of both countries.

Gazprom Management Committee Chairman Alexey Miller and GDF Suez Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gerard Mestrallet singed the accord under the witness of French President Nicolas Sarkozy and visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The accord agreed on additional supplies of Russian natural gas and on the entry of GDF SUEZ with 9 percent stake into the Nord Stream project, the two companies said in a joint statement. With a length of 1,200 km, Nord Stream pipeline, including two lines, is regarded as a new fundamental offshore route for Russian gas export to Europe.—*Xinhua*

Firemen fight a fire in a building damaged by a major earthquake in Concepcion on 1 March, 2010. Chile's government scrambled on Monday to provide aid to thousands of homeless people in coastal towns devastated by a massive earthquake and tsunamis, as 10,000 troops patrolled to quell looting. —XINHUA

An aerial view shows flooded houses and streets in L'aiguillon sur Mer, southwestern France, southwestern France, on 1 March, 2010, following a major storm named Xynthia. France's government has declared a natural disaster, enabling victims to claim compensation and free up insurance claims. France will also seek European Union aid for the region.—XINHUA

Argentine President urges Britain to discuss Malvinas issue

BUENOS AIRES, 2 March—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner on Monday called on Britain to discuss the contentious issue of the Malvinas Islands, also known as the Falklands.

"We want to sit down to discuss with the United Kingdom about the issue, taking into account the islands' interests," Fernandez said during the inauguration of the 128th ordinary period of the Congress Sessions. She made this proposal following the suggestion of the United Nations.

Fernandez said her country "will continue complying with the diplomatic line and the international law to condemn the colonial obstruction that the United Kingdom wants to keep in the Malvinas Islands."

Britain cannot continue having sovereignty over that area, because the United Kingdom is located 14,000 km away from the Malvinas Islands, the President argued.

Fernandez also expressed her thanks for the support given by the recent Latin America and Caribbean Unity Summit. "I am proud of having got the strongest support to our issue of the Malvinas," she said.—*Xinhua*

Putin instructs air force to upgrade arms

MOSCOW, 2 March—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Monday urged the Russian Air Force to speed up the modernization of its equipment, with new arms accounting for less than 80 percent of its military arsenal in the coming decade.

Russia's Armed Forces will receive more than 1,500 airplanes and helicopters and about 200 air defense systems within the next decade under the state armaments programme, Putin said in televised remarks.

New hardware will make up at least 80 percent of the Air Force' s weapons and 75 percent of the air defence arms, Putin said at a government meeting on military aviation.

Long-term contracts to supply the Air Force with 130 warplanes were signed in 2008 and 2009, he said. "In 2010, 27 planes, more than 50 helicopters and five *S-400* missile systems will be purchased for the army."

Putin believed that Russia's fifth-generation jet fighter would be put into service with the Air Force from 2015 as planned, although the jet should complete over 2,000 test flights before it goes into serial production.

He also pressed the aviation industry to start work on a new- generation long-range strategic bomber.—*Xinhua*

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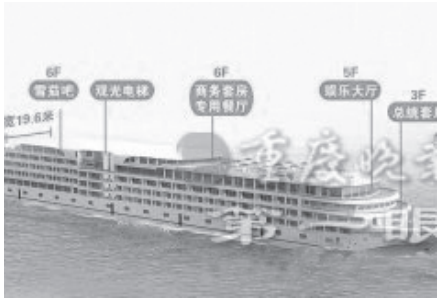
Rescuers salvage survivors of the bus accident near reservoir, about 10 km from downtown Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 1 March, 2010. —XINHUA

Chongqing to build world's most luxurious inland cruisers

BEIJING, 2 March—The Chongqing Traffic and Tourism Investment Group in southwest China revealed on Sunday that it will spend two billion yuan ($292.99 million) to build ten super inland cruise ships.

The company has start building the first ship of the fleet that is twice as expensive as the most luxury cruise ships currently voyaging on the Yangtze River. Gong Li, a manager of the Group, told the local Chongqing *Evening News* that the Yangtze River with abounding tourist resources, should become the most luxurious inland tourist line and the ships will be the largest and most luxurious inland cruise ships in the world.

A report of the Chongqing *Evening News* said the first ship to come into use in May, 2011. It is 136 meters long, 19.6 metres wide, with six floors and a gross tonnage of 1,5000 tons, the biggest among the world's inland cruise ships.—*Xinhua*



The photo shows the design sketch of one super inland cruise ship to be built by The Chongqing Traffic and Tourism Investment Group.

XINHUA

Russia launches three navigation satellites

MOSCOW, 2 March—Russia launched a carrier rocket early Tuesday to send three *Glonass* navigation satellites into orbit.

The *Proton-M* rocket lifted off at 00:20 Moscow Time (2120 GMT on Monday) from the Baik-onur cosmodrome in Ka-zakhstan, a live TV broadcast showed.

The satellites are expected to separate from the DM-2 booster and take planned positions about three and a half hours after the launch, according to the Khrunichev Aerospace Center.

This is the first launch of the *Glonass* satellite this year. Anatoly Per-minov, head of Russia's Federal Space Agency, said late last year that a total of nine *Glonass* satellites would be delivered to space this year, bringing the number of the network's satellites to 24 by the end of 2010.

Glonass, the Global Navigation Satellite System, is the Russian equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS). Both systems allow users to determine their positions to within a few metres. The *Glonass* satellite cluster is now composed of 20 satellites, including 19 in use and one under temporary technical maintenance. The system requires 18 satellites to cover the entire Russian territory, while another six are needed to provide navigation services worldwide.

Xinhua

UN reports 64 staff missing after massive quake in Chile

UNITED NATIONS, 2 March—While searching for its 64 missing staff in Chile on Monday, the United Nations dispatched dozens of satellite phones from New York and Geneva to aid the earthquake-struck nation, a UN official said.

Alicia Barcena, the executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), told reporters at the UN Headquarters in New York by telephone from UN offices in Santiago, Chile, that all but 64 staff of the 2,635 staff and family members have been accounted for. There were no reports of UN fatalities or injuries.—*Xinhua*

Chile's leading copper producer resumes production after quake

SANTIAGO, 2 March—The National Copper Corporation of Chile (Codelco) restarted operations in its El Teniente and Andina mines, after the massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake that shook the country's central-south region on Saturday.

Codelco, Chile's leading copper producer, said in a statement that underground structures of the state-run El Teniente and Andina mines were not damaged by the earthquake.

El Teniente, located about 120 km southeast of the capital Santiago, is the world's largest copper mine and produces more than 400,000 tons of copper each year. Andina's annual production is 150,000 tons.—*Xinhua*

Vaccine safety remains concern of many American parents

A boy receives a H1N1 swine flu vaccine in a nasal spray at the Westpine Middle School in Broward County, Sunrise, Florida on 19 October, 2009. XINHUA

LOS ANGELES, 2 March—A majority of American parents are worried about vaccine safety despite assurance by experts that the vaccines pose no health risk, according to a survey published on Monday.

The survey, conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan, found that 54 percent of parents are worried about serious side effects, although 88 percent follow their doctor's vaccination recommendations.

Of those surveyed, 90 percent say vaccines are a good way to protect their kids, said the survey appearing in the online edition of Pediatrics.

Although most get their children inoculated, concerns persist, the survey noted. Because of the concern, some choose not to have their children protected from potentially deadly diseases.

"Parents' hesitation about vaccines has, in some cases, led them to postpone vaccinations for their children," said lead researcher Dr Gary L Freed, director of the Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit at the University of Michigan Health System. "The study found that 12 percent of parents have refused at least one vaccine that their children's doctor recommended."—*Xinhua*

Rebels say more than 200 civilians dead in Darfur fighting

KHARTOUM, 2 March — Darfur rebels said on Monday that more than 200 civilians had been killed in clashes with Sudanese government troops over the past week in the war-torn western region's central Jebel Marra plateau.

The Sudanese army rejected the death toll and a UN officials said they could not confirm civilian casualties as their personnel were unable to access the battle zone.

"We have counted at least 237 civilians dead during fighting over the past week," said Ibrahim al-Hillu, a senior commander of the Sudan Liberation Army faction of Abdelwahid Nour, one of the main rebel factions still holding out against a peace deal with the government.

"Clashes have been continuing today (Monday)," Hillu told *AFP*.

"(Sudanese government) *Antonov* aircraft have been bombing the area night and day."

A spokesman for the Sudanese army said the death toll cited by the rebels was "wrong" and denied that troops were engaged in sustained fighting with Nour's SLA faction.

"SLA-Abdelwahid has no organized base in Jebel Marra.

There are just a few fighters who attempt ambushes or hijack vehicles... so sometimes there are a few engagements between these men and the armed forces," the spokesman told *AFP*.

Internet

Strong earthquake hits offshore area in NE Philippines

MANILA, 2 March—An earthquake registering 6.1 on the Richter Scale struck offshore area in Tuguegarao in the northeast Philippines at 10:51 am on Tuesday.

The earthquake is located at 18.49 degrees north Latitude and 122.51 degrees east Longitude with a depth of 21 km, the Philippine institute for Volcanoloy and Seismology (Phivocs) said.

There is no reports of any casualties and damages so far.—*Xinhua*

Iran to test new smart bombs

TEHERAN, 2 March—Iran's Air Force commander Hassan Shahsafi said on Monday that his country will test new generation of smart bombs in near future, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported.

The new bombs, dubbed *Qased-2*, are the upgraded generation of earlier-made 2000-pound *Qased-1* bombs, the report said, adding that the new generation has advantages of farther-reaching capabilities, more accuracy and more destructive power.

The *Qased-1* bomb was test-fired in 2006.

The *Qased-1* has already been mass produced and given to the air force and it will be used in the military units in case they need it, Shahsafi was quoted as saying.—*Xinhua*

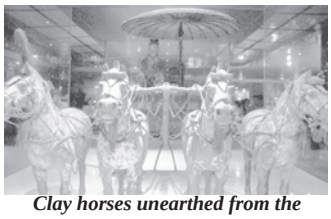
Hoppa, a four-year-old mixed breed dog born without front legs, uses a prosthetic device to walk outside in the central Israeli city of Tel Aviv on 28 February, 2010. The device was invented especially for Hoppa by a animal-loving art student, who hopes his wheeling device will improve the lives of pets born with abnormalities or with amputated limbs.

Horses in terracotta army "castrated"

Most of the clay horses unearthed from the mausoleum of Qinshihuang, the first emperor of a united China, had been "castrated", a Chinese archeologist said after studying more than 600 of the life-sized animals.

All the 520 horses that pulled chariots in the terracotta army, unearthed from the mausoleum on the outskirts of Xi'an, capital of the northwestern Shaanxi Province, had penises but no testes, said Yuan Jing, an archeologist with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The situation varied, however, with the 116 cavalry horses, he said. "Some of them were castrated but many others were not."



Clay horses unearthed from the mausoleum of Qinshihuang.

Fish rain on Australian town

Weather experts said the fish that fell on a remote Australian town for two days had likely been sucked up by a thunderstorm before falling to the ground.

Residents of Lajamanu said hundreds of small white fish, believed to be common spangled perch, fell from the sky during the weekend despite the town's location 326 miles from the nearest river, *The Sun* reported on Monday. Locals said many of the fish were still alive when they hit the ground.

Mark Kersemakers, a senior forecaster with the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, said the fish could have been transported by a storm system.

"It could have scooped the fish up 40,000 to 50,000 feet in the air," he said. "Once they get up into the system they are pretty much frozen.

NEWS ALBUM

Man, 84, awarded high school diploma

A Texas man who missed his senior year of high school to fight in World War II said he has finally received a diploma at the age of 84.

Orange Cunningham of Fort Worth said he was drafted into the army in 1944 and found himself too busy with family and work after returning to civilian life to finish his education, the Fort Worth Star-Telegramme reported on Monday.

Family members said Cunningham never gave up his dream of someday obtaining a diploma and he was awarded an honorary document on Sunday during a ceremony at Hope of Glory Kingdom Ministries.

File photo shows a frog at the Besancon Natural History Museum. One of the most common weed-killers in the world, atrazine, causes chemical castration in frogs and could be killing off amphibian populations worldwide, a study published showed.

Man, daughter fall 13 floors in Chile quake

When their 13th-floor apartment began to shake, Alberto Rozas pulled his 7-year-old daughter into the bathroom doorway and waited for it to stop.

Instead, they fell. Plummeting as their brand-new apartment building toppled like a felled tree, they hugged each other all the way down.

Rozas had no idea which way was up until he looked through his apartment's shattered window and spotted light — "the light of the full moon."

Rozas and his daughter, Fernanda, clambered up and to safety with nothing more than a few cuts, scrapes and bruises. "The earthquake and the fall were one single, horrible thing," Rozas told *The Associated Press* on Sunday. "I held onto her and she never let me go."

Rozas' neighbours who lived on the other side of the hall found themselves trapped beneath the structure, while rescuers painstakingly used electric saws and a generator-powered hammer to cut into the concrete.

"We don't have any listening devices or cameras," said Ian Argo, a firefighter commander. As of on Sunday, 23 people had been pulled alive from the 15-story Rio Alta building and seven bodies had been removed. An estimated 60 people remained trapped inside.

Somali pirates release 18 Filipino sailors

MANILA, 2 March— Eighteen Filipino sailors of a Greek vessel were released by Somali pirates after two months in captivity, the European Union Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) said on Monday. This development brings down to five the total number of Filipino seafarers in the custody of ransom-seeking pirates off Somalia.

The 52,073-ton Greek owned Panama flagged Bulk Carrier *MV Navios Apollon* was hijacked on 28 December and released on 28 Feb. The vessel is now heading to Oman.

EU NAVFOR Somalia's main tasks include escorting merchant vessels carrying humanitarian aid of the World Food Programme (WFP) and vessels of African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM); protecting vulnerable ships in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean; and deterring and disrupting piracy. EU NAVFOR also monitors fishing activity off the coast of Somalia.

The Philippines is the world's leading supplier of ship crew with over 350,000 sailors, or about a fifth of the world's seafarers, manning oil tankers, luxury liners, and passenger vessels worldwide, exposing them to piracy attacks.

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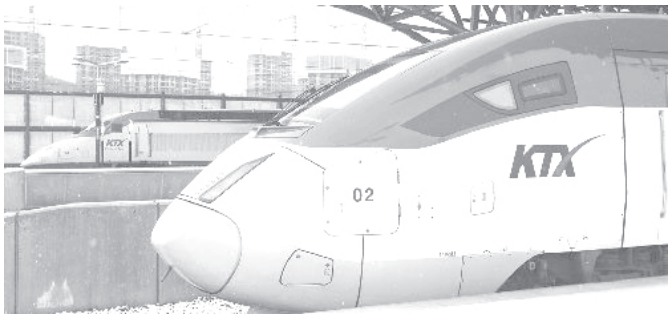

The photo taken on 2 March, 2010, shows that a South Korean locally built bullet train stops at a railway station in Seoul. The country's locally built bullet trains have made their debut on 2 March, six years after the country introduced high-speed trains based on French technology.—XINHUA

Mexican police say drug hit men killed journalist

VILLAHERMOSA, 2 March —A long-missing journalist in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco was killed by a drug cartel's hit men who dissolved his body in acid, Mexican authorities said.

Rodolfo Rincon, 54, who worked for the newspaper *Tabasco Hoy*, was last seen on 20 Jan,2007, after he reported on local drug dealers. Silvia Gil, a spokeswoman for the Tabasco state prosecutor, told reporters late Sunday that Rincon's fate was learned from an arrested hit man.

Gil said the man, who was not identified, admitted belonging to a gang of hit men known as the Zetas. The man said the gang killed Rincon over his articles and then dissolved his body, she said.

Mexico is one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists.

Watchdog groups say that more than 60 have been slain since 2000.

In the drug-plagued state of Sinaloa, Red Cross workers in the capital city of Culiacan refused to offer ambulance service on Sunday and Monday to protest the killing of a volunteer and the lack of government protection for emergency workers. Red Cross volunteer Maria Rogers, 20, was killed on Sunday by a stray bullet when gunmen went into a Red Cross hospital trying to finish off a man who had been shot minutes earlier.

Internet

A woman walks among the rubble in the tsunami-hit Chilean city of Pulluhue, three days after a huge 8.8-magnitude earthquake rocked the country.—INTERNET

Workers clean Toyota vehicles at a motor show. The embattled Japanese car-maker has said it is voluntarily fixing 1.3 million vehicles in North America for engine oil leaks but denied the campaign is a recall because it did not affect safety.—INTERNET

Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway to raise up to 50b yuan

BEIJING, 2 March— Railroad operator Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway Co Ltd is planning to raise 30 to 50 billion yuan ($4.4-$7.3 billion) through an initial public offering (IPO) this year, a source with the Ministry of Railways told *China Daily* on Monday.

The ministry is preparing the IPO proposal and has submitted it to key government departments including the Ministry of Finance, the National Development and Reform Commission and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission for further review, the source said.

The IPO plan has to be approved by the State Council as the project is still under construction and the company does not have the regulatory requirement of a three-year profit record, said the source on condition of anonymity.—*Internet*

Nigeria's foreign debt edges up to 4 billion dollars

LAGOS, 2 March— Nigeria's foreign debt rose by about 87 million dollars to just under four billion dollars in the last quarter of 2009, Junior Finance Minister Remi Babalola said on Monday.

"The government's debt position remains sustainable, with an external debt stock of 3.947 billion dollars as at December 2009," Babalola said in a speech on Nigeria's economic outlook for this year.

Foreign debt was put at 3.86 billion dollars as of end-October.

Recent positive ratings of the Nigerian economy by Standard and Poor's and Fitch rating agencies suggested Nigeria's economic outlook for this year was stable, the minister said.

Internet

Tsunami sweeps away entire towns on Chilean coast

TALCAHUANO, 2 March— When the shaking stopped, Marioli Gatica and her extended family huddled in a circle on the floor of their seaside wooden home in this gritty port town, listening to the radio by a lantern's light. They heard firefighters urging Talcahuano's citizens to stay calm and stay inside.

They heard nothing of a tsunami — until it slammed into their house with an unearthly roar about an hour after Saturday's magnitude 8.8 quake. Gatica's house exploded with water. She and her family were swept below the surface, swirling amid loose ship containers and other massive debris that smashed buildings into oblivion all around them.

"We were sitting there one moment and the next I looked up into the water and saw cables and furniture floating," Gatica said.

Internet

Chile registers 8 aftershocks over 5 degrees on Monday

SANTIAGO, 2 March—At least eight aftershocks over five degrees on the Richtre Scale were registered on Monday in the center-south zone of Chile, after the devastating 8.8-magnitude quake on Saturday.

The US Geology Institute said that the epicentres of three aftershocks were in the region of O'Higgins, measuring 5.3 and 5.2 degrees, respectively, some 120 km south to Santiago.

In Bio Bio region, the epicentre of the earthquake, some 400 km south to Santiago, there also registered three aftershocks, measuring 5.3 and 5 degrees, respectively.

Xinhua

Kachin State advancing on right...

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On his tour in Hsinbo, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited 16-bed People's Hospital of the town. A director of Health Department donated medical equipment and medicines for the hospital.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also visited Police Force, 16-bed People's Hospital and Basic Education High School of Myohla and presented members of Police Force and teachers with gifts.—*MNA*

***Lt-Gen Tha Aye presents gifts to teachers of Myohla Basic Education High School.*—MNA**

Myanmar, India to cooperate closely

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March— An Indian delegation led by Foreign Secretary Ms Nirupama Rao attended the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations held at Aureum Palace Hotel here Yesterday.

At the meeting, Ms Rao and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of Myanmar U Maung Myint discussed further cementing the existing friendly relations, promotion of bilateral cooperation on security, development in border areas, economic and trade, agriculture, energy, hydropower project, transportation, communication, information technology and tourism as well as cooperation at the UN and international forums.

The leaders of the two delegations signed Agreed Minutes of the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations.

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***Myanmar Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint and Indian Foreign Secretary Ms Nirupama Rao co-chairing Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations.*—MNA**

F&R Minister's visit to Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun started his inspection tour of Bago Division by delivering an address in meeting with officers and other ranks of the ministry in the division at Thirikhitara Yadana Town Hall in Pyay on 28 February.

After hearing reports on work progress and follow-up tasks of respective departments presented by officials, the minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister looked into banking services of Myanma Economic Bank in Thayawady Township yesterday.

He also visited offices of Internal Revenue Department, Myanma Insurance and Myanma Small Loans Enterprise in the township.

MNA

Flying to Hanoi

YANGON, 2 March — In order to reflect mutual interest in aviation business between Myanmar and Vietnam, Yangon-Hanoi direct flight kicked off today. A plane of Vietnam Airlines left Hanoi at 4.10 p.m. and landed at Yangon this evening. The Hanoi-bound plane took off at night.

The press meet on launching of Yangon-Hanoi Direct Flight by Vietnam Airlines of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam took place at Chatrium Hotel here this afternoon.

Vietnamese Ambassador Mr. Chu Cong Phung spoke on the occasion, and General Manager Mr. Cao Xuan Phu of Vietnam Airlines gave accounts on current air flights operated by the airlines, a new direct flight between Yangon and Hanoi which will be operated four days a week — Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and a special promotion programme in which airfare price will be reduced to US$ 210 per head up to 30 April to mark the launching of Yangon-Hanoi direct flight.

The inauguration ceremony of Yangon-Hanoi direct flight took place at Yangon International Airport this evening.

MNA

***Vietnamese Ambassador Mr. Chu Cong Phung addressing press conference on Yangon-Hanoi Direct Flight by Vietnam Airlines.*—MNA**

ENT specialists meet at conference

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—As part of efforts to improve the efficiency of specialists, the 18th Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists Conference took place at the hall of Mandalay Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist Hospital in Mandalay on 23 February.

Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) Prof Dr Soe Tun and officials spoke on the occasion.

Medical Superintendent Dr Kyi Win and Chairman of ENT Specialists Society Dr Thein Tun formally opened the booths of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

The specialists from States and Divisions cooperated with an 8-member team led by Dr Robin Young of the UK in the pre-workshop, providing healthcare to the patients and holding discussions.

The resource persons submitted 17 papers to the conference. Nine posters were put on display at the conference.

MNA

YCDC cares for Aphyauk dwellers

YANGON, 2 March—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin viewed the free health care providing of Phyo Cetana Group at Ngwe-U-Daung hall of Aphyauk in Taikkyi Township of Yangon North District yesterday.

Phyo Centana free health care services providing group comprised specialists from YCDC health department and Yangon Eye Hospital.

A total of 270 patients, 275 eye patients, and 102 dental patients were provided free treatment by the group and 63 patients were arranged to undergo surgical operation in city free health care clinic. In its works, the group was supported by doctors, staff of the station hospital, teachers and social organization members.—*MNA*

Follow Me for healthy and smooth skin

YANGON, 2 March—Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd organized special sales of Follow Me & Secret Beauty Products in conjunction with new products introduction ceremony at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here today.

The company introduced Follow Me UV white oxygen advanced skincare products, which was followed by Lucky Draw programme. In the evening, the company organized special sales with buy one get one programme and gift coupons. Similar ceremony was held in Mandalay on 27 February for customers and wholesalers in Upper Myanmar. The new skincare products are specially designed for protection against wrinkles and signs of ageing, the company said.—*MNA*

***Executive Director U Tun Kyi extends greetings at introduction to new Follow Me & Secret Beauty Products.*— MNA**

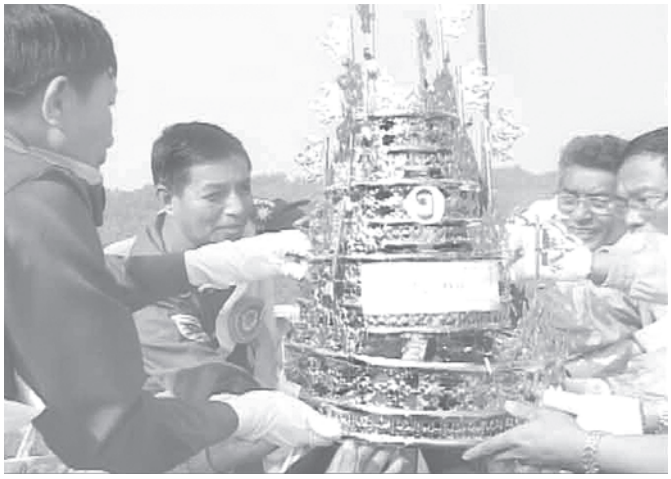
New Htidaw hoisted atop Seintamuni Pagoda in Kongyan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—The new Htidaw (Umbrella)-Hoisting ceremony of Seintamuni Pagoda in Kongyan of Shan State (North) was held on 28 February, attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint conveyed Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) and U Lu Kwe Chi of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, three tires of zun and departmental officials, cone and tires of umbrella around the pagoda.

Next, the minister and the congregation hoisted diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane and tires of umbrella atop the pagoda. Later, members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

The minister and party offered meals to members of the Sangha.—*MNA*



***Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hoists new Shwe Htidaw (umbrella) atop Seintamuni Pagoda in Kongyan.*—MNA**

A red-letter day in Katha...

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Ma Nyein Nyein Ei from Yangon Myint Myint eatery, a shop near Katha Myoma Market which is famed for its delicious curries, did not fail to attend the opening ceremony. She said, "The pace of economic development in Katha will gain momentum as it is accessible by both waterway and railway."

"Thanks to the emergence of the railroad, Katha will become developed. The place was like a forest in the past, but it becomes populated by new wards and housing estates following the economic development. Now, the wards by the railroad will also become urbanized almost overnight," Katha Township War Veterans Organization Chairman Col Maung Toe (Retd) explained to me.

Hlaing Bookshop owner U Chit Hlaing described the day as an auspicious one because of the dramatic emergence of transport facility which will expedite the commodity flow and ensure swift and smooth travel.

The construction of 16.68 miles long Katha-Moetagyi railroad section of Katha-Bhamo railroad construction project started on 16 May 2007. There are 59 bridges and four block railway stations—Katha, Pawmamyine, Minle and Moetagyi railway stations— along the railroad which has 27 turnings. It is the first inaugurated facility on 98 miles long Katha-Bhamo railroad project.

On the same day with the inauguration ceremony, 25-bed extended ward donated by U-Zin Jewellery to 100-bed Katha Hospital, a library of Moetagyi village and 16-bed station hospital in Moetalay village were also opened.

So, the day 20 February is worthy of note as an unforgettable red-letter day in Katha history.

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Translation: HKA

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"I am very happy to see the grand occasion in my lifetime."
Local graduate Ma Zin Mi Than.

"Easy and better transport will lead to higher socio-economic status of the residents."
Daw Phyu Phyu Thwe, Accounts Office.

Minister calls for speedier functions of ports

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Being a port city, Yangon has to deal with a large number of cargo ships and vessels, thus speedy freight-handling and full-capacity operation is essential. Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operating Full Capacity Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe yesterday visited Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard and examined its functions.

The minister also inspected loading and unloading process at Bo Aung Kyaw and Sule Wharves.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects warehouse of Bo Aung Kyaw Wharf.—MNA

The minister called personnel concerned for speedy procedure, worksite safety and fire prevention. The minister urged them to keep the port neat and clean and fulfilled the requirements.—*MNA*

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. **To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy**
2. **To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution**
3. **To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people**
4. **To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation**

Energy Minister's volleyball tournament winds up

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—The sixth Energy Minister's Trophy Volleyball Tournament 2009-2010 reached its final yesterday. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi enjoyed the matches held at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaung Sports Ground in Kungyangon, Yangon Division.

In the men's event, Yetain Village won over Mankaleik Village while Yetain Village beat Thayatthonbin Village in women's. The minister presented trophies to the winning teams.

MNA

Deputy Minister views plantations in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March— Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun on 27 February inspected cold season onion plantation and herbal plantation at Myingyan and Ngazun Townships in Mandalay Division.

On 28 February, the deputy minister visited flowery plants farm in Thonhtaung village in Pyin-Oo-Lwin Township and met with mango farm owners in Singaing Township.

The deputy minister also viewed cold season onion plantation, chilli plantation and musk plantation at Nwarkulay and Khantnigyi villages in Myittha Township.—*MNA*

A lovely town in northern…

(from page 16)

Nawngkhio Township is composed of six wards, 35 village-tracts, and 251 villages. The population of the township was 114,453 till September, 2009. The town has 154,861 acres of cultivable land and 146,003 acres of forest reserves.

Monsoon paddy, summer paddy, maize, corn, beans and pulses, sesame, sunflower, rubber, sugarcane, mulberry, ginger, pepper, potato, coffee, tea leaf and banana are major agricultural produce of the township.

Children of Nawngkhio Township can pursue basic education at three Basic Education High Schools, two BEHS branches, one affiliated BEHS, four Basic Education Middle Schools, three BEMS branches, 22 Basic Education Post Primary Schools, 131 Basic Education Primary Schools.

With regard to health care of Nawngkhio, the township is equipped with one 25-bed People's Hospital, one 16-bed Station Hospital, six rural healthcare centres, 19 rural healthcare centres (branch), one maternal and child healthcare centres.

Nawngkhio has three over-180 feet bridges, namely Dokhtawadi Bridge (465 feet), Goke Twin Bridge (190 feet) and Goke Hteik Viaduct (2260 feet). Nawngkhio has smooth transportation as it is located on border of northern Shan State and Mandalay Division.

We learnt that both summer paddy and monsoon paddy can be grown in Nawngkhio and the township practices triple-cropping pattern.

Our media crew also visited sugar mill of Ngweye Pale Company. The mill has been in operation since January, 2008 and produced 15,600 tons of sugar in 2008-2009 cultivation season. The mill is built on 86.46 acres of land and has 500-acre sugarcane farm.

I am not sure whether Nawngkhio is well worth a visit but I dare say it is a lovely pleasant town of northern Shan State.

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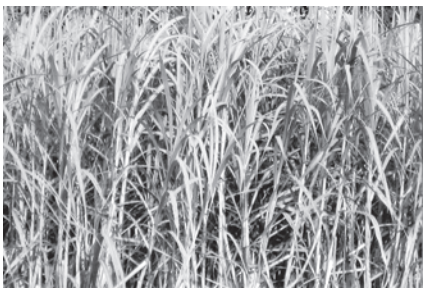
Digital Auto Exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

Sugar Mill of Ngweye Pale Company.



Thriving sugarcane plantation of Nawngkhio.

Pupils listen to the teacher at class in Shangfu Village in Liucheng County in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 1 March, 2010.
XINHUA

US seeks China, India, Brazil info on Doha deal

WASHINGTON, 2 March —The United States asked nations like China, India and Brazil on Monday to clarify their market-access measures in a bid to break the deadlock on the long-stalled Doha Round of global trade talks. President Barack Obama's top trade envoy Ron Kirk said that while the United States was forthcoming about its market-opening commitments, it was unsure how much Americans would benefit from reciprocal steps by advanced developing nations.

"The value of new opportunities for our businesses, workers, farmers and ranchers remains vague because of the broad flexibilities available to key emerging markets, like China, India, and Brazil, that are fast-growing economics and important markets of the future," he said.

"To achieve further progress, it is essential to gain more clarity in the level of market-access contributions by advanced developing countries, and ensure that the results provide significant market opportunities for American entrepreneurs and workers in agriculture, goods and services."

Such market-access contributions would also underpin the development goals of the Doha talks, given that 70 percent of the tariffs imposed on developing countries had to be paid to other developing countries.

Internet

German high-tech sector flat in 2010

HANOVER, 2 MACH— Germany's high-tech industry is not expected to return to growth until 2011 after a devastating recession in 2009, its chief lobby group said on Monday ahead of the giant CeBIT trade fair.

Turnover this year will be at around the same level as last year, but in 2011, the sector is poised to grow by 1.6 percent to 142 billion euros (193 billion dollars), the BITKOM industry organisation said.

"Demand is taking off significantly, especially in the IT sector," said BITKOM President August-Wilhelm Scheer.

"The barriers for firms to invest in IT solutions are slowly disappearing.

We expect a dramatic push from the CeBIT," Scheer told reporters in the northern German city of Hanover.

In 2009, the sector suffered a slump of 4.3 percent, Scheer said, as Germany, Europe's biggest economy, suffered its worst recession since World War II.

"As before, demand is coming from individual consumers," Scheer said, adding that smartphones, mobile computers and flat screen televisions were the most sought-after.

Internet

VW aims to be electric car leader by 2018

FRANKFURT, 2 March—The biggest European carmaker, Volkswagen, said on Monday that electric car sales should represent three percent of all sales by 2018, five years after the launch of its first production series.

"The goal is to become the market leader in E-mobility by the year 2018," boss Martin Winterkorn said in a statement, the same year it hopes to become the world's leading car maker, ahead of Japanese rival Toyota.

"We want to attain an electric vehicle market share of three percent within our entire range of products," he added.

VW has trailed behind Toyota in the launch of hybrid and electric cars but now plans to market the all electric E-UP model in 2013, the statement said.

In the coming months, VW will test vehicles with a range of up to 150 kilometres (94 miles), "in key strategic markets of Europe, North America and China," it added.

VW will begin to market a hybrid version of the Jetta in the United States in 2012.—*Internet*

Renault doubles capacity at Russian auto plant

MOSCOW, 2 March— French auto giant Renault Monday inaugurated its upgraded Avtoframos plant in Moscow where annual capacity has been doubled to 160,000 vehicles in a key market the company believes has bottomed out.

Renault Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn and Moscow city mayor Yury Luzhkov officially opened the facilities at the plant which the French company acquired when it bought Avtoframos.

Ghosn said Renault has responded to the need for "robust and affordable cars in Russia."We think that the market in Russia has bottomed out at the 1.4 million cars reached in 2009.... Now we should see a recovery," he added.

The upgrade cost 150 million euros (204 million dollars), on top of the initial plant investment of 230 million euros, Renault said.

The plant will add the Sandero model to the Logan it was already making. "Moscovites really like the Sandero, it is a very modern and comfortable car," Luzhkov said.—*Internet*

Russian workers assemble a Renault "Sandero" hatchback auto at a plant in Moscow. French auto giant Renault on Monday inaugurated its upgraded Avtoframos plant where annual capacity has been doubled to 160,000 vehicles per year in a key market the company believes has bottomed out.—INTERNET

GM recalling 1.3 million vehicles over steering problems

DETROIT, 2 March—General Motors Co is recalling 1.3 million compact cars in North America to address a power steering problem that has been linked to 14 crashes and one injury, the company said on Tuesda safety regulators opened an investigation on 27 January into approximately 905,000 Cobalt models in the United States after receiving more than 1,100 complaints of power steering failures. The complaints included 14 crashes and one injury.

The recall covers the 2005-2010 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and 2007-2010 Pontiac G5 in the United States; 2005-2006 Pontiac Pursuit sold in Canada, and the 2005-2006 Pontiac G4 sold in Mexico, GM said in a statement.

GM said it told the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about the voluntary recall on Monday after concluding its own investigation that began in 2009.—*Internet*

Nestle completes takeover of Kraft pizza unit

VEVEY, 2 March—Swiss food group Nestle said on Tuesday that it had completed its acquisition of the frozen pizza unit of US giant Kraft Foods.

The operation, which was concluded on Monday, will enable Nestle, the world's biggest food company, to begin integrating an estimated 3,600 Kraft employees.

Nestle bought the frozen pizza unit from Kraft in early January for 3.7 billion dollars (2.7 billion euros.)

Internet

The logo of Nestle, the Swiss food giant, is seen on the company's Headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. Nestle said on Tuesday that it had completed its acquisition of the frozen pizza unit of US giant Kraft Foods.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (013) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Chilean earthquake 800 to 900 times more powerful than Haiti's

MEXICO CITY, 2 March— The 8.8-magnitude earthquake that rocked Chile early Saturday were 800 to 900 times more powerful than the 7.3-magnitude quake that shook Haiti on 12 Jan, chief of the Mexican National Seismologic Service (SSN) said on Monday.

Carlos Valdez Gonzalez told local radio station "Radio Red" that the earthquakes released energy, which allows to measure their intensity.

Meanwhile, he noted the rare destructiveness of the Haiti quake, which killed some 300,000 people. "We have not seen severe damages as those we saw in Haiti," Valdez said.

Xinhua

Keeping clean and healthy with cow dung and urine

AHMEDABAD, 2 March—"God resides in cow dung," says Kesari Gumat, as he walks through his laboratory where researchers mix bovine excreta with medicinal herbs and monitor beakers of simmering cow urine.

The lab in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad is one of a growing number of research centres which have embraced the sacred status of cows in India and sought to push it to a new level.

Promoting the practical alongside the spiritual, they have developed a line of dung- and urine-based medicines which they say can cure a whole herd of ailments from bad breath to cancer.

"These formulas are not new," Gumat said. "They are contained in ancient Hindu holy texts. We are just making them with a scientific approach."

The raw materials are generated on site from more than 300 cows which roam the compound housing the centre.

Visitors must remove shoes and socks before entering and brave a barefoot walk across a carpet of semi-soft dung drying in the sunlight.

"Walking on fresh cowdung is very healthy," Gumat insisted. "It kills all the germs and bacteria and heals wounds. And dry cowdung is a great scrub to get rid of dead skin and improve blood circulation."

The list of derivative applications is, according to Gumat, an extremely lengthy one, stretching beyond medicines to toiletries like soap, shampoo and toothpaste, as well as incense sticks and mosquito coils.

Internet

Shree Maa Anantanand is pictured sitting behind medicine made from cow urine which she uses to treat patients at her hospital in Ahmedabad. A laboratory in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad is one of a growing number of research centres which have embraced the sacred status of cows in India and sought to push it to a new level.—INTERNET

A sign is seen on the field of Green Point stadium in Cape Town. Green Point stadium is one of the 10 stadiums in South Africa that will host The FIFA 2010 World Cup and has a seating capacity of 70,000.—INTERNET

Cholesterol screening should begin at 20

DALLAS, 2 March—Although many may think heart disease is a middle-age worry a US cardiologist suggests cholesterol screening should begin at age 20.

Dr Anand Rohatgi, a cardiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says atherosclerosis — hardening of the arteries — begins early and young adults, and even teens, can show evidence of atherosclerosis.

If early screening reveals low levels of good high-density lipoproteins, or the "good" cholesterol, or moderately high levels of low-density lipoproteins, or the "bad" cholesterol, counseling can provide help to modify lifestyles. Those who fall into this category should be re-evaluated every one or two years, Rohatgi says.

"Simple measures that can reduce cholesterol levels include decreasing the amount of saturated fat to less than 7 percent of total calories consumed each day," Rohatgi says in a statement. "Also, increasing the amount of soluble fiber by just 5-10 grammes daily and limiting cholesterol intake to less than 200 milligrammes per day are helpful."—*Internet*

NASA pioneer Aaron Cohen dies at 79

WASHINGTON, 2 March—Spaceflight pioneer Aaron Cohen, former director the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, died following a lengthy illness, the US space agency said.

NASA said Cohen, who was 79, spent 33 years with the space agency before leaving in 1993 to accept an appointment as a professor at Texas A&M University. At the time he was serving as acting deputy administrator of NASA. Cohen, who joined NASA in 1962, died on Thursday.

"Aaron Cohen was one of my early mentors here in NASA and he was instrumental in the success of numerous pivotal achievements in human space flight." said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. "His engineering expertise and rigor were tremendous assets to our nation and NASA. Aaron provided the critical and calm guidance needed at the Johnson Space Centre to successfully recover from the *Challenger* accident and return the space shuttle to flight. We will miss him as a colleague, mentor and a friend."

Internet

Italy's GDP suffered five percent fall in 2009

ROME, 2 March—Italy's gross domestic product (GDP) suffered a contraction of 5 percent in the year 2009, which was the greatest drop for nearly 40 years, a statistics bureau said on Monday.

Istat, Italian national statistical institute, in its latest report on Italy's economy, said that the 5 percent drop was the greatest drop since the institute began work in 1971.

Italy's deficit/GDP ratio in 2009 rose to 5.3 percent from 2.7 percent in 2008 while the public debt rose to 115.8 percent of GDP at 1,761 billion euros from 105.5 percent in 2008, Istat reported. Istat said that state's revenue in 2009 was equal to 47.2 percent of GDP, down 1,9 percent over the previous year, while spending rose to 52.5 percent of GDP from 49.4 percent in 2008.

In the report Istat also revised its GDP data for 2007 and 2008, reducing the 1.6 percent rise in 2007 to 1.5 percent and raising the 1 percent decline in 2008 to 1.3 percent.

In another reported published also on Monday, Istat said that Italy's jobless rate rose from 8.5 percent in the end of 2009 to 8. 6 percent in January, which is the highest record since January 2004.

A total of 2.144 million people are seeking for their position in the end of January, while youth unemployment ,which is one of the most important social problems in Italy,rose to 26.8 percent with a 0.3 percent increase from last December and a 2.6 percent up in January 2009.

Internet

A rare, ancient polar bear fossil discovered in Norway in 2004 is yielding a treasure trove of essential information about the age and evolutionary origins of the species whose future is now seen as synonymous with the devastation wrought by climate change.
INTERNET

Brain images suggest Alzheimer's drug is working

LONDON, 2 March— New imaging technology suggests an experimental drug for Alzheimer's reduces clumps of plaque in the brain by around 25 percent, lifting hopes for a medicine that disappointed in clinical tests two years ago.

Bapineuzumab—being developed by Pfizer Inc, Irish drugmaker Elan Corp and Johnson & Johnson—is a potential game-changer because it could be the first drug to treat the underlying cause of the degenerative brain disease. Investor confidence in the antibody medicine, however, took a big hit in July 2008 when it failed to meet its main goal in a mid-stage trial and caused brain swelling at higher doses.

The new study, which only involved 28 patients, is modest fillip." It demonstrated that the drug has an effect on the pathological hallmark of Alzheimer's disease," lead researcher Juha Rinne from Finland's University of Turku told *Reuters.* Rinne and colleagues used a novel imaging substance called carbon-11-labelled Pittsburgh compound B, which sticks to areas of the brain where there is a lot of beta amyloid plaque.

After 78 weeks, they found that patients given bapineuzumab had about a 25 percent reduction in plaque compared with those on placebo.

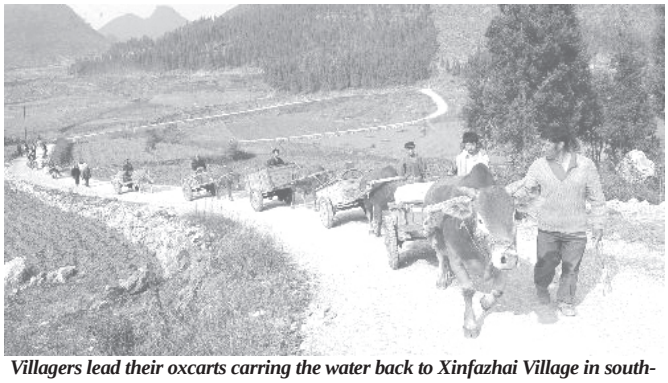
Internet

Painkillers linked to hearing loss

BOSTON, 2 March — Regular use of aspirin, acetaminophen and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs increases the risk of hearing loss in men, US researchers found. Dr Sharon G Curhan of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and colleagues at Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Vanderbilt University and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary said aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen are the three most commonly used drugs in the United States.

Study participants were drawn from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study, which tracked more than 26,000 men every two years for 18 years. A questionnaire determined analgesic use, hearing loss and a variety of physiological, medical and demographic factors. The study, published in the *American Journal of Medicine,* found regular users of aspirin under age 50 and those ages 50-59 were 33 percent more likely to have hearing loss than were non-regular users, but there was no association among men age 60 and older.

For NSAIDs, regular users under age 50 were 61 percent more likely, those ages 50-59 were 32 percent more likely and those age 60 and older were 16 percent more likely to develop hearing loss than non-regular users of NSAIDs.—*Internet*



Villagers lead their oxcarts carring the water back to Xinfazhai Village in southwest China's Yunan Province, on 1 March, 2010. Severe drought will continue to ravage southwest China as no major rainfalls are expected recently.—XINHUA

Gene links to celiac disease may help drug search

LONDON, 2 March—Scientists have identified new genetic links to celiac disease and say their findings could speed the search for better ways to diagnose and treat the gluten-intolerance disorder. British researchers scanned the genetic maps of more than 9,400 celiac patients and found areas of immune system disturbance which lead to the development of the auto-immune disease, which affects around one percent of people.

The researchers also found "substantial evidence" that genes associated with celiac disease may also be linked to many other common chronic immune diseases, such as type 1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. We can now shed light on some of the precise immune disturbances leading to celiac disease," said David van Heel, a professor of gastrointestinal genetics at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, who led an international team of researchers in conducting the study.

Internet

NASA finds ice deposits on the moon

WASHINGTON, 2 March — NASA scientists studying radar data from India's *Chandrayaan-1* spacecraft say they have found more than 40 ice-filled craters at the moon's north pole.

The researchers studying data from NASA's Mini-SAR instrument, a lightweight, synthetic aperture radar, said the water ice was discovered in craters ranging from 1 to 9 miles in diameter. Although the amount of ice depends on its thickness in each crater, NASA estimates the discovery could involve at least 1.3 million pounds of water ice.

"The emerging picture from the multiple measurements and resulting data of the instruments on lunar missions indicates that water creation, migration, deposition and retention are occurring on the moon," said Paul Spudis, principal investigator of the Mini-SAR experiment at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston.

Internet

Squirrel. The squirrels littering your lawn with acorns as they bound overhead will live to plague your yard longer than the ones that aerate it with their burrows, according to a University of Illinois study.—INTERNET

Study looks at nanoplankton extinction

STATE COLLEGE, 2 March — A US study suggests an asteroid strike may not only have killed ocean and land life 65 million years ago, but it may also have caused extinction unevenness.

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University said such a fireball's strike might explain the geographic unevenness of extinctions and recovery.

Using samples from 17 Northern and Southern Hemispheres drilling sites, the scientists analyzed the community structure of calcareous, or shelled, nanoplankton. Included in their study were two sites — one in the Pacific and one in the South Atlantic.

"At the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary, 93 percent of the nano-plankton went extinct," said Professor Timothy Bralower, who led the project. "Nanoplankton are the base of the food chain in the ocean. If they go extinct, other, larger organisms that feed on them have problems."

Internet

SPORTS

Fit Rooney urges England fans to stand by Terry

LONDON, 2 March—Wayne Rooney has urged fans to give John Terry "a good reception" during the international friendly against Egypt and lay-off booing the defender.

Wednesday's match at Wembley will be the national side's first since Chelsea skipper Terry was stripped of the England captaincy by manager Fabio Capello following the fall-out from revelations of an alleged affair with the ex-girlfriend of former team-mate Wayne Bridge.

Now with Manchester City, Bridge recently ruled himself out of international duty ahead of this year's World Cup in South Africa even though, with Chelsea's Ashley Cole injured, he would be England's first-choice left back if available.

Meanwhile Chelsea skipper Terry has endured taunts from opposition fans, notably during last weekend's 4-2 loss to Manchester City where Bridge refused to shake the central defender's hand before kick-off.

Internet

England's James Milner speaks during a Press conference at The Grove Hotel, in Hertfordshire, north of London, on 1 March.
INTERNET

Milner fears England could suffer from pitch battle

LONDON, 2 March—Aston Villa midfielder James Milner admits Wembley's poor-quality pitch could cause problems for England's World Cup preparations.

Milner got a close look at the surface during Sunday's League Cup final against Manchester United and found it was difficult to produce the kind of quick passing game that England coach Fabio Capello wants to play.

The pitch cut up badly and was so heavy that players were getting cramps just an hour into the match.

With England hosting African Cup of Nations winners Egypt at Wembley on Wednesday and then facing Mexico at the national stadium in May, Milner fears Capello's team could struggle to find their rhythm ahead of the finals in South Africa unless the surface is improved.

"It was very difficult actually. It was very slippery and was cutting up. I hope it can improve," Milner said.—*Internet*

Warnock takes charge at QPR

Veteran manager Neil Warnock

LONDON, 2 March—Veteran manager Neil Warnock became the latest man to be given the job of guiding the fortunes of English second division side Queens Park Rangers (QPR) when he was appointed as their manager on Monday.

The 61-year-old Englishman has moved across London from Rangers' Championship rivals Crystal Palace, after they agreed a compensation package, and has signed a three-and-a-half year contract with the Loftus Road club.

Warnock, who in 2006 led Sheffield United to promotion to the lucrative Premier League, now hopes to do the same for QPR, who last played in English football's top flight in 1996.

"As a manager, Loftus Road is always a place I loved because of the fantastic atmosphere there," Warnock told Rangers' official website.

"Looking from afar, I believe this is the perfect time for me to come in, with the new structure and chairman in place. Together we can give the club the stability it needs.

Internet

Spain seek World Cup revenge against France

MADRID, 2 March—Spain will be going all out to avenge their defeat at the hands of France in the last World Cup when the two sides meet in a friendly this week, Liverpool's Spanish striker Fernando Torres said on Monday. "We really want to play them, especially since they knocked us out of the last World Cup. We are always very motivated when we play them," Torres told reporters.

But since Spain won Euro 2008, France "must look at us in a different way," he added.

France beat Spain 3-1 in the last 16 of the 2006 World Cup in Germany and the two side meet again at the Stade de France in Paris on Wednesday.

Torres, whose goal won the Euro 2008 for Spain against Germany in Vienna, is set to return to the side after more than a month out with a knee injury.—*Internet*

Liverpool's Spanish forward Fernando Torres, seen here in February 2010, said Monday Spain will be going all out to avenge their defeat at the hands of France in the last World Cup when the two sides meet in a friendly this week.
INTERNET

Real Madrid break 400 million euro revenue barrier

LONDON, 2 March—Real Madrid have become the first sports team in the world to generate annual revenue in excess of 400 million euros (362 million pounds, 543 million dollars), according to figures compiled by accountancy firm Deloitte.

The latest edition of the Deloitte Football Money League published on Tuesday also shows Spanish giants Real as the world's largest revenue generating football club, for the fifth consecutive year.

Real's broadcast income of 161 million euros was greater than the total revenue of all but the top ten clubs in the Deloitte table.

Their arch domestic rivals Barcelona moved up into second place, primarily as a result of winning last year's Champions League final while Barca's beaten opponents Manchester United dropped down into third position, partly as a result of sterling's depreciation against the Euro.—*Internet*

Portsmouth face new court threat as HMRC challenge club's decision to go into administration

PORTSMOUTH, 2 March—Four days after they thought they had staved off liquidation, Portsmouth will be back in the High Court on Tuesday fighting for their lives after Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs challenged their decision to go into administration.

HMRC, whose claim rises to £19.5million this month, want proof of the sums claimed to be owed to the club's owner Balram Chainrai before he made the decision to call in the administrator.

In a second blow to Pompey, Andrew Andronikou, the smooth talking accountant now controlling the club, had his meeting with Premier League officials postponed, when he planned to fight a nine-point deduction. Andronikou insisted last night that the return to court was routine. 'I don't understand the exact reason why this is, but we are not unduly worried,' he said. 'There is an element of brinkmanship.

Internet

Disillusioned PSG fans turn on each other

PARIS, 2 March—The Beautiful Game has turned ugly at Paris Saint-Germain this season both on and off the pitch after the capital club's own fans fought amongst themselves following the weekend's game against Marseille.

Supporters of the southern club boycotted the trip north in protest at tough security measures and restricted ticket sales, but that failed to stop trouble flaring up outside the Parc des Princes after Sunday's 'Le Clasico'.

A bitter power struggle between two groups of PSG hardcore supporters, the Boulogne Boys and the Tigris Mystic, clashed after the 3-0 defeat to Marseille in the latest twist of a long-running feud between the two camps.—*Internet*

Police riot officers arrest a Paris Saint-Germain's fan during Ligue 1 match Paris Saint-Germain vs Olympique de Marseille's at Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, on 28 February.
INTERNET

S Africa celebrates 100 day countdown to World Cup

DURBAN, 2 March—Schoolchildren will ditch their uniforms for football jerseys, while dancers will take to the streets on Tuesday as South Africa celebrates the 100-day countdown to the World Cup.

Members of boys choir perform during the 100 Days Gala Dinner for the 2010 FIFA World Cup football tournament function held at Durban's International Convention Centre, on 1 March.—INTERNET

Top FIFA officials, including the world football body president Sepp Blatter and secretary general Jerome Valcke, will mark the occasion in Durban with a press conference aimed at dispelling doubts about South Africa's readiness for the June 11 to July 11 tournament.

They'll be winding up a tour of the 10 stadiums that will host the matches, aiming to reassure naysayers that despite some work being done on the pitches and the surrounding grounds, all the venues are on track for the kick-off.

Internet

File photo of the Congress building in Buenos Aires, Argentina. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton added Buenos Aires to what is now a six-country Latin American tour highlighted by a solidarity, albeit shortened visit to quake-stricken Chile.

INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (3-3-2010) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (3-3-10 11:30 am ~ 4-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
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* Beach Souvenir Sea Shell Decorations
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* Music Gallery
* Baungte: My Village
* Dat Taw Gyaik Waterfall
* Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
* Culture Stage
* Invitation to Myanmar Language & Myanmar Literature (Part-I)
* Tiger Population Counting (Part-I)
* Goodbye! And have a safe journey back home
* The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
* Traditional Dance of National Races "Let's Unite (Lihsu Traditional Dance)"
* The Royal Animal Weights of the Myanmar Empires
* Innwa Ancient Capital

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Myanmar TV

Wednesday, 3 March

View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ပိုလ်တလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:45 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
8. ကွန်ရက်သဖွယ်ယှက်နွယ်ထားသီရိမင်္ဂလာခုံးကျော်တံတား

8:30 am
9. (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. "အမှန်ထင်နေသောအမှား"

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Dance of Natioanl Races

4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme

4:35 pm
4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

4:45 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သချိုင်္ကာအထူးပြု) (သချိုင်္ကာ)

5:00 pm
6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm
7. Classical Songs

5:15 pm
8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:25 pm
9. (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm
10. စုပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့

6:35 pm
14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm
15. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:30 pm
16. အလက်ဘဝတ်ရည်မြန်မာမှုတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

8:00 pm
17. News
18. International News
19. Weather Report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
21. မြန်မာဒီဇိုင်္ဂဇာတ်လမ်း "ရေပြင်ညီမျှင်း" (နိုင်းနိုင်း၊အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး (စနိုးပို့ဂ်))

WEATHER

Tuesday, 2nd March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Tannthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3 ℃) to (4 ℃) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (38° C). The noteorthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.51) inch, Machanbaw (0.43) inch and Putao (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-3-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 2-3-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-3-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 1-3-2010 was (7.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (21:30) hours MST on 1-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd February 2010: Likehood of isolated light rain in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

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★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy

★ Riots beget riots, not democracy

★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people

★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage

★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

A lovely town in northern Shan State: Nawngkhio

Byline & Photos:
Tin Htwe (MNA)

As a media man, I have to make frequent trips to hunt news. The most recent one was to northern Shan State to present the readers latest developments of the region. Nawngkhio was one of the places I visited on my tour. Nawngkhio Township is located in northern Shan State. The township covers an area of 1265.61 square miles and Nawngkhio town has an area of 1.3766 square miles.

Nawngkhio shares border with Kyaukme in the east and north, PyinOoLwin in the west, Yaksawk in the south. The town which stands at an altitude of 2750 feet is formed with two opposite geographical features, one hilly and the other valley.

Goke Hteik Viaduct on Nawngkhio-Kyaukme Road is the familiar landmark of Nawngkhio Township. The bridge still plays an important part of Mandalay-Lashio railroad. The maximum temperature of the township is 32.3˚C, minimum temperature 7.8˚C, average annual rainfall 51.7 inches, and average annual raining days 88.

Nawngkhio was called In-sein Station in the past due to a green lake in the town. Nawngkhio is a Shan word, Nawng means lake and Khio means green. But, now the green lake is no more. The town was named Nawngkhio after the emergence of Goke Hteik viaduct in 1899. The viaduct and Tenandaw, ShwesanU and Thanthaya Aye pagodas are famous in the town.

(See page 10)

Spanning a gorge, Goke Hteik Viaduct has stood as a landmark of Nawngkhio Township for over nine decades.