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Only when people rely on own strength, will modern and developed nation emerge

Achievements of development projects will reflect better inter-relationship among national people and contribute to flourishing of Union Spirit

Senior General Than Shwe addresses Special Projects Implementation Committee Meeting



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance at coordination meeting (1/2010) of Special Projects Implementation Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—The Special Projects Implementation Committee held coordination meeting (1/2010) at the Operations Meeting Room of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), here, yesterday. At the meeting, Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members

of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of
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All the people are to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation on self-reliant basis. To rely on own strength, it is necessary to enhance self-reliant.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Implement projects for sustainable development

Nowadays, efforts are being made to develop the nation in all aspects. All basic requirements are also being fulfilled to ensure the balanced development of all the regions across the Union.

In doing so, the State is building infrastructures in various sectors such as economic, education, health and social affairs by implementing projects that contribute a great deal to the nation and the people. Coordination meeting (1/2010) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee took place at the Operation Meeting Room of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 March. At the meeting, Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave work guidelines.

In his guidance on special projects, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe made a remark that special projects important for national development require not only tremendous work but also huge investment. So, they need to be implemented on a collaborative basis by related ministries and not by a single ministry. The cooperation and collective strength have yielded success in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

The State is implementing huge projects in agricultural, construction, industrial, electricity, energy and rail transport sectors. In doing so, other projects related to those ones have to be implemented at the same time. For the economic improvement, it is necessary to carry out tasks for better transport as well as for development of human resources.

The projects being implemented play a crucial role in national development. They require both tremendous work and huge investment. In the drive for sustainable national development, all responsible people are to do their utmost to ensure timely completion of the projects reaching the required standard.



General Secretary of MFF U Tin Aung, proprietor of Zwagabin United FC U Hla Htay and FBT shop's owner U Ko Ko Thein open the sales room.—MNA

PEOPLES' DICTA

- * 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

Discussion between Myanmar and Vietnam about agriculture, livestock and fisheries



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo holding discussion with Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr. Cao Duc Phat of Vietnam.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr. Cao Duc Phat of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador Mr. Chu Cong Phung at the ministry here on 4 March morning.

At the call, the two sides discussed joint cooperation in agricultural sector, development for Myanmar agricultural sector, investment and economic cooperation.

Next, the visiting minister, the ambassador and Chairman Mr. Le Quang Thung of rubber producers company explained cooperation on mutual investment in growing rubber and agriculture sector.

The Vietnamese goodwill delegation also called on Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein in the evening of the same day.

The two sides discussed matters on investment and cooperation in livestock and fisheries sector.

In the afternoon, the goodwill delegation visited Uppatasanti Pagoda and Myanmar Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo hosted a dinner to the goodwill delegation at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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FBT sports gear opened

YANGON, 6 March—The opening of sales room

for FBT brand sports gear was held at No. 2 room of No. 154 on West Horse Race Course Road in Tamway Township on 3 March.

General Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation U Tin Aung, proprietor of Zwagabin United FC U Hla Htay and Owner of FBT shop U Ko Ko Thein formally opened the sales room.

Sports gear such as shoes, tracksuits, singlet, footballs and other are available at the sales room. Customers may contact 092029010 and 095072789. More branches will be opened in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Myitkyina.

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Mandalay Business Directory in circulation



Moreover, it also carries over 800 categories for the names of production and servicing firms, and over 85,000 business addresses collectively.

The directory was distributed in Myanmar language with alphabetical order.

Those wishing to get the directory may contact No. 4/6, between 24th and 25th Streets, 62nd and 63rd Streets, Myasanda lane, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-72200, 09-2001134, 09-6501134 and 09-6801134), and No. 145, 36th Street (middle block), Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 253295 and 250121).—MNA

YANGON, 6 March—Annually publishing Mandalay Business Directory has been in circulation. Addresses and phone numbers of businesses in 47 towns in upper Myanmar and advertisements are colorfully printed in the directory.



Japanese gov't panel to meet Monday on Futenma issue

TOKYO, 6 March — A government panel will meet on Monday to try to discuss alternative location to which US troops based at the Futenma air base in Japan's Okinawa can be moved to.

The panel meeting will also look for ways to resolve the diplomatic tension that the issue has caused between Washington and Tokyo, local media reported on Friday.

The government led by the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) is looking to modify a 2006 Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) signed by the two nations.

That agreement would have seen tens of thousands of US marines remain in Okinawa and the Futenma air facility moved to Nago, still inside Okinawa.

Okinawans have voiced their opposition to the current agreement and on Thursday, local media reported that the

DPJ has told the United States that it would like to modify the current SOFA agreement.

US Ambassador John Roos will head to the United States at the weekend to discuss the matter with the relevant people in the US government.

Xinhua

In this image issued by EU NAVFOR on 5 March, 2010 shows the EU NAVFOR French warship FS Nivose with Somali pirate skiffs off the Somali coast on 5 March, 2010. Swarms of Somali pirates are moving into the waters off East Africa, triggering four shootouts on Friday including a skirmish with French military personnel that sunk a pirate skiff, officials said.— XINHUA



Somali pirates, security personnel in four shootouts

NAIROBI, 6 March— Signaling a new offensive mindset, international military officials vowed on Friday to fight the pirates as swarms of Somalis moved into the waters off East Africa. Four shootouts with pirates showed that high-seas attacks are intensifying with the end of the monsoon season.

Nearly half the 47 ships hijacked off Somalia last year were taken in March and April — the most dangerous months of the year for ships in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean.

In the most serious skirmish on Friday, six pirates attacked a vessel before breaking off and chasing the French fishing boat *Torre Giulia*, said Cmdr John Harbour, spokesman for the EU

Naval Force.

A French military detachment onboard a nearby ship fired warning shots at the pirates. The ship then approached the skiff and collided with it, sinking the skiff and throwing the pirates into the water. Four were rescued, but two others were missing, Harbour said.

The French Defence Ministry said its frigate, the *Nivose*, intercepted 22 suspected pirates on Friday in two separate operations. It said the 22 are currently aboard the vessel along with their skiffs.

Each case, in different sectors, involved a mothership and two "assault skiffs," a ministry statement said.

Xinhua



A Cuban doctor attends Chilean Mario Ruz at a field hospital set up in Rancagua, Chile, on 5 March, 2010. A team of 26 Cuban doctors arrived on Wednesday bringing 24 tons of aid to earthquake survivors such as carp, electricity-generating equipment, sterilizers to disinfect medical equipment, X-ray and operating equipment. An 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Chile on 27 Feb.—INTERNET

Taleban attack wounds German soldier in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 March— Taleban attacked a patrol team of German troops and injured a soldier in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, a spokesman of German Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) said on Saturday.

"The troops were on patrol in Chardara District on Friday evening when came under Taleban attack resultantly one soldier sustained injuries," Mortens who gave only one name told *Xinhua*.

Mortens who speaks for the civilian-military unit PRT involved mostly in reconstruction activities also added that the incident occurred in Qasab village and troops returned fire during which several militants were also killed and injured.

Xinhua

Huge blast heard in Afghan capital

KABUL, 6 March — A huge blast rocked Afghan capital Kabul on Saturday morning causing panic among the people. Meantime, a security official who declined to be identified described the blast as part of a military exercise, saying troops were exercising to improve their ability.

In the militancy-plagued Afghanistan any bang causes panic among the war-weary people. Nevertheless, another source on the condition of anonymity described it a rocket attack in 9th precinct of Kabul city but failed to provide more details.

A multiple attack in central Kabul on 26 February for which Taleban militants claimed of responsibility left 22 people including 5 attackers, two police and 15 civilians dead.

Xinhua

Ambush kills two Mexican federal police, wounds three

MORELIA, 6 March — Heavily armed gunmen ambushed a convoy of federal police on a highway in one of Mexico's drug battleground states on Friday night, killing two officers and wounding three, officials said.

The unknown attackers hid on both sides of the road near the port city of Lazaro Cardenas and opened fire with a barrage of bullets when the convoy passed, Michoacan state prosecutors said.

The state, which is the base for La Familia cartel, has seen increasing fights among rival gangs and attacks on authorities involved in the anti-drug war.

Xinhua

China launches new remote-sensing satellite

JIUQUAN, 6 March — China has successfully put into orbit another remote-sensing satellite, "*Yaogan IX*" at 12:55 pm (Beijing Time) from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwestern Gansu Province, according to a statement from the centre on Friday.

The satellite was sent into space aboard a *Long March 4C* carrier rocket

and would be used to conduct scientific experiment, carry out surveys on land resources, forecast grain output and help with natural disaster-reduction and prevention endeavour, it said.

Its predecessor, "*Yaogan VIII*," was launched from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in northern Shanxi Province last December.

Xinhua



A Long March 4C carrier rocket carrying a remote-sensing satellite, "Yaogan IX", blasts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gansu Province, on 5 March, 2010. XINHUA

Russia's Putin proposes closer economic ties with Ukraine

Moscow, 6 March—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Friday called for closer economic ties with Kiev while meeting with Ukraine's new President Viktor Yanukovich in Moscow.

"We know that in engineering, aviation, energy and agricultural spheres we strongly depend on each other. We have a lot to do to make up lost ground," Putin was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying.

Trade turnover between Russia and Ukraine slumped by about 40 percent last year due to the global economic crisis, Putin noted. He proposed that the two former Soviet neighbours develop joint projects, including in the energy sector, in third countries.

During the meeting, Putin also invited Ukraine to join a Customs union comprising Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.—Xinhua

OECD continues to post improved economic activity

PARIS, 6 March—The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development posted on Friday the new composite leading indicators (CLIs) for 2010 January, which continued to show signal of improved economic activity for the group of seven countries.

The CLIs for the OECD area increased by 0.8 point in January 2010 and posted 11.3 point higher than in January 2009. The 103.6 points of the CLIs pointed to an expansion.

For the United States,

the Euro areas and Japan, the CLIs all climbed higher by from 10.7 points to 12.5 points year-on-year, respectively at 102.3 points, 104.8 points and 103.0 points.

The seven major economies, namely the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Japan, and two members of the Golden BRIC countries were indicated by OECD at an expansion period, except for Brazil and India, whose CLIs pointed only to a recovery.

Xinhua



The global oil market is oversupplied and OPEC will not change production quotas when its members next meet in Vienna on 17 March, the head of Libya's National Oil Company said on Friday.—INTERNET

GM to reinstate 600 dealerships slated to be cut

NEW YORK, 6 March—General Motors Co will reinstate 661 dealerships it sought to drop from its sales network.

GM executives said on Friday that the dealerships — more than half of those seeking to stay with the automaker — will receive letters giving them the option to remain open. GM said it would not have enough time to negotiate with all 1,100 dealerships that appealed the

automaker's decision to close them within a four-month window imposed by the federal government.

"By doing this we save a lot of time, energy and dollars," said Jim Bunnell, GM general manager of network support, saying the company wished to avoid a "very large arbitration process."

As part of its restructuring, GM last year told about 2,000 dealerships it would not renew their franchise agreements once they run out in October 2010. But the dealerships have said GM treated them unfairly, and last month Congress passed a law requiring an appeals process for the dealers.—Internet

File photo show, Joann Ganim, left, and her husband Don Ganim, of Hamilton, Mass, right, look at the Chevrolet Traverse in Danvers, Mass. General Motors Co. said on 5 March, 2010, it will reinstate about 600 dealerships that were slated to be cut from the automaker's network.—INTERNET



Apple's iPad to hit market on 3 April

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 March—Apple Inc on Friday announced that iPad, its much-anticipated tablet computer, will hit stores beginning from 3 April.

Apple said it will first sell models with Wi-Fi links to the Internet on 3 April in the United States, with models that have both Wi-Fi and 3G connectivity being available in the country in late April.

Beginning from 12 March, US customers can pre-order all the iPad models on Apple's

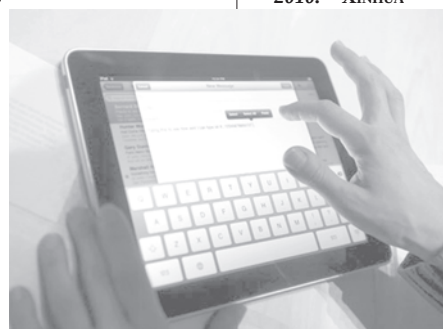
website or reserve Wi-Fi version of the product to pick up at an Apple retail store on 3 April.

All iPad models will be available in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and British in late April, Apple said in a Press release, adding that the product "will ship in additional countries later this year."

Apple unveiled the iPad on 27 Jan this year. The company then said the tablet computer will debut in late March.

Featuring a 9.7-inch

touch screen, iPad can let users perform various tasks including browsing the web, watching videos, playing games and reading eBooks.—Xinhua



Typing is demonstrated on the new Apple "iPad" during the launch of the tablet computing device in San Francisco, California, on 27 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA

Market oversupplied, no OPEC quota changes

TRIPOLI, 6 March—The global oil market is oversupplied and OPEC will not change production quotas when its members next meet in Vienna on 17 March, the head of Libya's National Oil Company said on Friday.

"There is an excess of supply in the market," Shukri Ghanem said. "We do not foresee a change in OPEC (production) quotas." Ghanem added that, "before considering an increase or a cut in production, (existing) quotas should be respected."

At its last meeting in Angola on 22 December, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries left its total production unchanged at 24.84 million barrels a day.

Earlier on Friday, in Asian trade oil prices bounced back on bargain buying, recovering from earlier falls ahead of a key US government jobs report, analysts said. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, gained 47 cents to 80.68 dollars a barrel.—Internet

Banks shuttered in Fla, Ill, Md, Utah

CHARLOTTE, 6 March—Regulators on Friday shuttered banks in Florida, Illinois, Maryland and Utah, boosting to 26 the number of bank failures in the US so far this year following the 140 brought down in 2009 by mounting loan defaults and the recession.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over Sun American Bank, based in Boca Raton, Fla, with \$535.7 million in assets and \$443.5 million in deposits. Also seized were Bank of Illinois of Normal, Ill, with \$211.7 million in assets and \$198.5 million in deposits; Waterfield Bank in Germantown, Md., with \$155.6 million in assets and \$156.4 million in deposits; and Centennial Bank in Ogden, Utah, with \$215.2 million in assets and \$205.1 million in deposits.

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co, based in Raleigh, NC, agreed to assume the assets and deposits of Sun American Bank and to share losses with the FDIC on \$433 million of the failed bank's loans and other assets. It was First-Citizens' fourth acquisition of assets of a failed bank since last July; the others were First Regional Bank of Los Angeles, Venture Bank of Lacey, Wash, and Temecula Valley Bank of Temecula, Calif.

Internet



Staff unload the aid goods off an aircraft from the Air China cargo fleet in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 5 March, 2010. A Chinese plane carrying 2 million US dollars worth of aid goods arrived in Santiago on Friday.

XINHUA

Chinese aircraft delivers aid to quake-hit Chile

SANTIAGO, 6 March — A Chinese plane carrying 2 million US dollars worth of aid arrived in Chile's capital Santiago at about 1:34 pm local time on Friday.

The Boeing 747-400 from the Air China cargo fleet was carrying 10,000 blankets, 700 tents, 100 generators and two water purification facilities, with a total weight of 90 tons. The aid materials were collected within just one day from several Chinese cities including Beijing,

Shijiazhuang, Nanjing, Weihai and Suzhou, thanks to the mobilization and coordination by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Defence Ministry and other government agencies.

On 27 Feb, Chile was hit by an earthquake measuring 8.8 on the Richter Scale, which has killed at least 279 people.

Chinese official sources said this shipment of aid covered the longest geographical distance in China's history of emer-

gency external aid. It is also the first time that China has sent a cargo plane to South America carrying aid materials only.

China sent 40 army-trained earthquake rescue workers to Haiti in January in the wake of the Caribbean nation's 12 Jan. quake, which may have killed as many as 300,000 people. Two weeks later, it also sent in a 40-member medical team to help the quake-ravaged country.

Xinhua

More people die while A/H1N1 flu wanes in US

HOUSTON, 6 March — More people died from the A/H1N1 virus while most key flu indicators remained below the pandemic threshold in the US during the past week.

Three people, including a 21-year-old woman who had given birth 20 hours earlier, have died in San Antonio hospitals from the virus in the past two weeks, local health

officials said on Friday.

Overall, the number of A/H1N1 deaths and cases continue to drop in the state of Texas.

"We think that's due to a lot of different reasons, one of them being the natural immunity already developed for people who've already been infected, but also a good part, we think, is also due to the vaccine efforts," ex-

plained Dr Sandra Guerra of Texas Center for Infectious Disease.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota Department of Health released its weekly update of flu statistics, showing the state's death toll from A/H1N1 flu has increased to 58 after officials completed their investigations of three more deaths.

Xinhua



All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Tsunami surges bounced around New Zealand coast

WELLINGTON, 6 March — Scott Base and the Kermadec Islands were the first New Zealand sites to be hit by the tsunami from the Chile's magnitude 8.8 earthquake last weekend, but the surges of water reverberated around New Zealand like water bouncing around a bathtub.

Results from 19 sea-level gauges around the nation showed six sites had peak wave heights of over

100 cm, according to a report released by New Zealand National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research on Saturday.

But at most locations the highest waves didn't arrive for some time, ranging from 1.2 hours to 26 hours after the first wave arrived.

Xinhua

Violence continues to claim lives in Somali capital, UN says

UNITED NATIONS 6 March — The ongoing clashes in Somali capital, Mogadishu, continue to spark the concern of the United Nations, which reported on Friday that violence this week claimed some 35 lives.

Dozens more were wounded in the March 2-3 fighting between the Transitional Federal

Government (TFG) and militants.

Since 1 Feb, nearly 26,000 people have been forced to escape violence in the capital, according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The agency continues to register new Somali refugees in neighbouring Kenya. Just this week,

900 Somalis were registered as they entered the country, on top of the more than 8,000 who have been registered since the start of the year.

Xinhua

Models present jewellery during the 27th Hong Kong International Jewellery Show in Hong Kong, south China, on 5 March, 2009. The event opened here on Friday, featuring more than 2,600 exhibitors from 44 countries and regions.—XINHUA

Los Angeles airport to install more full-body scanners

LOS ANGELES, 6 March — The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) will install more full-body scanners in an attempt to improve screening of passengers, the Department of Homeland Security announced on Friday. The scanners, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, are among those to be placed in 11 airports across the country by the end of the year, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said.

The scanners will also be delivered to airports in San Diego; San Jose; Oakland; Boston; Chicago; Cincinnati; Kansas City; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; and Charlotte, NC. "By accelerating the deployment of this technology, we are enhancing our capability to detect and disrupt threats of terrorism across the nation," Napolitano said.

But it was unclear how many more body scanners would be installed at LAX, which has had at least three units in service since 2008.

Xinhua

Staff at the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Systems Integration Facility, one playing the role of a airline passenger (L) demonstrate the use of Millimetre Wave technology for passenger security screening in Washington, on 30 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA



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the committee Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

At the meeting, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min reported on matters related to five joint projects to be implemented with the investment of local entrepreneurs and seven joint projects with foreign companies.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 will jointly implement the five projects with the investment of local national entrepreneurs. They are: Upper Biluchaung Hydropower Project in Shan State (South) to generate 29 megawatts, Htakha Hydropower Project in Kachin State to generate 6 megawatts, Anyaphya Hydropower Project in Taninthayi Division to generate 9 megawatts, Yangon Coal-fired Power Plant Project in Yangon Division to generate 270 megawatts and Kawthoung Coal-fired Power

menting 26 electricity generation projects with the exploitation of water resources of the nation. Among them, Shweli-1 Project generating 600 megawatts has been completed. The remaining projects are as follows:

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| (1) Shweli-2 | 640 megawatts |
| (2) Nawchankha | 1055 megawatts |
| (3) Ayeyawady Myitson | 4100 megawatts |
| (4) Yinan | 1200 megawatts |
| (5) Khaunglanphu | 2700 megawatts |
| (6) Phizaw | 2000 megawatts |
| (7) Wuhsauk | 1800 megawatts |
| (8) Chipwe | 2800 megawatts |
| (9) Chipwenge | 99 megawatts |
| (10) Laikzar | 1900 megawatts |
| (11) Tarpein (1) | 240 megawatts |
| (12) Tarpein (2) | 168 megawatts |
| (13) Laymyo | 500 megawatts |
| (14) Ywathit | 600 megawatts |
| (15) Namtabat | 110 megawatts |
| (16) Nampun | 130 megawatts |
| (17) Htamanthi | 1200 megawatts |

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Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min reports progress of projects.
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Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented by Hydropower Planning Department under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.

Plant Project in Taninthayi Division to generate 6 megawatts.

Seven projects to be implemented jointly with the investment of foreign companies are: Naungpha/Mantawng Hydropower Project in Shan State (North) to generate 1200 megawatts, Ywathit Hydropower Project in Kayah State to generate 600 megawatts, Namtabat Hydropower Project in Kayah State to generate 110 megawatts, Nampun Hydropower Project in Kayah State to generate 130 megawatts, Nawchankha Hydropower Project in Kachin State to generate 1055 megawatts, Namloi Hydropower Project in Shan State (East) to generate 452 megawatts and Namkha Hydropower Project in Shan State (East) to generate 200 megawatts. On completion of 12 projects, electricity will be supplied to the national grid and local national grid network.

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Photo shows construction site of Yeywa Hydropower Project that can generate 790 megawatts.

The power plants to undergo major repairs are No. 3 Turbine of Ywama Power Plant, No. 1 Turbine of Ahlon Power Plant, Hlawga Recycle Steam Turbine, Ahlon Recycle Steam Turbine, Thakayta Recycle Steam Turbine, Hlawga Power Plant, Thakayta Power Plant, No. 3 Turbine of Kyunchaung Power Plant, Shwedaung Power Plant, Myanaung Power Plant, Mawlamyine Steam Turbine and Thaton Power Plant.

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(18) Shwesayay	660 megawatts
(19) Naungpha/Mantaung	1200 megawatts
(20) Upper Thanlwin (Kunglong)	1400 megawatts
(21) Namloi	452 megawatts
(22) Namkha	200 megawatts
(23) Tarhsan	7110 megawatts
(24) Hatgyi	1360 megawatts
(25) Tanihtay	600 megawatts

Moreover, the plans are under coordination to build two 540-megawatt coal-fired power plants in Yangon.

It is estimated that a total of 27 projects to be implemented with US\$ 38,584 million foreign investment will have 35,364 megawatts generating capacity. After the Special Projects Implementation Committee has given permissions, nine hydropower projects have been completed and 36 projects are under implementation.

Afterwards, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint submitted the reports on renovation of nine national grids, 10 main power

station projects and planned major repair of power plants.

With a view to implementing the projects to supply electricity, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is undertaking the national grids such as installation of 18 miles long Panlon-Namhsam 66-KV power grid project, three miles long power line from the Kyaukpahto-Shwegu-Bhamo 66-KV power grid to Naba Sub-Power Station project, 9.5 miles long 66-KV power line from Kyunchaung-Pakokku 66-KV Power Line (near Myitthay) to Kanma, 34 miles long Lashio-Hsenwi 66-KV power grid project, 15 miles long Hlinethaya-Ahlon 230-KV Twin Bun-

dle, Single Circuit power grid project, 0.9 mile long Hline River crossing (Ahlon) 230-KV Twin Bundle, Single Circuit

power grid project, 60 miles long Thaton-Mawlamyine Twin Bundle, Single Circuit power grid project, 40 miles long Naba-Mohnyin 66-KV power line project and 55 miles long Mohnyin-Mogaung 66-KV power line project.

Of them, Panlon-Namhsam Power Line Project has been completed and the remaining three are under implementation. Plans are under way to implement five projects.

The project to build the main power stations are: Namhsam (66/11) KV, 5 MVA Power Station



Workers of Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 installing power lines.

Project, Naba (55/33/11) KV, 10 MVA Power Station Project, the 66/11 KV, 5 MVA Power Station Project of Kanma Power Plant, Hsenwi 66/33 KV, 10 MVA Power Station Project, extension of substation bay extension at Hlinethaya Power Station, Ahlon 230.33 KV, 2x100 MVA Main Power Station Project, extension of one 230 KV Switch Bay at Thaton Power Plant, Mawlamyine 230/66/11 KV, 2x50 MVA Power Station Project, Mohnyin 66/11 KV, 5 MVA Power Station Project and Mogaung 66/11 KV, 5 MVA Power Station Project. Among them, Namhsam Power Station

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Ahlon Natural Gas Power Plant in Yangon Division.



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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on profit sharing for production of the oil and natural gas exploration blocks offshore Mottama, implementation of laying of pipelines and sales of natural gas from M-9 Mottama Offshore block of Zawtika Project to Thailand, and laying of natural gas pipelines to supply natural gas to local gas power plants

With a view to ensuring regional development and secure and smooth transportation in Ayeyawady Division, Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon railroad will be constructed to connect with Yangon-Pathein railroad at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). On completion, Kyangin-Pakokku railroad will link with the existing railroads to enable the local people to travel to

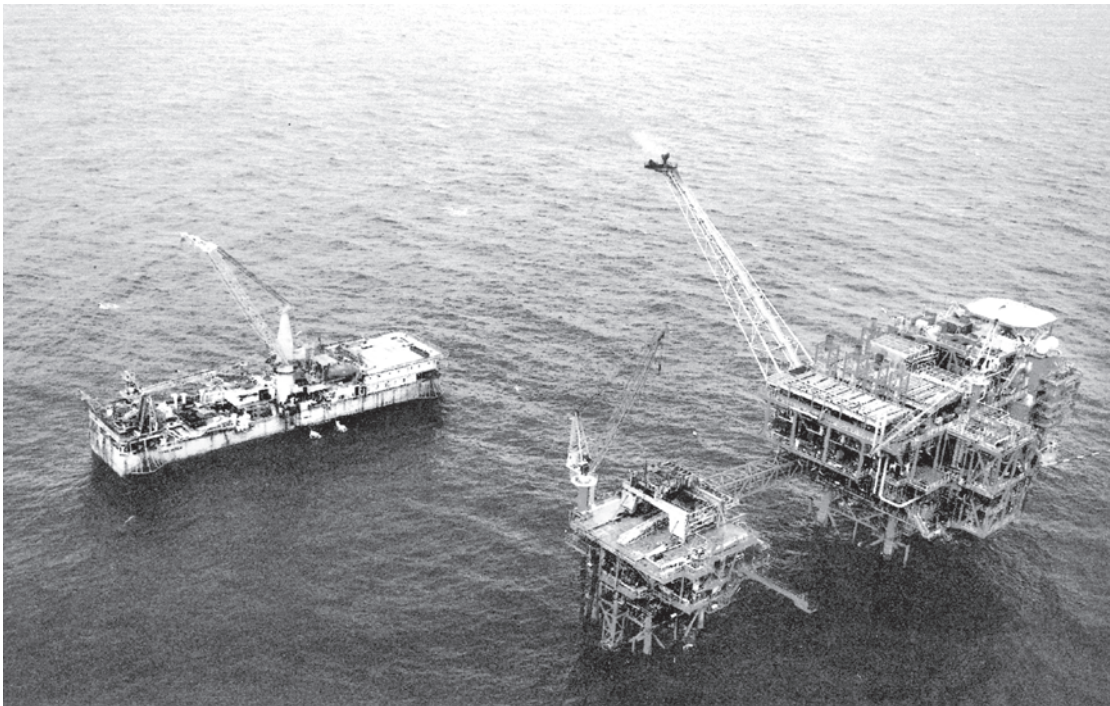
Patheingyi, Hinthada, Kyangin, Pakokku and Kalay on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and the railroad network will contribute much to development of the west bank of the river. Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon railroad will be 48 miles and it will pass through Zalun and Danubyu.

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building the National Railway Network to link with all States and Divisions. At present, six projects such as Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, Pyawbwe-Natmouk-Magway railroad, Katha-Bhamo railroad, Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, Dawei-Myeik railroad and Minbu-An-Sittway railroad are under construction. Likewise, construction of Patheingyi (Begayat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad started to link Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Division and



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reports on progress of projects.
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Yedagun oil and gas drilling platform exploring oil and natural gas at offshore Mottama.

Yangon. The railroad will be 89 miles long and it will pass Einme, Pantanaw and Nyaungdon.

After 1988, the government has extended over 1,381 miles of railroads, and the whole nation has now over 3,357 miles long railroad. The number of bridges has risen up to 10,760 from 5650, and the railway stations 858 from 487.

In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance. In his concluding remarks, the Senior General stressed the need to timely complete the projects for development of the nation. Especially, it is necessary to undertake the projects in the less developed regions as soon as possible. In this regard, it should seek ways and means to operate the State-owned businesses for commercially profitable. Especially, he stressed the need to scrutinize and maintain

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and the regions in Upper Myanmar.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented reports on matters related to construction of Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project, Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon railroad project and Patheingyi (Begayat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad project.

Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project will be implemented from Pyay (Shwedaga) on the west side of Bago mountain ranges to Toungoo (Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw on the east side of the mountain ranges. The railroad will be about 120 miles long passing Paungdale and Paukhaung.



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Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min explains facts about progress of rail-road projects. MNA



Ministry of Rail Transportation constructing Kengtung-Yanglu railroad section with the use of heavy machinery for better transport of local people.

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the State-owned factories showing loss due to inability to operate at full capacity.

The Senior General pointed out that all the people are to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation on self-reliant basis. To rely on own strength, it is necessary to enhance self-reliance. Only when they rely on their own strength, will the modern and developed nation emerge. He said that they have a great deal of tasks ahead to construct the nation in

the future. The Senior General noted that it is

important to implement the adopted development plans in coordination and cohesion.

Achievements of the development projects will reflect the better inter-relationship among the

national people and contribute to the flourishing of the Union Spirit.

The coordination meeting ended in the evening.

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Express train launches on the route of Aungtha-Bawditthaung railroad, part of circular railroad in Monywa, on 2-1-2010.

Progress reflects better livelihood of dwellers in Monywa, Sagaing Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Maj-Gen Nyan Tun of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Middle School (Branch) into BEMS at Pyindaw village in Kani Township of Monywa District, Sagaing Division on 3 March.

Next, he visited 16-bed Station Hospital at Thakhattane model village in Budalin Township and presented cash donation.

At Yaybutalin

River Water Pumping Project, Lt-Gen Tha Aye oversaw water pumping and main tributary canal.

After fulfilling the requirements on regional development tasks in meeting with officials and local people at Budalin Township PDC Office, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into Monywa-ChaungU road section.

At the briefing hall of Pauk-in wheat plantation of Myanmar Perennial Crops and Farming Enterprise in ChaungU Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye observed wheat strain and wheat plantation.

While in ChaungU Township, he inspected plantations along Myaung-Magyiboke-Pareinma road section.



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence unveils stone inscription of Basic Education Middle School in Pyindaw Village of Kani Township.—MNA

Before his visit to Ohndaw power station (branch) in Sagaing, Lt-Gen Tha Aye coordinated essentials for livelihood of local farmers at Shwepaukpin village.

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Tatmadaw Military Band Contest continues

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—The third day of the 18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Military Band Contest continued today at No (7) Transit Centre (Ywadow) in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Military Band Contest Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, members of the committee and servicemen.

Band company (2) representing Coastal Region Command, the band

representing North-West Command, the band representing Western Command, the band representing No 11 LID, Band company (1) representing Eastern Command, the band representing Southern Command, the band representing No 77 LID, the band representing South-West Command, Band company (3) representing Coastal Region Command participated in the today's competition.

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Myanmar Volleyball professional joins Vietnamese club

YANGON, 6 March—Selected Myanmar volleyball

player Kyaw Swa Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation who will join

Vietnamese Duc Long Club left Yangon, overseen by the officials at Yangon International Airport.

During his professional period from 6 to 22 March in Duc Long Club, he will earn US\$ 2500. Kyaw Swa Win is a second professional who will go abroad.—MNA



Myanmar professional volleyball player Kyaw Swa Win.

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Visitors at booth of Tokyo Pipe at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010.

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Development projects for Shan State (North) gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—After inspecting extended construction of Kongyan-Tarpar road in a motorcade on 28 February, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint fulfilled the

requirements on upgrading of 78-mile-long road section covering 66-mile Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monsi-Tarpar-Kongyan Road, and viewed arrival of heavy machinery and availability of tar.

He also looked into extension of road and leveling of ground, maintenance of Tarpar Bridge across Thanlwin River and road work along Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monsi-Tarpar road.—MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint strolling along Tarpar Suspension Bridge across Thanlwin River.—CONSTRUCTION

Tokyo Pipe partakes in Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010

YANGON, 6 March—Tokyo Pipe at Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, has

been housing Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010 from 5 to 7 March. Tokyo Pipe booth has also been partaking at the exhibition.

Maxi Beauty Soap, foreign-imported Imperial Leather Soap and Imperial Leather Product, Kyoto Midea Brand Electric, and wire cables were also put on display at the booth. Those products are also available at No. 520, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegondine, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 559744).—MNA



Work Coord Meeting for secure and smooth transport in Yangon Div

YANGON, 6 March—The Work coordination meeting of the Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport was held at the meeting hall of Yangon command yesterday.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The commander inspected Light Box sample to be installed at bus stops. At the meeting, the responsible persons presented matters on arrangements for university ferries, and traffic rules to the commander.

The meeting came to a stop with the remarks by the commander.—MNA

Queen Oramin-F comes out



Chan Mie Mie Ko wins Queen Oramin-F award with K 1 million cash prize.
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YANGON, 6 March—AA medical products Ltd held Oramin-F tonic held Queen Oramin-F contest at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda road here on 25 February.

The 29-candidates were picked up out of 300 candidates throughout the country. Among those selected, Chan Mie Mie Ko won Queen Oramin-F award with K 1 million cash prize; Ju Ju Kay, First Runner-Up prizes with k0.7 million; Thazin Htoo Naing, Second Runner-Up with K 0.4 million; Chu Thet Nwe,

Miss Photogenic award with k 0.2 million; Wint Darli Tun, Miss Personality with K 0.2 million; No No Kay, Best Complexion award with K 0.2 million; and Thwe May Htet, Best Costume award with K0.2 million.

AA Medical Products Ltd is distributing Oramin-F. Oramin-F contains Royal Jelly Vitamin-E Korea ginseng extract, vitamin and mineral. It can make skin smooth and young due to anti-aging effect.

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Flower News Journal Vol: 6 No. 10 comes out

YANGON, 6 March — Internet link of Yatanarpon Teleport was cut off by alien attack!

An interview with British Finance Minister about making more investment in banks! Want to read

Mon State sees parallel development in agriculture and road transport



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence views thriving summer paddy plantation in Zokthok Village of Bilin Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—On his inspection tour of Bilin Township on 3 March, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw together with Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win inspected summer paddy model farmland, plantations, nurseries and quality paddy strains at Zokthok village.

Next, he inspected Thaton-Hpa-an road section and completion of task at the beefing hall of

upgrading of Mya-san-inn short cut, and inspected development of Thaton.

On 4 March, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw called for soonest completion of road work and summer paddy plantations.

After hearing reports on work being carried out at the briefing hall of tarmacking of inter-district road No (2), Lt-Gen Khin Zaw oversaw road construction work and tasks for cleaning and beautifying of Mawlamyine.

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Global brand oil on show at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010



Sales of groundnut oil and sesame oil seen at Global booth at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition.—MNA

YANGON, 6 March — Booths from Aye Chan Mye General Trading Co., Ltd are on show at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 5 to 7 March. Global brand groundnut oil, produced from quality raw materials, can help people's health. Eating global sesame oil can help

protect from being diabetes. Global brand oil is available at No. 47/48, Bahosi housing, Lanmadaw Township, (ph-215031 and 227757); at No. 63, Lanmadaw street, Lanmadaw Township, (ph-212420 and 214516); at No. 8/12, Nguwah street, Bayintnaung, and at No.16 Hline River road, Hline Township (ph-095025433 and 705961) in Yangon, and Ph-02-33250 and 02-71546) in Mandalay.

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New tarred road inaugurated in Myawady

YANGON, 5 March—As a gesture of hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Thitsar tarred road was put into service in Ward 4 of Myawady in Kayin State on 3 March.

Col Khin Maung Htay of the local station, Chairman of Myawady District Peace and Development Council U Tun Tun Win and Chairman of Township PDC U Zaw Zaw Oo formally opened the 1790 feet by 14 feet facility.

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Dangerous Arctic Ocean methane leak found

FAIRBANKS, 6 March — US-led scientists say part of the Arctic Ocean seafloor that holds vast stores of frozen methane has started leaking the gas into the Earth's atmosphere. The international team of researchers warns the release of just a fraction of the methane stored in the shelf could trigger abrupt climate warming.

The scientists led by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Assistant Professor Natalia Shakhova and Associate Professor Igor Semiletov say the frozen methane is becoming unstable because of the melting of permafrost under the East Siberian Arctic Shelf.

The scientists said their study suggests the permafrost that had long been thought to be an impermeable barrier has become perforated.

"The amount of methane currently coming out of the East Siberian Arctic Shelf is comparable to the amount coming out of the entire world's oceans," said Shakhova. "Subsea permafrost is losing its ability to be an impermeable cap." Methane is a greenhouse gas more than 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

The East Siberian Arctic Shelf is a methane-rich area that encompasses more than 772,000 square miles of seafloor in the Arctic Ocean, more than three times as large as the Siberian wetlands that have been considered the primary Northern Hemisphere source of atmospheric methane.—*Internet*

Houston records highest unemployment rate among Texas metropolitan areas

HOUSTON, 6 March — The unemployment rate in Houston metropolitan area shot up to 8.8 percent in January 2010, the highest during the on-going recession or an increase of 0.6 percentage points higher than December, an authorized agency reported on Thursday.

With that rate, Houston area has seen the highest unemployment rate among the five largest metropolitan areas in Texas, including Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Fort-Worth, said Texas Workforce Commission, a state government agency in charge of over-

seeing and providing work development services to employers and job seekers in Texas.

The state agency said unemployment rate in Austin area hit an average 7.6 percent, Dallas-Ft. Worth area 8.7 percent, and San Antonio with a regional rate of about 7.7 percent in January, all up from the December unemployment rates.

Xinhua

Australian woman died after 'head was cut off during freak lawnmower accident'

Townsville, 6 March — An Australian woman walking to work was killed during a freak accident after she was struck in the head by flying metal thrown up by a grass cutter, which left her decapitated. The 42 year-old woman, who has not been named, is believed to have been struck by a 60cm piece of steel pipe, in what witnesses described as a "freak accident".

Workplace safety officials have launched an investigation into the accident, which occurred on Wednesday morning in the north Queensland town of Townsville. It is understood that the woman was decapitated and died instantly at the scene after walking past an empty block of land just after 8 am.—*Internet*

Norovirus confirmed in three people eating oysters from US state of Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 March — Three people were confirmed to be sickened by norovirus after eating oysters originated from the US state of Oregon, local media reported on Thursday.

Authorities have received reports of 16 people in the US states of Oregon, Washington and Massachusetts who got sick after eating the oysters harvested from Yaquina Bay in Oregon, The

Oregonian newspaper said in a report.

Specimens were taken from four people and lab tests showed that three were positive for norovirus with results on the fourth case still pending. The 16 people ate the oysters in restaurants or bought them in stores and most of them were sick a day or two and

have recovered, Meredith Vandermeer, an epidemiologist from Oregon's Public Health Division, was quoted as saying.

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis in people with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and some stomach cramping.—*Xinhua*

Two killed as waves hit cruise ship

BARCELONA, 6 March — Two passengers were killed and six injured on

Wednesday when three giant 26-foot waves crashed into a cruise ship in the Mediterranean, authorities said.

The Cypriot-owned *Louis Majesty* liner was hit by "abnormally high" waves off the northeast coast of Spain that smashed windows in a passenger area at the front of the ship, BBC News reported.

The ship, with 1,350 passengers and 580 crew, had been heading to Genoa, Italy, as part of a

12-day Mediterranean cruise but put into Barcelona, Spain, after the incident, the BBC said.

The two male victims were identified as one German and one Italian.

"Louis Cruises extends its sincere condolences to the families of the two victims and its full support to the injured passengers while expressing its deep sorrow for the incident," a company statement said.

Internet



A container ship passes through the San Francisco Bay on its way to the Pacific Ocean. US President Barack Obama's administration is boosting the budget of a government trade agency as part of its bid to double exports over the next five years, a top commerce official said on Thursday.— *INTERNET*



Passenger Margit Kohe Ternes of Germany talks to reporters after getting off the Cypriot-owned *Louis Majesty* cruise ship, background, at Barcelona's port, Spain, on 4 March, 2010.

INTERNET

Waste watchers? UK group fears trash bin spies

LONDON, 6 March — It's the new front in the nanny state: Microchips placed in garbage bins to monitor how much people throw away.

A pro-privacy group warns in a new report that more than 2.6 million of the chips have been surreptitiously installed in what is seen as a first step toward charging those who toss too much.

Proponents say it's a bid to push recycling. Opponents say it stinks.

"They should mind their own business," said Terry Williams, an unemployed Londoner who thinks the government is meddling. "I believe they have gone too far. It's not like we are

throwing away anything that is illegal."

The advocacy group Big Brother Watch found through a series of Freedom of Information requests that many local governments, called councils in Britain, are installing the microchips in trash cans distributed to households, but in most cases have not yet activated them — in part because officials know the move would be unpopular.

"They are waiting for the political climate to change before they start using them," said campaign director Dylan Sharpe, who predicted that families that produce large amounts of garbage would be fined.—*Internet*



Wheelin bins await collection from Belfast City Council, in east, Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Friday, 5 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Magnitude 6.5 earthquake shakes Indonesian Sumatra

JAKARTA, 6 March — A magnitude-6.5 undersea earthquake shook the western shore of Indonesia's Sumatra Island on Friday, causing panic but no casualties or damage, an official said.

The quake struck late at night 74 miles (119 kilometres) southeast of Pagai Selatan, an island off the western coast of Sumatra, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency official Gian Ginanjar said.

The quake struck 6 miles (10 kilometres) beneath the Indian Ocean bed. There was no tsunami potential, he said.

Internet

Flash flooding in Australian state of Victoria forces families from homes

CANBERRA, 6 March — Flash flooding in parts of central Victoria has forced several families evacuate from their homes.

Almost 45 millilitres of rainfall was dumped on Bendigo late on Friday afternoon, causing the creek to overflow and flash flooding, the *Australian Associated Press* reported.

Regional manager State Emergency Service (SES) northwest region, Graeme Poulton, said the areas of Kangaroo Flat and Golden square were the hardest hit.—*Xinhua*

Three more Spanish boats attacked by pirates in Indian Ocean

MADRID, 6 March — Three more ships in Spain's tuna fishing fleet have been attacked by pirates in the Indian Ocean, the Spanish state television network RTVE reported on Friday.

The news came in just 24 hours after another Spanish ship, the *Albacora*, reportedly repelled an attempted pirate assault around 400 kilometres off the coast of Kenya, thanks in part to the work of its professional security guards on board.

The new attacks took place at a similar distance from the Kenyan coast, but the Spanish fishing boats were able to escape thanks in part to the help of an Italian warship and two helicopters.—*Xinhua*

Coins from Alexander the Great found in Syria

More than 250 silver coins dating back to the time of Alexander the Great were unearthed in northern Syria, a Syrian archaeologist said. Youssef Kanjo, the head of archaeological excavations in the ancient city of Aleppo, said the coins were discovered two weeks ago in northern Syria when a local man was digging the foundations of his new home. The man handed the coins, that were found in a bronze box, to authorities, Kanjo said in a telephone interview with *The Associated Press*.

The coins date from the Hellenic period, which ranges from 4th to the 1st cen-

turies BC after Macedonian warrior-King Alexander the Great spread Greek culture into Middle East and beyond with his conquests. Kanjo added that the box contained two groups of coins, 137 "tetra" drachmas (four drachmas) and 115 single drachma coins. One side of the tetra drachma coins depicts Alexander the Great, while the other side shows the Greek god Zeus sitting on a throne with an eagle perched on his extended arm.

Some of the coins bear the inscription King Alexander in Greek, while others say Alexander or carry the name of King Philip, most likely referring to his father.



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA Hellenistic coins dating back to the era of Alexander the Great are seen after they were discovered in northern Syria, the head of the archaeological excavation department in the Aleppo province said.



A shark was trapped by a frisbee around its neck on the ocean bed off Palm Beach. Two brave divers were trying to save it.

Gorilla mystery solved after 54 years

A 77-year-old British man revealed the temporary theft of a stuffed gorilla from a museum in 1956 was a student prank he perpetrated with two friends.

Fred Hooper, 77, said he and two friends sprung Alfred, a stuffed silverback gorilla that died in 1948 at England's Bristol Zoo, from the Bristol museum in 1956 while they were undergraduates at the University of Bristol, the *Daily Mail* reported.

"It was initially my idea. I was about 23 at the time and I thought it would be a great rag week jape," Hooper said.

"We took Alfred because he was such a big Bristol personality and he was close by."

Hooper said he and his friends held onto the gorilla for about 60 hours before abandoning him in a nearby doctor's office for authorities to find.



See what you can play with your fingers.

Computers understand women better than men

Researchers at Edinburgh University have discovered voice recognition computers understand women better than men.

According to the study computers become confused as men "umm" and "err" more frequently.

Voice recognition is still in its infancy and many phrases can sound similar to computers. Variations in pitch, tone and speed can also cause the system to misunderstand voices.

The fact that most people inhale before speaking can also confuse computers. Scientists said it was difficult to design a computer software that could understand so many different kinds of voices but the new research

may help improve it.

The study, a collaboration between the University of Edinburgh and Stanford University in the US, was published in the journal *Speech Communication*. It was sponsored by the Edinburgh-Stanford Link and the US Office of Naval Research.

Dr Sharon Goldwater, of Edinburgh University's school of informatics, who led the research, said, "Voices vary from one person to the next and it is challenging to design a computer system that can understand lots of different voices. We hope that by closely studying how people speak and how machines process this, we can help create better systems that will be simple and efficient for people to use."

NEWS ALBUM

SPORTS

Ivory Coast make approach for Hiddink

LONDON, 6 March—Leading African soccer nation Ivory Coast have admitted making an approach for Guus Hiddink to coach them during the 2010 World Cup finals which kick off in June. Hiddink



Guus Hiddink is in the frame to be named Ivory Coast national coach during this summer's World Cup finals.— INTERNET

led Russia during the World Cup qualifying campaign, but they failed to reach the finals after crashing out in the play-offs — and his contract with the side ends in June.

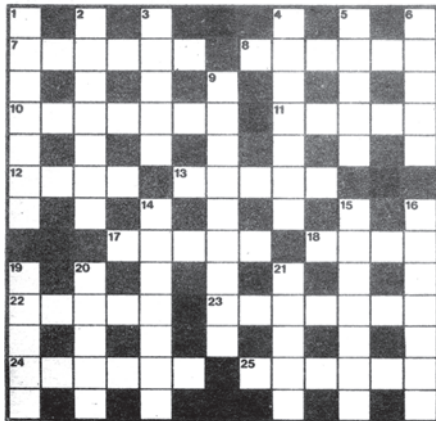
The Dutchman has agreed to take over as Turkey's national coach in August, leaving him free, if necessary, to lead the Ivory Coast in South Africa. Hiddink, 63, has a wealth of international coaching experience, having led the Netherlands, Australia and South Korea, as well as some top club sides, notably Premier League giants Chelsea.—*Internet*

Bayern out to consolidate lead against Cologne

BERLIN, 6 March—Bayern Munich will be looking to cement or even extend their newly gained place at the top of the Bundesliga this weekend as second and third-placed Bayer Leverkusen and Schalke snap at their heels.

A scorcher of a goal from French striker Franck Ribery was enough for Bayern to beat fourth-placed Hamburg 1-0 last Sunday and take the Bavarian giants top for the first time since winning the title in 2008.—*Internet*

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Woods does not enter CA Championship

MIAMI, 6 March—The waiting for Tiger Woods' return to competitive golf continues.

As expected, Woods did not enter the field for next week's CA Championship at Doral, marking the first time he'll miss that World Golf Championship event. Players had until 5 p.m. Friday to commit to that event.

In all, 64 players will be at Doral, including Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson, the two players immediately behind Woods in the world ranking. Woods resumed practicing about a week ago but has not said when he'll play again. He has won on Doral's Blue Monster three times in his career.—*Internet*

Chelsea seek to silence sceptics with Cup progress

LONDON, 6 March—The scale of the hangover from Chelsea's traumatic defeat by Manchester City will become apparent when the FA Cup holders entertain Stoke in the last eight of this season's competition this weekend. Carlo Ancelotti's squad remain on track for a league, cup and Champions League treble but the 4-2 home defeat by City has been interpreted by some as heralding the imminent collapse of their challenge on all three fronts.

Ill-discipline, ragged defending and poor goalkeeping all contributed to Chelsea's first home defeat since November 2008 and Ancelotti will expect an immediate response from his players when Stoke visit Stamford Bridge on Sunday in the last of the quarter-final ties.—*Internet*

Michael Owen ruled out for rest of season

LONDON, 6 March—Manchester United striker Michael Owen will not play again this season after pulling his hamstring in the 2-1 Carling Cup final win over Aston Villa. The 30-year-old, who scored United's equaliser at Wembley, pulled up while chasing a pass in the first half. The injury all but ends Owen's hopes of playing for England at the World Cup.

"It is more serious than we thought. I think the heavy pitch at Wembley played some part, but it's also bad luck," said United manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Owen, who will have one year remaining on his two-year contract at Old Trafford at the end of this season, was initially expected to be out for only a few weeks, but will now undergo surgery on Monday.—*Internet*

Tiger Woods' caddy says sex scandal came as a surprise

WASHINGTON, 6 March—The man closest to Tiger Woods when he plays golf says he had no idea about the extramarital affairs that have sidelined Woods from the game. Steve Williams, Woods' caddy and confidant for nearly a decade, talked to New Zealand's TV3 about the scandal. "I knew nothing,"



Steve Williams, shown with Tiger Woods in September, says he's disappointed in his friend, but supportive.— INTERNET

Williams said in an interview posted on the station's Web site Thursday. "I don't need to clarify it, extend that answer. I knew nothing." Williams said he's heard the calls from some that he should be fired for not preventing Woods' downfall. "In some people's perception, I'm involved with it, and I've committed a crime or done wrong," he said.

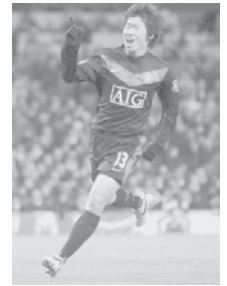
"If the shoe was on somebody else, I would say the same thing, it would be very difficult for the caddy not to know," he said. "But I'm 100 percent telling you, I knew nothing, and that's that." Williams' wife, Kirsty, defended her husband, insisting he would not have been able to keep the secret from her or Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren.

—*Internet*

Arsenal manager impressed by Korean stars

LONDON COLNEY, 6 March—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admits the success of South Korean players in the Premier League has made him reconsider the possibility of signing Asian stars. Wenger knows the qualities of Asian players better than most in Europe after spending 18 months working in Japan as manager of Grampus Eight, but Japanese midfielder Junichi Inamoto has been his only signing from the region since taking over at Arsenal 14 years ago.

Inamoto's failure to make an impact in the Premier League convinced Wenger that Asians were a risky investment. However, he has been forced to think



Wenger is especially impressed with the 29-year-old's Park Ji-Sung ability to combine endless energy with a knack of scoring important goals.— INTERNET

again after seeing Korean stars Park Ji-Sung and Lee Chung-Yong in action at Manchester United and Bolton respectively.

—*Internet*

Ferguson counting on character to deliver title

WOLVERHAMPTON, 6 March—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson feels his team's character will give them the edge in a three-way



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson

fight for the Premier League title with Chelsea and Arsenal. Chelsea let United and the Gunners off the hook last weekend with their surprise 4-2 home defeat to Manchester City. Carlo Ancelotti's side are in FA Cup action against Stoke on Sunday and United could move two points clear of the Blues with a victory over Wolves at Molineux.

—*Internet*

Montpellier eye miracle rise to Ligue 1 summit

PARIS, 6 March—Ligue 1 leaders and defending champions Bordeaux meet second-placed Montpellier on Sunday as the newly-promoted southern club eye an unlikely rise to the top of the French championship.

Both sides are level on 51 points although Bordeaux have two games in hand over Rene Girard's men, who are back in France's top flight for the first time in five years. The Montpellier manager conceded his team are unlikely to steal Bordeaux's league crown but warned his opposite number Laurent Blanc to expect a stern test when they meet at the Girondins' Stade Chaban Delmas.—*Internet*



Workers cover the Oscar statue with plastic at the entrance of the Kodak Theater near the red carpet arrival area in preparation for the 82nd Academy Awards at Hollywood & Highland Courtyard on 3 March. Iraq war drama "The Hurt Locker" is set for an Oscars shoot-out with science-fiction epic "Avatar" Sunday as the movie industry descends on Hollywood for the 82nd Academy Awards.

INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (7-3-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions

	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (7-3-10 11:30 am ~ 8-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

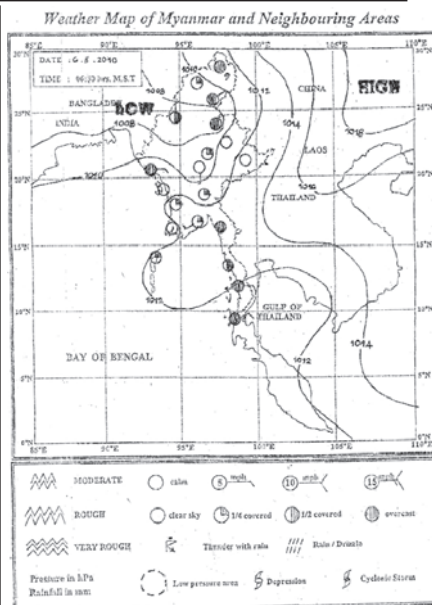
- * Signature Tune
- * The Famous Floating Market
- * The Pindaya Natural Cave
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- * Feel Pretty... in a Rawan Outfit
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-I)
- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Traditional Food..... Soya Bean
- * Music Gallery
- * Kengtung: Town in the beautiful Valley
- * Border Towns in Northern Shan State
- * Traditional Pagoda Festivals of Mrauk U
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-5)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 6th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5 °C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) below March average temperatures in Mon State and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each, Myingyan, NyaungU and Monywa (40 °C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.39) inch and Machanbaw (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-3-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 6-3-2010 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-3-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 5-3-2010 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-3-2010 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 Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 5-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7th March 2010: Likelihood of isolated rain in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine States and Taninthayi 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 rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-3- 2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-3- 2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-3- 2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Sunday, 7
March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝိသုဒ္ဓိတရားတော်

7:15 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော် (၃၈)မြှာမင်္ဂလာ

8:25 am

7. (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော် နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Connect with English (Episode-30)(Life Goes On)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:5 am

2. Musical Programme

11:15 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:25 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၈)

12:20 am

5. Golf Magazine(TV)

12:40 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ဒီဇိုလီဇာတ်လမ်း "ပန်းနေကြလေး လန်းနေချင်"(ထွန်းထွန်း၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်၊ သခွာဝင့်ကျော်၊ ပြည့်ဖိုးနိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းစိုး)

2:15 pm

7. သက်တံ့ရောင်သံစဉ်

2:30 pm

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:55 pm

9. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

4:30 pm

4. အတေးသံတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သပိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သပိုင်း)

4:45 pm

5. Song For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. နှောင်းနောင်တ

5:05 pm

7. (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော် နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:15 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS'ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၃)

6:40 pm

12. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ချောင်းဟန့်သံ" (လေယူကောင်းရာနံ့သစ်၊ ခင်ခင်ကြီးအေးချမ်းမိုး၊ ချစ်စုစုလောမွန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နွယ်သား" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောတောင်ငယ်သိုင်း ညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၇)

8:15 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:30 pm

19. ရုပ်သံကြွယ်ပွင့်များ
20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Vietnamese delegation

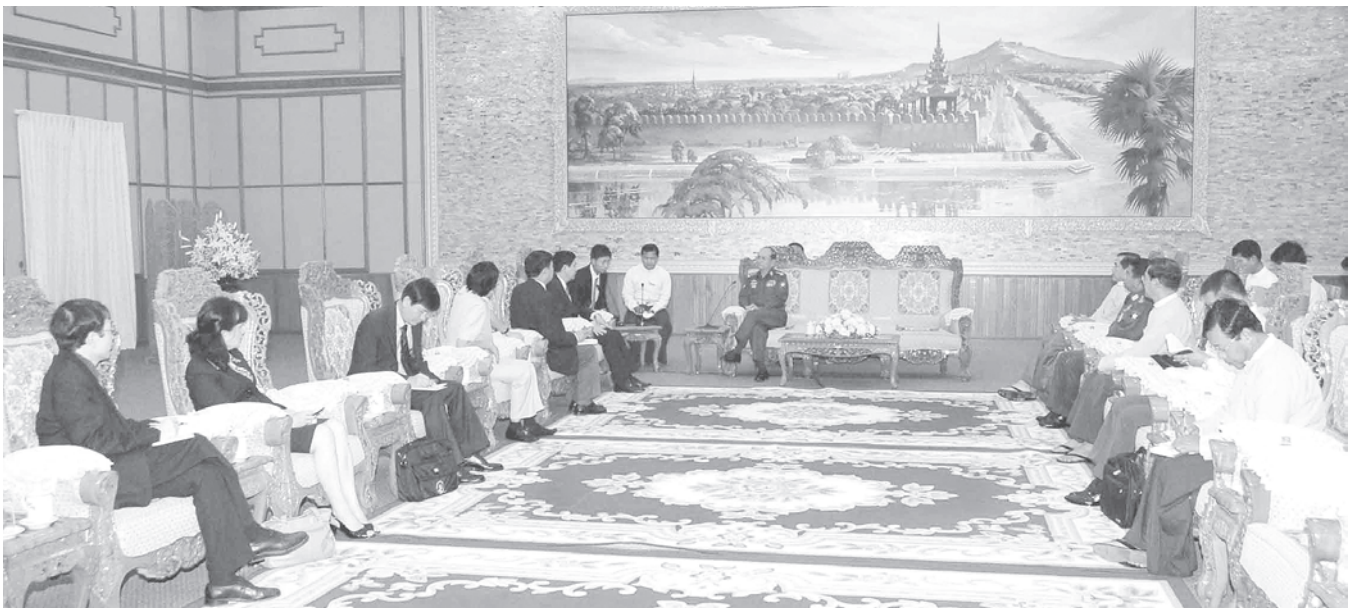
NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr. Cao Duc Phat of the

Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the Government Office, here, at 10.30 a.m. today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and departmental heads.

The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung.

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