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Who says Pakokku arid?

Myanmar is an agro-based country and thus agricultural production has much impact on economic growth of the nation. Myanmar once had to rely heavily on rainwater for agriculture and the amount of rainfall was a determining factor in harvest. It was however in the past. Following the emergence of a stream of irrigation facilities across the nation, farmers now don't have to worry any longer praying for rain.

In Pakokku District, Irrigation Department has so far built 71 small-scale lakes and dams which are

**Byline: Kyaw Sein;
Photos: Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)**

The dam which cost K 100 million is 2,300 feet in length and 28 feet in height. The maximum storage capacity is 2,400 acre feet and the water spread area 120 acres. The dam has 40-foot wide concrete main spillway, one emergency spillway and 87-foot long



Irrigation facilities including Wunyu Dam shown in the picture say Pakokku region is not arid anymore.

now benefiting 8,628 acres of farmland. Now, the department has just added Wunyu Dam for Tajaung, Kanzunma and Ahungyi village-tracts in Seikphyu Township. The earthen type irrigation facility has been built by damming up the confluence of Wunyu Creek and Thinpaung Creek. It is located near Kazunma Village in Seikphyu Township and can irrigate 345 acres of farmland.

conduit. The 12000-foot long channel is formed with 11 structures.

Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lwin of Irrigation Department said that Pakokku was an arid region with average annual rainfall of 30 inches and Wunyu Dam would somewhat facilitate food security and greening of the region as well as higher income of the farmers.

In-charge of the dam Deputy Staff Officer U

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

Soe Tint told us "Previously, rainwater has been the only source of water for agricultural purpose. To grow summer paddy was mere a dream. But, this dream has now come true. People are pleased as they can get not only irrigation water but potable water too."

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Giant panda genome reveals new insights into the bear's bamboo diet



A panda eats a large bamboo stalk.

BEIJING, 7 March—A Chinese-led team including international researchers with a scientist from Cardiff University, has shed new light on some of the giant panda's unusual biological traits, including its famously restricted diet. The team has successfully sequenced the panda genome for the first time and now, the genetic

insights gleaned from the work may aid conservation efforts for the endangered species.

Giant pandas are known for their bamboo diet but the researchers discovered that the animal actually lacks the genes necessary for compete digestion of this staple food source.

Professor Mike Bruford, Cardiff School of Biosciences, worked on the study as part of an ongoing collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Zoology, funded by the Royal Society.

Xinhua

Ancient corals hold new hope for reefs

SCIENCE DAILY, 7 March—Fossil corals, up to half a million years old, are providing fresh hope that coral reefs may be able to withstand the huge stresses imposed on them by today's human activity.

Reef ecosystems were able to persist through massive environmental changes imposed by sharply falling sea levels during previous ice ages, an international scientific team has found. This provides new hope for their capacity to endure the increasing human impacts forecast for the

21st century.

In the world's first study of what happened to coral reefs when ocean levels sank to their lowest recorded level—over 120 metres below today's

level—a study carried out on eight fossil reefs in Papua New Guinea's Huon Gulf region has concluded that a rich diversity of corals managed to survive, although they were different in composition to the corals under more benign conditions.—Internet



Huon Peninsula raised reef terraces.

PERSPECTIVES

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Dam projects for national development

The number of the dams the government has constructed throughout the nation for ensuring adequate supply of irrigation water in the agricultural sector and supply of safe water and irrigation water in the arid zones has touched 231 so far.

The dam projects to be launched soon are Minmyin Dam Project, Mokka Dam Project, Natkar Dam Project and Phayahla Dam Project.

Earthen-type Minmyin Dam Project will be implemented by damming the Minmyin Creek, about 2.5 miles east of Shankon Village, Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division. On completion, it will be able to benefit some 2000 acres of farmlands and green nearby areas.

Upon completion, Mokka Dam Project to be implemented by damming the Mokka Creek, upstream Banbwagon Village, Minhla Township, Bago Division (West), will be able to benefit about 1000 acres of farmlands in Minhla Township.

Natkar Dam Project to be implemented with the use of the Natkar Creek near Mei-dee Village, Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District, Mandalay Division, will be able to benefit about 1200 acres of farmlands and contribute regional greening. And Phayahla Dam Project will be able to irrigate about 800 acres of farmlands in Hainggyigyun, Labutta District, Ayeyawady Division.

The government is digging deep in the funds for special projects in the interest of not only the people but also their posterity. So, the people on their part have to do their bit in the projects for national economic growth and boosting agricultural production.

Three writers satisfy readers with books

YANGON, 7 March—Bagan Literary House

recently published three books for the readers.

The first book entitled "San Wa-Mi Hmay" written by Hsinbyukyun Aung Thein carries three short stories portraying rural



A Book entitled "1000 years period of our Myanmar literature" by Maung Khin Min (Danubyu).—MNA



A Book entitled "Yin-kwe-kaung & Gambiya eye" by Maung Wunna. MNA



A Book entitled "San Wa-Mi Hmay" written by Hsinbyukyun Aung Thein. MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Myanmar, China focus on greater cooperation in bridge construction

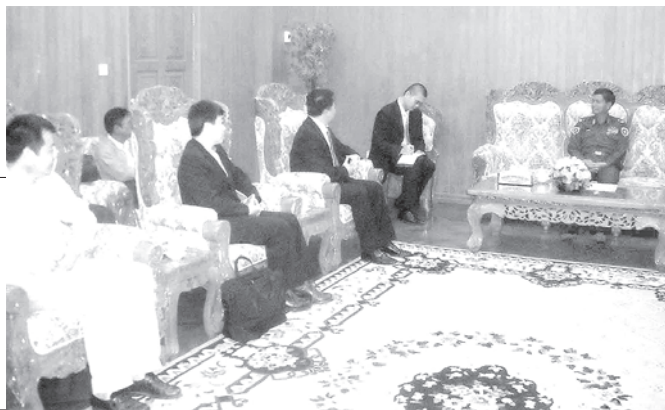
NAY PYI TAW, 7 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr. Song Zhe of China CAMC Engineering Co. Ltd of the People's Republic of China and party at his office here on 4 March.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minister U Tint Swe, Managing Director U Khin Maung Hse of Public Works and Director-General U Aung

Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development. They discussed matters related to

construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr. Song Zhe of China CAMC Engineering Co. MNA

Myanmar Post Journal for esteemed lovers in circulation

YANGON, 7 March—The United Media Group scenes.

The second book entitled "1000 years period of our Myanmar literature" by Maung Khin Min (Danubyu) comprises 42 articles depicting brief history of the Myanmar literature from the 11th Century to the 21st Century.

The third entitled "Yin-kwe-kaung & Gambiya eye" by Maung Wunna combined with five short stories features love scenes.

MNA

located at the junction of West Horse Race Course Road and Saya San Road, Yankin Township, here, published Myanmar Post Journal Volume 2, No. 10 today.

The journal conveys

production of export quality FAME medicine with the use of alternative technology and Oscar awarding ceremony-2010 to journal lovers. And other local and international news and

articles written by renowned writers are also ready for bookworms.

The Unite Media Group has also been publishing The Star News journal on every Friday.—MNA

Best quality tyres for users

YANGON, 7 March—The booth of Supercool Retread Tyre was opened at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 5 March till today.

KYI Brothers Industries Co Ltd manufactures 200 Supercool brand retread tyres per day since June 2008 in line with the standard of TUV ISO 9001.

Supercool Retread Tyre are available at the factory of KYI Brothers Industries Co Ltd at No. 170 on U Tayokegyi Road in Industrial Zone-4 in Hlinethaya Township. Customers may dial 728351,

685144, 098515101 and 098516017. Show-rooms are opened at Za/19 at Bayintnaung Brokerage in Yangon,

Tel: 681794 and at 16 on 36th Street between 82nd and 83rd Streets, Tel: 098516016.

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Photo shows booth of Supercool Retread Tyre at Myanmar Industrial Exhibition-2010. MNA



File photo show, a Dish Network booth at the Consumer Electronics Shows in Las Vegas, is shown. Dish Network gained more subscribers for the third straight quarter, and the nation's second-largest satellite TV operator reported on 1 March, 2010, a better-than-expected fourth-quarter profit even though its earnings declined.—INTERNET

AIDS rise may force India to spend more

NEW DELHI, 7 March—India will have to scale up prevention of HIV to avoid having to spend an increasing share of its health budget on treatment of AIDS patients, the World Bank and other agencies said on Sunday.

New Delhi spends about 5 percent of its \$5.4 billion healthcare budget on treating AIDS patients.

India with 2.5 million patients is among the top three countries with the highest number of HIV cases, alongside South Africa and Nigeria.

But with HIV cases showing signs of rising in the capital New Delhi, in the financial hub of Mumbai, in the north and the northeast, the cost of treatment in India could

rise to \$1.8 billion by 2020, about 7 percent of the total health expenditure, the World Bank says.

Internet

Iraq arrests Four al-Qaeda leaders, suicide bomber

BAQUBA, 7 March—Iraqi security forces arrested four al-Qaeda local leaders in the country's eastern Diyala Province on Saturday, while a suicide bomber was captured in western Baghdad, police said.

Salim Mohammed Zaidan, a leader of al-Qaeda militant group in Diyala Province, and two of his aides were captured by Iraqi security forces in a village some 55 km north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Zaidan was believed to be involved in ordering the killing of many Iraqis, while one of his aides was the person who carried out the beheadings of the vic-

tims, the source said.

In a separate incident, the Iraqi forces captured Abu Hamza, another local leader of al-Qaeda militant group, in an abandoned house in a rural area outside the town of Buhruz, south of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source added.

Abu Hamza was captured with his explosive vest, the source said, adding the detainee confessed that he was preparing to carry out a suicide bomb attack against a polling centre in the town of Buhruz during Sunday's parliamentary elections.

Xinhua

Three killed, 54 injured in Najaf car bombing

BAGHDAD, 7 March—Two Iranian pilgrims and an Iraqi were killed and 54 others wounded in a car bomb explosion near a Shiite shrine in the holy city of Najaf in south of Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said. A

booby-trapped car parked near a security checkpoint close to the Shiite shrine of Imam Ali in the holy city of Najaf detonated near a bus carrying Iranian pilgrims, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The wounded people include 37 Iranians and 17 Iraqis who were at the explosion site, the source said. First police report put the toll at two Iranians killed and eight injured by the blast in Najaf, some 160 km south of Baghdad.

Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier stands guard as a man inspects the wreckage of a bus at the site of an explosion in Najaf.

INTERNET

Seven killed in Baghdad mortar attack

BAGHDAD, 7 March—Iraqi police and hospital officials say a mortar attack in Baghdad has killed four people in western Baghdad bringing the number of people who've died as Iraqis go to the polls on Sunday to seven.

Officials said part of the building was destroyed, and ten others were wounded in the incident.

All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

An Associated Press photographer on the scene described rescuers pulling bodies from the building, but police prevented anyone from filming or taking pictures.

Militants have vowed to disrupt Iraq's nationwide parliamentary election, and the opening of polls was met with a volley of mortar attacks and bombings across the city and explosions in other parts of the country.—Internet

Bomb blast kills one civilian, wounds two in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 March—One civilian was killed and two others were injured as a bomb ripped through a market in Khost Province, east Afghanistan on Saturday, army officer Mohammad Zahir said.

"The blast took place in a money exchange bazaar at 01:00 pm local time killing one innocent person and injuring two others," Zahir told Xinhua.

Blaming the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban outfit by Afghan officials for the attack, saying the enemies by conducting subversive activities want to destabilize the province.

Xinhua

Smoke forces JetBlue flight back to Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, 7 March—Puerto Rican officials say a JetBlue flight bound for Florida with 39 passengers on board was forced to return to San Juan after the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit.

Ports Authority director Alvaro Pilar said Flight 1762 was en route to Fort Lauderdale when it returned to Puerto Rico's international airport shortly before 5 am (4 am EST; 0800 GMT) on Saturday.

He said passengers evacuated the plane through emergency exits, but no one was injured.

They were then placed on another plane that has already arrived in Florida.

Internet

Chilean soldiers load supplies into Blackhawk helicopters in Concepcion. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was to visit the earthquake-struck Chilean city of Concepcion as new fears spread among Chileans following three strong aftershocks.

INTERNET



Toyota could start new US plant in June 2011

TOKYO, 7 March — Toyota Motor Corp will start operating its new plant in Mississippi as early as June 2011, the Tokyo Shimbun newspaper said on Sunday, as the Japanese automaker works to regain trust in the United States.

Toyota, suffering from a drop in profits and a dent in its quality reputation after recalling over 8.5 million vehicles globally for accelerator and brake related problems, has a major presence as an employer in the United States.

It has established 10 manufacturing facilities in the United States and other operations that employ 33,400 people. Indirect employment, including dealers, accounts for another 160,700 jobs.

The state of Mississippi is suffering from an unemployment rate of 10.6 percent and the state government has been pressing Toyota to soon start the plant, which was originally set to commence operations in the second half of 2010, the Tokyo Shimbun reported.

In December 2008, Toyota suspended work on the Mississippi assembly

plant, where it plans to build the Prius hybrid, in response to the decline in US auto sales. Toyota executives including president Akio Toyoda have been questioned in US congressional hearings after recalling over 6 million vehicles in the United States since October, and possible glitches in throttle software are key in the US investigations.

Internet



A Toyota mechanic fixes the anti-lock brake (ABS) software on a Prius hybrid vehicle at a dealer's repair shop at Nagoya city in Aichi prefecture, in central Japan, February 2010.—INTERNET

Panasonic, Best Buy to tie up on 3D TV sales

TOKYO, 7 March — Panasonic Corp will tie up with the top US electronics chain Best Buy Co to market and boost the sales of its 3D TVs in the United States, the Nikkei business daily reported on Sunday.

The report comes ahead of the world's fourth-largest flat TV maker's launch of its 3D TV in the United States

this month amid rivalry with TV makers such as Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, LG Electronics Inc and Sony Corp.

Best Buy will set up special exhibition corners where its customers can view 3D videos in its 300 stores in major US cities. This will expand to 1,000 stores by the end of the year, the Nikkei reported.

Panasonic's 3D TVs in

the United States will be about 30 percent cheaper than those that go on sale in Japan in April, but will not have internet access capabilities. A 50-inch TV will cost about \$2,500 in the United States, the Nikkei said.

The sci-fi blockbuster "Avatar" and other recent titles have sparked great interest in 3D films and prompted studios to plan a stampede of new movies, boding well for 3D TVs.—Internet

A pair of Active Shutter 3D glasses sit on top of a Panasonic 3D Blu-ray player during a news conference at the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show.—INTERNET



Mitsubishi, Peugeot capital tie-up may happen

TOKYO, 7 March — The president of Mitsubishi Motors has not ruled out a future capital tie-up with France's Peugeot, reports said Sunday. The two companies announced last week that they had scrapped talks on an ambitious capital tie-up that would have created the world's sixth-largest auto alliance, after reports of financial discord.

The announcement came after PSA Peugeot chief Philippe Varin and Mitsubishi Motors president Osamu Masuko met at the Geneva Motor Show.

On his return, however, the president of the debt-laden Japanese maker hinted they may try again, the Nikkei economic daily and other media said.—Internet

China-Russia oil pipeline to be completed this year

BEIJING, 7 March — The China-Russia oil pipeline is likely to be completed by the end of this year and the project will enter into operation in 2011, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here Sunday.

Yang made the remarks at the Press conference held Sunday on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, the country's top legislature. Yang said the China-Russia relation is one of the priorities of China's diplomacy and that there is much potential in the practical cooperation and development for both countries.

Xinhua

Message of the UN Secretary General on International Women's Day

8 March 2010

"Equal rights, equal opportunities: progress for all"

Gender equality and women's empowerment are fundamental to the global mission of the United Nations to achieve equal rights and dignity for all. This is a matter of basic human rights, as enshrined in our founding Charter and the Universal Declaration. It is part of the Organization's very identity.

But equality for women and girls is also an economic and social imperative. Until women and girls are liberated from poverty and injustice, all our goals — peace, security, sustainable development — stand in jeopardy.

Fifteen years ago at the Fourth World Conference on Women, Governments pledged to advance equality, development and peace for all women everywhere. The landmark Beijing Declaration has had a deep and wide-ranging impact. It has guided policy making and inspired new national laws. It has sent a clear message to women and girls around the world that equality and opportunity are their inalienable rights.

There are many examples of progress, thanks in large part to the resolute efforts of civil society organizations. Most girls now receive an education, particularly at primary level, and more women are now more likely to run businesses or participate in government. A growing number of countries have legislation that supports sexual and reproductive health and promotes gender equality.

Nonetheless, much work remains. Maternal mortality remains unacceptably high, too few women have access to family planning, and violence against women remains a cause for global shame. In particular, sexual violence during conflict is endemic. The Security Council last year adopted two strong resolutions on this issue and I have just appointed a special representative to mobilize the international community to address these crimes. My "UNite to End Violence against Women" campaign and the recently launched Network of Men Leaders are striving to expand our global advocacy efforts.

One key lesson of the past decade-and-a-half is the importance of addressing broader discrimination and injustice. Gender stereotyping and discrimination remain common in all cultures and communities. Early and forced marriage, so-called 'honour killing', sexual abuse and trafficking of young women and girls are disturbingly prevalent and, in some areas, on the rise. Whether looking through the lens of poverty, or in times of disaster, we see that women still bear the greatest burden.

Another lesson is that the United Nations must lead by example. Emphasizing that women are central to peace and security, we are working to deploy more women military and police officers in our peacekeeping operations. We have more women in senior United Nations posts than at any time in history, and we hope soon to have a dynamic composite entity within the UN system to provide more coherent programming and a stronger voice for gender equality and women's empowerment. I urge the General Assembly to create this new entity without delay.

The Beijing Declaration remains as relevant today as when it was adopted. The third Millennium Development Goal — to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment — is central to all the rest. When women are denied the opportunity to better themselves and their societies, we all lose. On this International Women's Day, let us look critically at the achievements of the past 15 years so we can build on what has worked, and correct what has not. Let us work with renewed determination for a future of equal rights, equal opportunities and progress for all.—UNIC

A UN soldier monitors food distribution on 11 February in the town of Petion-ville a suburb of Port-au-Prince. The World Food Programme is to launch a food "surge" in Haiti from Saturday to boost rations for nearly two million people in the impoverished quake-torn country, a spokeswoman told AFP.
INTERNET





A screen shows Internet services available through an broadband-connected TiVo digital video recorder at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 January, 2006.—INTERNET

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Two gunshots accidents happen in Chicago, two people injured

CHICAGO, 7 March—Two shooting accidents happened in far south and west sides of Chicago earlier Saturday morning, with two people injured, according to *Chicago Tribune*. Local police said a 20-year-old woman had received several gunshot wounds around 1:45 am when she was in the car that came to a stop at the crossroads in the far south side of Chicago, someone in another car pulled along side and began

shooting at her.

The woman was taken to local hospital, and her condition has been stabilized at serious.

At about 4:00 am, a 19-year-old man was shot at the west side of Chicago, local police found the man with gunshot wounds in his face and arms.

The victim's condition remains unknown right now. Both accidents are under investigation.

Xinhua

Seven killed, five missing in flash floods in Kenya

NAIROBI, 7 March — At least seven people had been confirmed dead, five others missing and about 200 livestock swept away by flash floods in the east Africa country, the Kenyan aid agency said on Saturday.

The Kenya Red Cross Society Communications (KRSC) Manager Titus Mung'ou said it was assisting in search and rescue efforts in parts affected by floods in Upper Eastern and West Kenya regions.

"At least 120 houses

have been submerged by floods in Garfasa in Garbatula, Upper Eastern Region and over 200 people displaced. Five people are reported missing," Mongou told *Xinhua* via telephone.—Xinhua

Irina Antonenko, 18, adjusts a crown after winning the "Miss Russia" beauty contest in Luxury Village, in Barvikha outside Moscow on 6 March, 2010. Antonenko will represent Russia at the "Miss World" contest this year.—XINHUA



Five killed, six injured by armed gangsters at wedding party in northern Tanzania

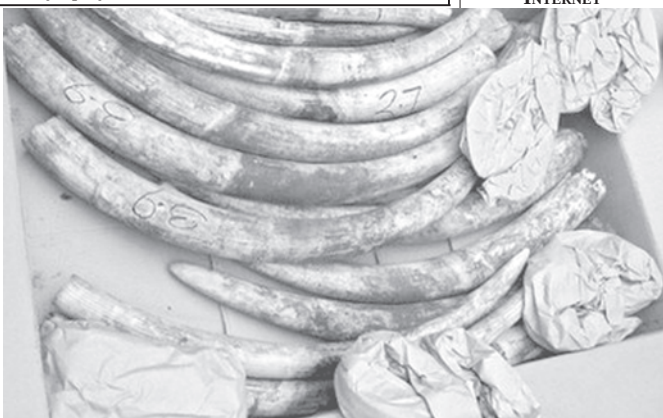
DAR ES SALAAM, 7 March—Five people were killed and six others injured when armed gangsters stormed the wedding party in northern Tanzanian district of Tarime, the local media reported on Saturday. The bride and bridegroom with hundreds of their relatives and other villagers present at the wedding ceremony escaped unhurt on Thursday night, the local police were quoted as saying.

A gang of more than 20 men wielding machine-guns opened fire at the homestead at 11 pm local time (20:00 GMT). The injured were later admitted to Tarime District hospital, the

report added.

Villagers said the raiders took everybody by surprise when they entered the compound and indiscriminately sprayed bullets at

people dancing or feasting on delicacies. With the burst of gunfire, the villagers dashed for cover, but bullets hit some of them as they fled.—Xinhua



Confiscated elephant tusks in 2009. Tanzania said on Saturday it will press for permission to sell around 100 tonnes of elephant tusks to reduce its huge stockpile and use the money to combat poaching.

INTERNET

"Good prospects" for coopertion with Latin America

BEIJING, 7 March — Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Sunday the prospects for China's cooperation with Latin American countries are "good."

"The Latin American countries and China are complementary to each other in terms of economic structure and social development, and there are good prospects for cooperation between the two sides," said Yang at a Press conference on the sidelines of the annual parliament session.—Xinhua

China-Africa relations at stage of "sound development"

BEIJING, 7 March— Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Sunday the relations between China and African countries have entered a stage of "sound development" and will be more "fruitful" in the future.

Yang made the remarks at a Press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, the top legislature.—Xinhua

Good times return for India's IT workers

BANGALORE, 7 March — Indian software engineer Prithvi Sen has a spring in his step after getting re-hired by the country's flagship outsourcing industry, which is shaking off the effects of the global recession.

"I was unemployed and it was tough, but I've got work again," said the 26-year-old Sen, who landed a job recently with a small outsourcing company in India's high-tech hub of Bangalore.

Sen is benefiting from a hiring wave by India's outsourcing sector which is set to increase recruitment by nearly 70 percent in the next financial year, according to the National Association of

Software and Services Companies (Nasscom). India's big three outsourcing companies — Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys and Wipro — all have plans to boost hiring sharply in the coming financial year.

"The feel-good factor is back in the industry," said Prithvi Lekkad, head of the Union of IT and IT-enabled services (Unites) Professionals, a trade union which represents some outsourcing workers.

India's software and services exports are expected to grow by up to 15 percent to hit 57 billion dollars in the next fiscal year to March 2011.—Internet



File photo of Kashmiri employees working at a call centre in Srinagar. India's big three outsourcing companies — Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys and Wipro — all have plans to boost hiring sharply in the coming financial year.—INTERNET

Japan turns itself into paragon of drinking water utilization

TOKYO, 7 March — "Honmaya" is nothing special from other bottled purified water lined up in store shelves in Osaka of Japan, except for its pink wrapping which appeals more to female customers.

But the purified water, which can be found in hundreds of convenient stores scattered around the metropolis and priced at 100 yen (1.2 US Dollars) for a 500 ml bottle, has a more powerful image representative than most of the other products of the kind — Osaka City mayor Kunio Hiramatsu.

"The water of Honmaya is nothing different from the tap water supplied to the city's households," the mayor proudly told reporters recently, using it as an example to showcase the city's superb water purification technologies.—Xinhua

Two Darfur peacekeepers missing after ambush

CAIRO, 7 March — Two international peacekeepers have gone missing in south Darfur along with half a dozen vehicles and equipment after an ambush on their patrol, the UN-African Union peacekeeping mission in the region said Saturday.

UNAMID said in a statement that a large group of gunmen attacked the peacekeepers' convoy Friday as it was traveling to Deribat, in the Jebel Marrah region, seizing their vehicles and taking them to an unknown location.

The gunmen released most of the patrol members and three armored vehicles early Saturday, but two peacekeepers are still unaccounted for and listed as missing, the statement said. No further details were immediately available.—Internet

Air China Cargo launches flight to Paris

BEIJING, 7 March — Air China Cargo (ACC), China's largest cargo airline, launched its service to Paris on Saturday as the company saw a pickup in air cargo market following global recovery from the economic downturns.

It was the fourth ACC cargo service between China and Europe, running from Shanghai to Paris, via Beijing and Copenhagen on every Thursday and Saturday, according to the company, an all-cargo subsidiary of national flag carrier Air China.

The global air cargo industry has rebounded since the world's economic downturns gradually bottomed out, said the company.

Xinhua

Toddler mistakenly booked for power theft in northern India

In a bizarre incident, a two-and-a-half year-old child has been booked at Kanpur city in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh for stealing power.

"A First Information Report has been registered against two-and-a-half year-old Shah Nawaz and seven others on 3 Feb when Kanpur Electricity Supply Company (KESCO) officials carried out raids to check power theft in a locality here," a senior police official told the media in Kanpur. The toddler's case came to light when the police reached the houses of the eight accused Thursday to arrest them.

"The child was spared from the ar-

rest after the police realized the mistake," he said.

KESCO Chief Engineer Keshavram Friday said the mix-up happened as people of the locality did not give out the correct names of those involved in power theft. The company realized the mistake and asked the police to delete the toddler's name from charge sheet.

Dogs' health may reflect community health

A US biologist says he suspects the family dog might not only be a friendly companion, but could also be a reflection of community health.

University of Findlay Associate Professor Michael Edelbrock says dogs respond to toxicity much as do humans, so he is researching the possibility that the environmental factors affecting dogs in a defined geographical area might also affect humans.

"The questions are endless," he said. "We could look at environmental differences such as smoking versus non-smoking homes, rural versus urban animals, and eventually compare results from different cities."

Edelbrock says if consistencies are found in the dogs' cells, then canines could be used to study a city's overall health and environment.



Photo taken shows a tiger jumping up to "prey on" a man in a zoo in the United States. Take it easy; actually the keeper was playing with the tiger in the swimming pool.

Snake reappears in 16th century Elizabeth portrait

A serpent originally included in a 16th century portrait of Elizabeth I but painted over shortly afterwards has "reappeared," the National Portrait Gallery in London said on Thursday.

Degradation over time has revealed that the monarch was originally painted holding a serpent, the outline of which is now visible again in the work by an unknown artist dating from the 1580s or early 1590s.

But at the last minute the emblem was covered, and the queen was depicted holding a small bunch of roses instead.

The gallery said it was not sure why the change was made, but suggested that it may have been to do with the ambiguity of meaning the symbol carried.

While a serpent was sometimes used to represent wisdom, prudence and reasoned judgement — all fitting attributes for a

queen — snakes also symbolised Satan and original sin in the Christian tradition.

The portrait, which has not been on display in the gallery for nearly 80 years, is part of a new exhibition titled "Concealed and Revealed: The Changing Faces of Elizabeth I," which runs from March 13 until September 26.



Skeleton of a dinosaur is pictured on display at a Tokyo museum. Dinosaurs were wiped out by a huge asteroid that smashed into Earth 65 million years ago.



A Filipino nurse shows two bottles of human milk at a public hospital in Manila, capital of Philippines. The public hospital on Friday celebrated the second anniversary of its human milk bank, the only facility in the country that makes human milk available to mothers who have difficulty in producing breastmilk, orphans and streetchildren.

NEWS ALBUM



Passerbys help push a car down a flooded road in central Melbourne. The city is bracing itself for further storms after a mini-cyclone ripped through Australia's second largest city, bringing with it hail stones the size of tennis balls.—INTERNET

Mini-cyclone, record floods hit Australia

MELBOURNE, 7 March—Melbourne was bracing itself on Sunday for further storms after a mini-cyclone ripped through Australia's second largest city, bringing with it hail stones the size of tennis balls.

The storm dumped heavy rain across the southern state of Victoria, and smashed into the regional capital with winds of up to 100 kilometres (62 miles) an hour, cutting power to 100,000 homes.

Some 26 millimetres (one inch) of rain fell on Melbourne within an hour while other areas recorded up to 70 millimetres during the Saturday storm.

"Yesterday we had golf-to-tennis ball-sized hail and certainly there's a prospect of similar sized hail somewhere in the state today," Richard Carlyon, the Bureau of Meteorology's senior forecaster, told ABC radio.

"Whether it's Mel-

bourne I'm not so sure about... but if it's not Melbourne, I think there's a very good prospect of large hail being reported somewhere in the state."

In the city centre the National Gallery of Victoria suffered flooding, while the Docklands Stadium was among those buildings damaged during the violent storm, which washed out horse races.

Internet

Alliance forged to boost China's CDMA cell phone industry

BEIJING, 7 March—China Telecom, a major telecom service provider, announced it has co-launched a CDMA industrial alliance on Friday with more than 100 other companies from cell phone design and making to software and content providers.

Most of the member companies engaged in the non-profit alliance, initiated by China Telecom, were cell phone-related heavyweights such as Microsoft, Huawei and Samsung, said Yang Xiaowei, chairperson of the alliance, also vice president of the China Telecom Corporation.

Yang said as 3G and

mobile internet technologies were introduced into everyday life, more individualistic and diverse demands for terminals have appeared. "To meet these diverse demands, we need a highly concentrated and complementary industry between telecom service providers, chip makers, software platforms, terminal makers, and content providers," said Yang.—Xinhua

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 March—People, even heart doctors, have a tough time making the right health choices for the heart, US cardiologists say.

Michigan cardiologist Dr Barry Franklin, a respected nutrition and exercise expert and a prominent member of the American Heart Association, stopped to fill up his car at a gas station, and found himself buying Twinkies, *The San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

Pay at the pump, he

advised.

During a break at a Heart Association conference in San Francisco this week, Franklin said the real lesson is that everyone is vulnerable to the environment, and making the right heart-healthy choices is tough, even for the experts, the *Chronicle* said.

Dr Lawrence Appel, an epidemiologist with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and chairman of the Heart Association's Council of Nutri-

tion, Physical Activity and Metabolism, said, "When you're dealing with a mass epidemic like obesity, you have to realize it's environmental. It's really easy to be inactive and it's really easy to eat the wrong food."

Internet

Lip reading mobile promises end to noisy phone calls

LONDON, 7 March—Technology that could see an end to the bane of many commuters — people talking loudly on their mobile phones — has been shown off by researchers. The prototype device could allow people to conduct silent phone conversations. The technology measures the tiny electrical signals produced by muscles used when someone speaks.

The device can record these pulses even when a person does not audibly utter any words and use them to generate synthesised speech in another handset. "I was taking the train and the person sitting next to me was constantly chatting and I thought 'I need to change this'," Professor Tanja Shultz of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology told BBC News. "We call it silent communication."

The device, on show at the Cebit electronics fair in Germany, relies on a technique called electromyography which detects the electrical signals from muscles. It is commonly used to diagnose certain diseases, including those that involve nerve damage. The prototype that is on display in Germany uses nine electrodes that are stuck to a user's face.

Internet

A girl prepares her daily breakfast in Reedley, California. The bugs that help digest food may also cause the body to pack on the pounds if they are not properly regulated, a new study has found.—INTERNET



Eating processed meat raises risk for heart disease

LOS ANGELES, 7 March—Eating processed meat may increase the risk for heart disease and even diabetes, US researchers suggest.

"To lower risk of heart attacks and diabetes, people should avoid eating too much processed meats — for example, hot dogs, bacon, sausage or processed deli meats," said Renata Micha, a research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"Based on our findings, eating up to one serving per week would be associated with relatively small risk." The researchers attribute the increased risk to salt and preservatives in processed meat.

"Processed meat" refers to any meat preserved by smoking, curing or salting or with the addition of chemical preservatives, according to the study.

The researchers compared processed meat with

unprocessed red meat and found that the former does more harm to the heart.

The researchers defined "unprocessed red meat" as beef, hamburger, lamb and pork. For the study, the researchers analyzed data from 20 studies that included more than 1.2 million participants. Among them, 23,889 had coronary heart disease, 2,280 had had a stroke and 10,797 had diabetes.—Xinhua



Traffic is gridlocked at a cross harbour tunnel entrance in Hong Kong in 2009. Hong Kong's catering and fitness groups have launched an unprecedented petition campaign to fight the city's worsening air pollution. INTERNET

YANGON, 7 March — The opening of cold storage of Crabs World Industries Co. Ltd was held at the company in Kyauktan Breeding Zone in Kyauktan Township of Yangon South District this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and officials formally opened the cold storage.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the factory.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the minister accepted cash donations for regional development tasks and for setting crabs free donated by wellwishers of Crabs World Industries Co. Ltd and Aung Moe Khaing Co. Ltd.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party set crabs free into creek, and observed crab breeding process at the farm of Aung Moe Khaing Co., Ltd. — MNA

Cold storage for crab demand at home, abroad



Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils signboard of cold storage of Crabs World Industries Co Ltd.—MNA



Crab breeding lakes of Crabs World Industries Co Ltd in Kyauktan Breeding Zone, Kyauktan Township.—MNA

Mon State Bus-line Supervisory Committee meets

YANGON, 7 March — The Mon State All Bus-line Supervisory Committee held the coordination meeting at the office of Kyaukhtyoe

bus line in Kyaukto on 5 March.

All the participants discussed works of the committee.

The meeting

approved the financial statement of the committee for 2009, and selected outstanding staff of the committee, drivers and conductors.—MNA

Maung Maung Tun Electronics embraces renewable energy system

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March — Maung Maung Tun Electronics showed its interest in renewable energy system at the Myanmar Industrial

Exhibition-2010 held in Tatmadaw Convention Hall here since on 5 March.

MIVA brand solar system with advanced technology imported by

Maung Maung Tun Electronics attracted audiences at the exhibition. German technology-run solar panel can generate electricity to use four-foot fluorescent lamp, TV, DVD, fan and computer.

MAC 1000 converter with AVR system and controller over charge protector can automatically regulate the electricity and prevent against fire. Products are available at Maung Maung Tun electronics at the corner of Anawrahta Street and 23rd Street in Latha Township, Yangon.

MNA



Renewable energy technology introduced at Maung Maung Tun Electronic booth during Myanmar Industrial Exhibition 2010.—MNA

Minister views soft crab breeding camp

YANGON, 7 March — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein together with Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department and Chairman U Hnin Oo of Myanmar

Crab Entrepreneurs Association inspected soft crab breeding camp of Aung Moe Khaing Co. Ltd in Kyauktan Township today. Next, the minister gave the instructions on the bio-security of the

camp.

Next, the minister viewed building of cold storage of the company and soft crab breeding camp of Sunflower Co. Ltd in Kyauktan Township today.—MNA

Kyimyindine gets one more tarred road

YANGON, 7 March — As a gesture of hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a tarred road, 510 feet long and 15 feet wide, was inaugurated in Hsayyoe dan Nyeinch-

anyang Ward of Kyimyindine Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin

and officials formally opened the road.

The mayor inspected roads in Kyimyindine, Ahlon and Kamayut Townships.

MNA

Myanmar Double Strong Sepak Takraw Championship 2010 concludes

YANGON, 7 March — The final matches of Myanmar Double Strong Sepak Takraw Championship 2010, organized by Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Myanmar Double Strong, took place at the

sports center of MSTF in Youth Training Center (Thuwunna) this afternoon.

Next, the prize presentation ceremony followed. General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thang Htaik

of Sports and Physical Education Department, MSTF Patron Daw Thet Thet Swe and Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd) and presented prizes to winners of the tournament.

MNA



Lt-Col Nay Win (Retd) presents award to a first prize winning team.

MNA

Shwe Pazun Soft Drink and Confectionery available at Nay Pyi Taw



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister Col Thein Nyunt and Managing Director U Tin Soe Lin of Shwe Pazun Co Ltd open new Soft Drink and Confectionery shop.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March— Shwe Pazun Co., Ltd opened its new Soft Drink and Confectionery shop at Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri today.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, deputy ministers, officials from Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee,

construction entrepreneurs and guests. The commander, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Managing Director U Tin Soe Lin of Shwe Pazun Co., Ltd opened the shop, and visited cakes and soft drink on sale.

The new shop is located near Ingyinpan roundabout in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri. More than 150 kinds of cakes and 70 of soft drinks are available at the shop from 8 am to 9 pm daily.—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

Holiday cruise to Coco Island

YANGON, 7 March—Thanlwin Cruise No (121) is due to sail for Coco Island on 28 March.

The recreation tour will become the fourth among the tours arranged by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Myanma Five Star Line. The vacationers Council will enjoy five-day excursion including two-day stay in Coco Island.

Tickets are available at MFSL Head Office and Thakayta jetty starting tomorrow. Those interested are suggested to dial (Ph: 296253, 544563 and 544571) for more details.—MNA

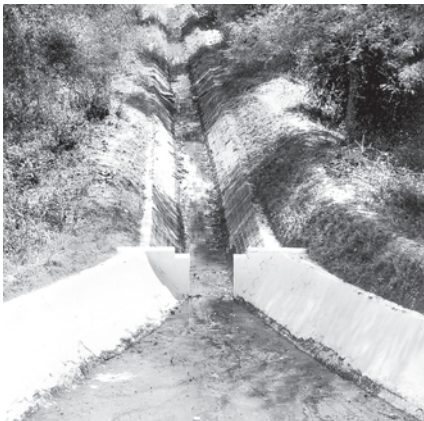
Who says Pakokku...

(from page 1)

“Our village tract has 1,567 acres of cropland and 849 acres of farmland. It is no doubt that the cropland will be transformed into farmland”, Chairman U

the third of its kind in surrounding areas and he would practice triplecropping pattern—monsoon paddy, summer paddy and sesame.

When asked his feelings about the emer-



Through 12000-foot long channel, farmers will get water for their farms.

Myint Ngwe of Kazunma Village Peace and Development Council expressed his opinion.

The next interviewee was a local farmer called U Khin Maung Than who said that Wunyu Dam was

gence of the dam, Acting Headmaster U Khin Maung Win of Kazunma Basic Education High School (Branch) answered, “As a resident in arid region, I am very pleased, to see water being provided. It has become more convenient for



“With irrigation water of Wunyu Dam, farmers can grow both monsoon and summer paddy.”

**U Soe Tint
Deputy Staff Officer
Irrigation Department.**

students as they can walk to school through the em-

bankment of the dam.”

Teacher Daw Eint Yadana of the same school, wearing a smile on her face, said she was glad there is no need to worry about water for the school.

Irrigation water is indispensable to Myanmar whose economic mainstay is agriculture. Hence, Irrigation Department has been building large-, medium- and small-scale dams the length and breadth of the nation for the benefit of peasantry, the prime strata of the country.

Wunyu Dam in



“Before the emergence of Wunyu Dam, we couldn’t store 1,200 acre feet of annual rain water inflow.”

**U Maung Maung Lwin
Assistant Director
Irrigation Department, Pakokku.**

Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division is one of the tangible signs re-

flecting the State’s goodwill to its citizens.

**Translation: TKK
Myanma Alin: 28-2-2010**



Photo shows 40 feet wide concrete main spillway of Wunyu Dam.

Extension of Laukkai-Kongyan-Mawhtaik road underway



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint at the site of repairing Laukkai-Kongyan road.—CONSTRUCTION

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into extended construction of Laukkai-Kongyan road on 27 February. After hearing reports on extension of Kongyan-Mawhtaik road, the minister called for the soonest completion of important road sections. **MNA**

Ministry of Sports holds coord meeting

YANGON, 7 March—Ministry of Sports held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Kyaikkasan grounds here today to gain greater success in SEA Games. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made a speech and Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented arrangements made for having success. Also present at the meeting were members from MOC, officials from the Ministry, presidents and officials from 28 Myanmar Sports Federations and guests. **MNA**

Proper flow of drainage combats DHF in Mayangon Tsp

YANGON, 7 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint inspected drainage system, fumigation and preventive measure against DHF on Aungtheikdi road at No.3 ward in Mayangon Township here yesterday. At passenger lounge of Myanma Five Star Line in Thakayta Wharf, the commander met passengers and departmental staff who will discharge duties in Cocogyun Township. The commander presented cash assistance to staff, and inspected MV Taunggyi. **MNA**

Development of gems industry discussed

YANGON, 7 March—The annual general meeting of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association was held at Myanmar Convention Centre here this afternoon, attended by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental heads. The managing director of Myanma Gems Enterprise explained salient points of gems mining and facts to be followed by gems entrepreneurs. The chairman of the association elaborated on works being carried out and follow-up tasks for development of gems industry.—**MNA**

Band Contest continues for fourth day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—To mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the 18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Contest continued for the fourth day at No. 7 Transit Centre (Ywadow), here, this morning. Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Contest Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, members of the Leading Committee and servicemen enjoyed the performance of the military bands. Band company No. 3 representing Eastern Command, the band representing Coastal Region Command, band company No. 1 representing Nay Pyi Taw Command, the band representing No. 33 LID, band company No. 2 representing Eastern Command, the band representing Yangon Command, the band company No. 1 representing South-East Command and the band representing Northern Command participated in the contest. **MNA**

Shan State (North)...

(from page 16)

So, children in this region have now more opportunity of learning education than before. There were only 1367 schools in this region before 1988. And so far, it has increased to 1655 by 300—1520 primary schools, 79 middle schools and 56 high schools. A number of 8882 teachers are now engaged in the whole northern Shan State. It is delightful to see the students living in this region with full education facilities."

We proceeded to

No. 7 Basic Education High School (branch) in downtown Lashio. The Township Education Officer explained emergence of the school to us.

He said, "Before 1988, there were five BEHSs in downtown Lashio. There are now seven BEHSs in the town. This No. 7 BEHS (branch) was just a primary school once. Under the leadership of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, the primary school was upgraded to the present level. The school is equipped with education aids and fa-

cilities with the assistance of well-wishers and now it stands as a special one. Every requirement has been fulfilled to gain high pass rate of matriculation exam."

Headmistress Dr Myint Myint Aye of No. 1 BEHS also explained to us about conditions and tasks being carried out by the school.

We then started next study trip to Lashio University. Lashio University was just a regional college in 1978, upgraded to Lashio College in 1980, to Lashio Degree College in 1999, and finally, to Lashio University on 20 January 2007. The univer-



No. 7 Basic Education High School (branch) in downtown Lashio.

sity opens 11 courses, and confers M.Sc and M.A degrees.

In the early 1980s, although emergence of a University of Computer Studies in Shan State (North) was just a dream for local residents, it is now a dream come true. When we approached Mehan Village on Mandalay-Lashio Union Highway four miles from Lashio, we were dazzled by the magnificent University of Computer Studies (Lashio).

Principal Dr Nan Soe Soe Aung explained that the Lashio Computer University was opened on 4

September 2000, that a total of 226 students are taking education at the university, that the second graduation ceremony was successfully held and that 726 students have been conferred.

Our news crew continued to observe Technological University (Lashio) located on Lashio-Theinni Road seven miles from Lashio. We had learnt that the university was opened on 1 July 2007 and a total of 725 students are pursuing higher education. The university generated over 2400 engineers. As to generating skillful mechanics in the region, the univer-

sity opens the G.THS courses for Grade-9 passed students, according to explanation of Acting Principal Dr Than Htaik.

On the whole, extension of opening the basic education schools, and building Lashio University, University of Computer Studies (Lashio) and Technological University (Lashio) in Shan State (North) by the government contribute to creating opportunities of taking education to the fullest.

**Translation: ZZS
Myanma Alin: 25-2-2010**



Students taking education at University of Computer Studies (Lashio).

Sudanese driver executed in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 7 March — A Sudanese driver convicted of murdering his Saudi Arabian employer has been executed. Mussa Ahmed was beheaded in Riyadh in the eighth execution in the kingdom this year. Ahmed killed Mohammed al-Mutairi by hitting him on the head with a metal object, a statement published by the official SPA news agency said.

Following the crime, Ahmed fled to Sudan but was extradited to Saudi Arabia to stand trial, reports said. No other details about the case were available. Saudi Arabia executed 67 people last year, fewer than the record number of 153 in 2007.—Internet



Riyadh's Justice Square where executions are carried out.
INTERNET

Secret to hangover-free drinking found

SEOUL, 7 March — The dreaded morning-after feeling could be a thing of the past after scientists in South Korea came up with a technique that allows drinkers to avoid a hangover. A team of researchers added extra oxygen to drinks and found that the body was then able to metabolize the booze quicker and eliminate the alcohol quicker — cutting down the after effects, Sky News reported.

Healthy humans were given 240ml and 360ml drinks containing 19.5 percent alcohol by volume - all with different amounts of oxygen added. The results, documented in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, showed those who consumed the more highly oxygenated drinks recovered more quickly and saw their blood alcohol levels return to normal more speedily.

Researchers In-hwan Baek, Byung-yo Lee and Kwang-il Kwon of Chungnam National University's College of Pharmacy concluded: "Elevated dissolved oxygen concentrations in alcoholic drinks accelerate the metabolism and elimination of alcohol."

"Thus, enhanced dissolved oxygen concentrations in alcohol may have a role to play in reducing alcohol-related side effects and accidents."

The only downside the researchers found was that the process also reduced the amount of time drinkers were actually drunk for. A Korean drinks company is now launching an oxygenated 'soju' drink called O2 Lin - a drink the company says "helps clarify your brain, energizes your body cells, and maintains healthy and resilient skin".— Internet



**Qatari driver
Mohammad al Marri
and his Jordanian
Co-driver Alouh Feras
compete in their
Mitsubishi Lancer
during the Kuwait
International Rally
2010, Leg 1 Stage
in Kuwait City
on 5 March, 2010.**
XINHUA

**The Hainan Airlines
Company recruits
stewardesses in
Qingdao, east China's
Shandong Province,
on 4 March, 2010,
attracting 600
pretty girls.**
INTERNET

Helicopter pilot shot between the eyes but keeps flying to save 20 soldiers

KABUL, 7 March — A British *Chinook* helicopter pilot was shot between the eyes by a Taliban bullet — but flew on and saved all 20 aboard, *The Sun*

reported. *The Sun* reports that Flight Lieutenant Ian Fortune, 28, had flown in to pick up casualties as a firefight raged between American and Afghan forces and heavily-armed

rebels near Garmsir in Helmand Province.

Flt-Lt Fortune - who had TV presenter Mike Brewer on the aircraft filming a documentary — was advised to hold off on approach to the battle as it was "too hot" on the ground. He circled until troops reported incoming fire had calmed down. But as he flew in the helicopter came under attack - which continued as casualties were being loaded.

Then, as he lifted off, Flt-Lt Fortune was shot. A bullet hit a metal rail on the front of his helmet which is used to attach night vision goggles.

Internet



Death toll rises to eight in south China road accident

NANNING, 7 March—The death toll from a road accident on Friday has risen to eight after one more death was confirmed in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, said local traffic police.

The accident happened at around 9 pm on Friday when a truck registered in neighbouring Guangdong Province collided with a crane and a local truck on a highway linking Rong County and Cenxi County in east Guangxi, according to the regional traffic police department.

Six people were killed on the spot and one seriously injured died at hospital later. The eighth body was found when rescuers were cleaning up the site, police said.—Xinhua

Highway accidents kill 14 in Peru

LIMA, 7 March—Two fatal highway accidents in Peru killed 14 people and injured 35 others in the last 24 hours in Puno and Tacna provinces respectively, police said on Friday.

The first accident occurred in Challa Challa in Puno, 1,400 km southeast to Lima, capital of Peru, when a passenger bus fell into a cliff of 50-metre depth, killing 10 passengers.

According to the preliminary investigations, the accident was due to the driver's imprudence and the bad conditions of the highways for the continuous rain in the zone.

The other accident occurred when two cars crashed against each other on the Pan American South Highway, in Jorga Basadre Province. Four people died and five others were injured.—Xinhua

Cars collide in two separate multiple pile-ups in Germany, 28 injured

BERLIN, 7 March —The renewed onset of winter with icy roads on Friday led to two multiple car collisions on the highway A4 near the eastern German city of Dresden, with altogether 28 people injured, local police said.

At least 35 vehicles crashed into one another Friday morning near the Dresden-West highway intersection, leaving nine people injured, including at least two seriously. Minutes later another 29 vehicles, including seven trucks, piled up on the same highway near Wilsdruff, 19 injured people were reported, including one seriously. A truck carrying hazardous goods was also involved but fortunately the container remained intact.

Several sections of the highway were closed for hours due to the accidents.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Northern California

LOS ANGELES, 7 March— A 4.6-magnitude earthquake rattled Northern California early Saturday but caused no injuries or damage, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The quake, centred in the Pacific Ocean off the northern California coast, was felt by some residents in areas such as Eureka and Ferndale in Humboldt County, according to USGS.

The quake wasn't strong enough to cause damage, said USGS geophysicist Randy Baldwin.

Xinhua

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Some infants with hearing loss lack care

ATLANTA, 7 March—Progress has been made in screening infants for hearing loss but many are not receiving follow-up diagnostic and intervention services, US officials say.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report released on Thursday said congenital hearing loss affects two to three infants per 1,000 live births and when left undetected it

can result in delays in children's speech and language development.

All states and US territories have established Early Hearing Detection and Intervention programmes, which help ensure that infants are screened for hearing loss and receive recommended follow-up diagnostic and early intervention services, the report says.

"A number of infants are not receiving recommended follow-up diag-

nostic and intervention services," the report says.

"This is why efforts are currently under way to enhance Early Hearing Detection and Intervention surveillance systems to capture more complete data and increase education and outreach efforts to families and providers about the importance of receiving recommended follow-up services."

Internet



Town dwellers are seen salvaging scraps of tin sheets and other materials from the ashes after a fire in suburban Quezon City in Manila, in 2009.—INTERNET

Six-year-old in Philippines saves baby from fire

MANILA, 7 March—A six-year-old girl rescued her baby brother from a fire in the central Philippines despite suffering serious burns herself, local newspapers reported on Saturday.

Virginia Rojo carried her four-month-old brother Joren out of their shack on the island of Negros on 28 February, shielding the child with her own body as flames licked her face, said the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*.

The girl was asleep when the fire engulfed her home. "Jesus told me to wake up and save my baby brother," the newspapers quoted her as saying.

Although the brother was unharmed, Virginia suffered burns to her face and hands.

Authorities said a stray cigarette butt may have ignited the wooden shanty where the two children were sleeping.

Internet



An artist applies final touches on a model during a body-painting contest at a beauty fair in Bucharest on 4 March, 2010.

XINHUA

US urges 'action' needed to fight net attacks

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 March — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has admitted there is an urgent need to step up efforts to protect Americans from cyber attacks. Her comments at the world's largest security conference hosted by vendor RSA, comes as the cyber threat grows ever more sophisticated.

Incidents like the attack on Google in China have underscored the issue. "We need to do more and we need to do it faster," Secretary Napolitano told the audience in San Francisco. She said the government was working with a "sense of urgency" and that the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, "stands at a very important juncture".

Secretary Napolitano stressed that even in working with the private sector, "again the sense of urgency needs to be increased". Michael Chertoff, former DHS secretary, under President George W Bush, agreed.

Internet

One dead, eight missing after fishing boat capsizes in east China

HANGZHOU, 7 March—One person was dead and eight others went missing on Saturday after a fishing boat capsized in waters off Zhoushan City in east China's Jiangsu Province, said local authorities.

Seven people were rescued, but one of them died at hospital later, according to a spokesman with the Zhoushan border defence department.

The accident happened at around 3:20 am when all the 15 people aboard the boat coded "Zhedaiyu 03518" fell into the water, said the spokesman.

An Initial investigation showed the dislocation of the fishing net on the boat caused it to sink, he said.

Rescuers are searching for the eight missing, he said. —Xinhua

People perform lion dance in the cole flower field during the 3rd Western China Cole Flower Festival in Tongnan County, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 5 March, 2010.

XINHUA



Israel and Palestinians set for indirect talks

JERUSALEM, 7 March—US-mediated talks with the Palestinians could begin next week, Israel said on Thursday, but it played down chances of a quick deal to end the conflict and Hamas condemned the Palestinian President's move to negotiate.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped to start the indirect diplomacy with Palestinian President

Mahmoud Abbas once US President Barack Obama's special envoy arrives in the region early next week to shuttle between them.

But Netanyahu's hawkish Foreign Minister, a key member of the coalition Cabinet, poured cold water on any hopes of a rapid settlement of a conflict that has lasted over 60 years.

Internet



All Americans have a role to play in securing cyberspace says the DHS. INTERNET



Members of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organization look at an exhibition of the Hiroshima Blasts on the observance of 'Hiroshima Day' in 2009. US President Barack Obama pledged on Friday to reduce both the number and the role of nuclear weapons as he marked the 40th anniversary of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.—INTERNET

Obama vows to reduce nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON, 7 March — US President Barack Obama has pledged to cut the number and role of nuclear weapons in America's national security strategy. Mr Obama, marking the 40th anniversary of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, said a policy review would go "beyond outdated Cold War thinking".

In a statement, he said he would also continue to seek ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Mr Obama will host a nuclear security summit in

Washington next month. His officials are also involved in talks with Russia on a replacement for the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start), which expired last December.

"The United States reaffirms our resolve to strengthen the non-proliferation regime to meet the challenges of the 21st century as we pursue our ultimate vision of a world without nuclear weapons," he said in the statement. "In addition, we will seek to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and negoti-

ate a treaty to end the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons."—Internet



President Obama outlined his nuclear-free vision last year in Prague. INTERNET

UN to start troop withdrawals from Congo in 2010

UNITED NATIONS, 7 March — The United Nations could begin withdrawing troops from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the biggest UN peacekeeping mission in the world, as early as June, the peacekeeping chief said on Friday.

"It was a clear request from the government of Kinshasa and from the president that the first draw-down should start around June 2010 at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the independence of the Congo," UN peacekeeping head Alain Le Roy told reporters after he briefed the Security Council. The peacekeeping mission, known as MONUC, has been in the former Belgian colony since 1999 to help the government of Congo as it struggles to re-establish state control over the vast central African nation.—Internet

Residents wash clothes in a street in Concepcion, Chile. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was to visit this earthquake-struck Chilean city on Saturday to assess its needs as new fears spread among Chileans following three strong aftershocks.—INTERNET



Poll shows Britons unhappy about economy

LONDON, 7 March — Most Britons are pessimistic about the economy, with only 20 percent expecting improvement in the next six months, a poll released on Friday indicated.

More than half, 55 percent, expect little change, while 21 percent say it will get worse, Angus Reid Public

Opinion reported.

Six out of 10 said their personal finances are precarious.

Only 8 percent said the recession is over with 25 percent predicting it will end next year and 25 percent at some point after 2011.

While more voters trust the Conservatives to slow the growth of the national debt and to halt inflation, they have less faith in the party on other economic issues.

On ending the recession, 34 percent say the Conservatives will do a better job and 31 percent say Labor, and voters are split 33 percent to 33 percent on which party will create jobs.

Internet



An Afghan boy practices walking with prosthesis at an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) orthopaedy centre in Kabul. The Red Cross on Saturday condemned the use of booby trap bombs by the Taliban in an area of southern Afghanistan that has been so heavily mined people are afraid to leave their homes.—INTERNET

37 robots to serve Shanghai World Expo

SHANGHAI, 7 March — Thirty seven multi-functional robots, which were customized to serve the visitors of Shanghai World Expo, made their debut here Sunday.

Besides dancing and singing, the 1.55-meter tall robots, shaped after the Expo mascot Haibao, could "communicate" with visitors in six languages and take photos for them, said Chu Jian, vice president of Zhejiang University, a key designer of the robots.

The robots have touch screens on their chests to answer inquiries on road, public service and Expo information, Chu added.—Xinhua

Gunmen raid Berlin poker tournament

BERLIN, 7 March — Robbers wielding hand guns and a machete raided a million-euro poker tournament in Berlin — but were forced to leave much of their haul behind after a security guard tackled them, police said.

The masked gang burst into the Grand Hyatt hotel in central Berlin on Saturday, where the tournament was taking place, threatening security staff and prompting a brief panic, police spokeswoman Heidi Vogt told AFP.

"Several masked, armed individuals entered the Grand Hyatt and fled with a haul of money," Vogt said, without giving details of the sum involved.

The attack on the tournament happened at around 2:15 pm (1315 GMT) said a police statement issued later Saturday.—Internet

20 militants surrender to gov't in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 March — Twenty armed militants loyal to Taliban rival group the Islamic party Hizb-e-Islami laid down their arms and surrendered to the government in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan Province on Sunday, police spokes-

man in the region Lal Moham-mad Ahmadzai said.

"This morning 20 armed men loyal to Hizb-e-Islami handed over their arms and joined government," Ahmadzai told Xinhua. Their joining to

government took place in the wake of bloody clash between Hizb-e-Islami and Taliban militants in Baghlan-e Markazi district on Saturday, during which more than 30 people from both sides have been killed.

Xinhua



File picture shows an operator watching security camera feeds in the central shrine city of Najaf. A powerful car bomb near a Shiite shrine in Najaf on Saturday killed two Iranian pilgrims and an Iraqi and injured at least 54 people, police and medical officials said.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Inter the winners as Roma, Milan draw

ROME, 7 March—Serie A leaders Inter Milan were the big winners without kicking a ball on Saturday as their two nearest title challengers



AS Roma's forward Mirko Vucinic (L) fights for the ball with AC Milan's midfielder and captain Massimo Ambrosini during their Serie A football match in Rome's Olympic Stadium.—INTERNET

AS Roma and AC Milan drew 0-0 at the capital's Stadio Olimpico. Earlier in the day Juventus had gone fourth after Fabio Grosso's winner gave them a 2-1 success at freefalling Fiorentina.

But the big game happened in Rome where both teams were hoping to close in on the champions and establish themselves as Inter's main rivals. Milan coach Leonardo said he felt his side had deserved to win but insisted they are in good shape to try and overturn their 3-2 Champions League deficit against Manchester United next week.—Internet

Rooney injury worries United ahead of Milan clash

MANCHESTER, 7 March—Manchester United could go into their last 16 second leg Champions League tie against AC Milan at Old Trafford on Wednesday without star striker Wayne Rooney.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was angry the in-form Rooney, who has scored 29 goals already this season — including two in the first leg against Milan — played for England in last week's friendly win over Egypt at Wembley.

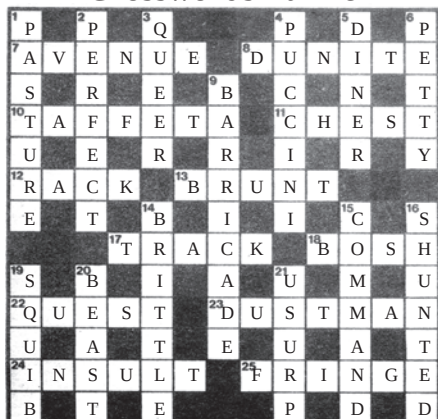
It was his second appearance in four days on the much criticised pitch



England's Wayne Rooney (R) vies for the ball with Egypt's Ahmed Fathy during an international friendly at Wembley Stadium in London.—INTERNET

after he came off the bench to lead United to victory in the League Cup final against Aston Villa and did little for his longstanding knee problem.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Real Madrid battle from two-goal deficit to top Spanish league

MADRID, 7 March—Real Madrid battled back from 2-0 down to beat Sevilla 3-2 on Saturday and go top of the Spanish first division with Rafael Van der Vaart grabbing a dramatic stoppage time winner. After 10-man Barcelona were held 2-2 by Almeria, the incentive was on Real who had the chance to go ahead of the Catalans on goal difference, and they managed it in dramatic fashion at the Bernabeu.

They slumped two-goals down an own-goal from Xabi Alonso and a Ivica Dragutinovic free-kick which caught out Real keeper Iker Casillas. But Real piled on the pressure with Cristiano Ronaldo and Sergio Ramos drawing their side level.

Internet



Real Madrid's midfielder Rafael van der Vaart (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring against Sevilla during their Spanish League football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET

Ferguson salutes Scholes's century as United go top

WOLVERHAMPTON, 7 March—Sir Alex Ferguson paid tribute to Paul Scholes after the



Scholes scored the only goal as Manchester United moved two points clear ahead of Chelsea and Arsenal at the top of the Premier League table with a 1-0 victory away to Wolves.—INTERNET

midfielder scored his 100th Premier League goal as Manchester United returned to the top of the table with a 1-0 win at Wolves. Former England international Scholes settled a hard-fought contest with a well-taken goal 17 minutes from time at Molineux that left reigning champions United two points clear of title rivals Chelsea and Arsenal.—Internet

France, Czechs, Croatia into Davis Cup quarter-finals

PARIS, 7 March—France set-up a potential Davis Cup quarter-final blockbuster against defending champions Spain after extending their 72-year stranglehold over Germany on Saturday. France will face Spain in the last eight if the champions get past Switzerland in Logrono. Croatia, the 2005 champions, saw off Ecuador 3-0 and will face either bitter rivals Serbia or 32-time champions USA for a place in the semi-finals.

Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek gave the Czech Republic a 3-0 victory over Belgium in Bree, beating Steve Darcis and Olivier Rochus 7-6 (7/0), 6-0, 6-3. The Czechs, runners-up in 2009, will face the winners of the delayed Chile-Israel encounter in the quarter-finals, where they would be away to Chile or home to Israel. d will face either bitter rivals Serbia or 32-time champions USA for a place in the semi-finals.—Internet

Arsenal face anxious wait over Fabregas



Arsenal's midfielder Cesc Fabregas (L) scores the opening goal past Burnley's goalkeeper Brian Jensen (R) during their English Premier League football match at the Emirates stadium, north London.

INTERNET

LONDON, 7 March—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger will make a decision on whether Cesc Fabregas will play in the vital Champions League game with Porto in the next 48 hours after the Spain star's latest injury setback.

Soon after scoring in Arsenal's 3-1 win over Burnley in the Premier League at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday, Gunners captain Fabregas suffered a recurrence of his hamstring problem. He is now rated doubtful for Tuesday's last 16 second leg tie against Porto, where Arsenal will try to overturn a 2-1 deficit. "Cesc has a hamstring and how deep the damage is we don't know because it's too early," said Wenger.—Internet

Lyon miss out on return to summit

PARIS, 7 March—Lyon missed out on the chance to return to top spot in the French league after a disappointing goalless draw on Saturday at Boulogne. With reigning champions and leaders Bordeaux hosting surprise title aspirants Montpellier on Sunday the way was clear for Lyon, a record seven titles in a row between 2002 and 2008, to reach the summit with a win.

Internet

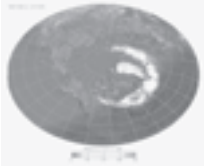
Drogba's diving all part of the show

LONDON, 7 March—Didier Drogba reckons his diving antics are all part of the entertainment, says Stoke City's Salif Diao, who will be keeping a close eye on the Chelsea striker in Sunday's FA Cup quarter-final. Drogba will be looking to fire English Premier League title-chasers Chelsea into a Wembley semi-final when they take on mid-table visitors Stoke at Stamford Bridge.

Diao, who stands in the Ivory Coast hitman's way, said he was well aware of Drogba's reputation — having been a close friend for a decade since their days playing in France. "Myself and others tell him to stop diving," the Senegal defensive midfielder said.—Internet



Didier Drogba



Global aurora, as monitored by the ultraviolet image on the NASA satellite Polar.—INTERNET

Chinese film to match Avatar in technology within decade

BEIJING, 7 March—Renowned Chinese director Feng Xiaoning has predicted that the technology used in Chinese films would match that of “Avatar” within 10 years.

“Chinese films don’t need to blindly take Avatar as a gauge,” Feng told Xinhua on the sidelines of the ongoing annual session of

the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country’s top political advisory body.

“And please believe in the diligence and ingenuity of Chinese filmmakers.”

Internet



WEATHER

Sunday, 7th 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 Rakhine State and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures was Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.16) inch and Machanbaw (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-3-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 7-3-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-3-2010 was 83%. Total sun shine hours on 6-3-2010 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 7-3-2010 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 (8) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 6-3-2010.

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 8th March 2010:

Likehood of isolated rain in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Shan 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 light rain in the Extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-3-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-3-2010: Fair weather.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-3-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions

Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (8-3-10 11:30 am ~ 9-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyine to Myeik)
- * Today's Efficient Youths (ILBC)
- * The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
- * Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
- * Kalaw Tazaungdaing Festival
- * Traditional Dance of National Races "Friendship (Kayah)"
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- * Culture Stage
- * Music Gallery
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (II & III)
- * Banana
- * Nurturing of New Generation
- * Music Galley
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
- * A Trip to Naga Land
- * Picturesque View in Southern Shan States (I & II)
- * Green Turtle
- * Thameehla Island, Home to Fascinating Turtles

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Myanmar

TV

Monday, 8
March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဂ္ဂိလယမင်္ဂလ

(ယဉ်ပေးထွန်းတေးရေး-
ဝိတဇာသိဗျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

8. ဧရာဝတီ၏ အားကျွန်းကျွန်းတံတား

8:20 am

9. ကော်မူနန်မှကျွန်ုပ်တို့၏ ကော်ရီလာတည်တော်မူမယ်

8:25 am

10. (၆) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Dance Of National Races

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. "ချစ်လွန်းလို့"

4:25 pm

4. (၆) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရ တေးများ

4:40 pm

5. အတေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ်(သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ အထူးပြုများ)(ဓမ္မဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:15 pm

8. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm

9. (၆)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:40 pm

10. ဝိတဇာသိဗျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International News

8:00 pm

17. Weather Report

8:00 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆွေလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)

8:00 pm

19. "သုခမရင်ပြင်"



- ★ 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

Shan State (North): Ground for polishing better education of youths

Byline: *Myint Maung Soe*; Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

Extension of opening the basic education schools as well as upgrading the education sector result in creating an even chance of taking education for local youths.

Moreover, university students are now able to pursue higher education in their own regions as a result of unprecedented display of opening the univer-

sities in Shan State (North). Those sweet dreams are ascribable to strenuous efforts of the government, designating the special development zones where institutions of higher learning are opened.

Recently, our news hunters of Myanma Alin daily arrived in Shan State (North) to write bylines on regional development. There, we had learnt of ad-

vancement of education.

First we stopped off at the office of Shan State Education Officer for an interview with Shan State Education Officer U Aung Kyaw Moe.

He explained: "The government has been opening the new schools more and more in our northern Shan State." (See page 10)



Technological University (Lashio) seen in Shan State (North).

MWF's athletes under training

YANGON, 7 March—As part of its preparation to participate in the Asian Games 2010, and the XXVI and XXVII SEA Games, athletes of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation are under training at the camp at Aung San Stadium,

here, starting from 1 March.

Altogether 30 weightlifters are in training for the games. MWF will select new weightlifters by opening regional weightlifting camps.

MNA

Tamway Township MWJA holds AGM

YANGON, 7 March — Tamway Township Writers and Journalists Association organized its annual general meeting at the office of township PDC this morning.

A responsible person read out

the annual report and financial statement, and sought the approval of those present.

The representatives were chosen for the fifth MWJA meeting.

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