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Senior General Than Shwe receives HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand

who was on a goodwill private visit in Nay Pyi Taw at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 12.30 p.m. today.

Also present at the call were 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, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Bansarn Bunnag and delegation members.—MNA

Plant hormone increases cotton yields in drought conditions



Applying naturally occurring plant hormones called cytokinins to cotton seeds or young cotton plants can increase yields 5 to 10 percent under drought conditions, according to new ARS research.

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 March — A naturally occurring class of plant hormones called cytokinins has been found to help increase cotton yields during drought conditions, according to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists.

Cytokinins promote cell division and growth in plants. In cotton, cytokinins stimulate the growth of the main plant stem and branches. Commercially produced cytokinins are routinely applied in apple and pistachio orchards to promote fruit growth.

John Burke, director of the ARS Cropping Systems Research Laboratory in Lubbock, Texas, found that applying cytokinins to cotton crops can increase yields in water-limited environments with reduced irrigation or no irrigation. Burke was granted a patent for his discovery.

Half of the U.S. produced cotton is grown in the arid high plains of Texas.

Internet

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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Myanma Railways: at the service of people

As part of efforts to ensure smooth transport, the Ministry of Rail Transportation on 14 March opened the Thayet-Minhla railroad section, which is part of the 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project. In fact, a new railroad section has emerged on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

So far, the railroad sections from Kyangin to Okshitpin, Kanma and Thayet have been inaugurated. The recently opened railroad section stretching from Thayet to Minhla is 52 miles. Thanks to opening of the railroad section, the delta people can travel from Pathein to Hinthada, Kyangin and Minhla by train.

The west bank of Ayeyawady River still has a large area of virgin land for cultivation. The region produces edible oil crops, beans and pulses and various kinds of crops. In the past, the region on the west bank of the river lagged behind in trade and development because of poor transport.

At present, the bridges across Ayeyawady River linking the west and east banks have been constructed one after another. The Pathein-Monywa Motor Road has been put into service. Due to extending the railroad networks, the cargo transport and trade develop there. The local people have now easy access to the west and the east banks of the Ayeyawady River.

The Rail Transportation Ministry provides transport services for passengers and commodities in a short period. At present, new railroads are under construction throughout the nation. Extending the new railroads including the recently-inaugurated Thayet-Minhla railroad section contribute much to smooth transport for the people of arid region and speedy flow of commodities.

The speedy transportation of natural resources and local products from various regions plays an important role in enhancement of the trade sector. At present, the government is striving for construction of transport infrastructures including new railroad networks so as to improve the socio-economic status of the people.

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

MNL footballers ready for new season

YANGON, 15 March — The opening of Myanmar National League (MNL) 2010 Football Tournament took place at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township here yesterday.

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

general of Sports and Physical Education Department, the president of Myanmar Football Federation and members, club owners, guests and fans.

The commander and officials greeted footballers and referees, and enjoyed the match between Yangon United FC and Kanbawza FC. The match ended in a goalless draw.—MNA

Education Minister encourages matriculation students in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspected the arrangement for taking examination with ease at matriculation exam centre for 2010 at No. 16 Basic Education High School, Mandalay today.

He called on responsible persons to take systematic measure relating to matriculation examination, and encouraged the students who sit for exam.

The minister also encouraged the students at No. 1 BEHS exam centre, No. 2 BEHS exam



centre, No. 14 BEHS exam centre and No. 22 BEHS exam centre in Mandalay.—MNA

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein views matriculation students at an exam centre in Mandalay.—MNA

Upgrading of Hanthawady Road

YANGON, 15 March—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning looked into Hanthawady concrete road in Kamayut Township,

Yangon West District.

The 2,800 feet long and 42 feet wide road is four lane road. The concrete layer of the road is 11 inches thick.—MNA

Gati shipping line holds 5th anniversary

YANGON, 15 March—A ceremony to organize 5th anniversary of Gati Coast to Coast shipping line company was held at Traders



Captain Rajiv Bhandar extends greetings at 5th anniversary of Gati Coast to Coast shipping company.

MNA

Hotel here on 13 March.

The shipping line is the first container service in Myanmar between Yangon and Chennai (India).

First, the ceremony was opened with Diya lighting, and Capt Rajiv Bhandar made an opening speech.

It was attended by President Mr T.Kumaran of the company and party, Country Representative Managing Director U Zaw Win of Overseas Marine Engineering Co Ltd and officials.

MNA

14,086.52 acres of poppy plantations destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Up to 6 March 2010 during the poppy cultivation season in 2009-2010, a total of 13,742.39 acres of poppy fields were destroyed in States and Divisions.

From 7 to 12 March, a total of 344.13 more acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in States and Divisions. Therefore, total acres of destroyed poppy plantation amounted to 14,086.52 acres. Among them, 77.5 acres of poppy were destroyed in Mantung, Kutkai and Namhkam townships in Shan State (North), 70.46 acres in Pekhon and Nyaungshwe townships of Shan State (South), 109.05 acres in Monghsat, Metmung, Mongkhat, Kengtung, Mongyawng, Mongton, Mongphyat and Tachilek townships in Shan State (East) and 87.12 acres in Phakant, Waingmaw, Chipwe and Mohnyin townships in Kachin State.

MNA



Afghans inspect the site of a suicide attack in Kandahar. An explosion on Sunday rocked the area near Pakistan's consulate in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar city.—XINHUA

Afghan police shot dead five would-be suicide bombers

KABUL, 15 March—Police in Paktika Province east of Afghanistan shot dead five would-be suicide bombers on Monday morning, the Interior Ministry said in a Press release.

“Five suicide bombers equipped with small arms entered Barmal District this morning to blow themselves up in different parts of the bazaar of the

district, were identified by police and gunned down,” the Press release added.

The terrorists had failed to explode themselves due to rapid action by police and all of them were killed without causing any harm to civilians, the Press release asserted.

However, it confirmed that one police constable sustained injuries during fire exchange.—Xinhua

Colombia rejects US human rights report

BOGOTA, 15 March—Colombia rejected an annual human rights report of the US State Department, saying criticisms against the South American country were based on false information.

The US human rights report, which said there remain significant human rights abuses in Colombia, is based on false information and is manipulated, said Vice President Francisco Santos on Saturday.

The report is hypocritical and exposes the US double standards on the human rights, said Santos in a meeting with President Alvaro Uribe.

The US report issued on Thursday listed official corruption among other cases of human rights abuses.—Xinhua

Sri Lankan politician criticizes US human rights report

COLOMBO, 15 March—A senior politician from Sri Lanka's ruling coalition on Sunday criticized the United States over the US State Department's 2009 Human Rights Report.

Wimal Weerawansa, the leader of the National Freedom Front, a member party of the ruling alliance told reporters that the US Embassy in Sri Lanka had provided wrong and distorted facts to the State Department.

“This was part of a sinister campaign to destabilize the country and pave the way for US intervention here,” Weerawansa said.

He said the main opposition United National Party and the leftist party JVP or the People's Liberation Front would benefit from the US strategy in the forthcoming parliamentary election.

Xinhua

Surging global weapons transfers raise concerns

STOCKHOLM, 15 March—Surging global weapons transfers are raising concerns about arms races in tension-fraught areas of the globe, a leading peace research group warned on Monday. New data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute showed that transfers of major conventional weapons rose by 22 percent in 2005-2009, compared to the previous five-year period.

The US remains the biggest arms supplier, accounting for 30 percent of

weapons exports, while China and India are the biggest importers of conventional weapons, SIPRI said. It added that Singapore and Algeria both made the top-10 list of major weapons importers for the first time.

SIPRI also said that Iran was the second-largest customer for China's arms industry over the past five years. Sales included more than 1,000 surface-to-air and anti-ship missiles, along with 50 infantry fighting vehicles, and accounted for 14 percent

of China's arms exports by value during 2005-2009, according to SIPRI.

While none of the sales violated UN sanctions against Iran or other international agreements, they may reinforce perceptions that China's thriving economic relations with Iran are encouraging it to resist supporting a new round of sanctions against Tehran. The US and other Western powers are seeking the measures to pressure Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment programme.

Internet



A tree lies across a smashed car at a home in Wantagh, NY, on 14 March, 2010. Strong winds and heavy rain downed trees and power lines throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut on Saturday, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power.—INTERNET

Afghan troops kill nine militants, detain one

KABUL, 15 March—Afghan and NATO-led troops killed nine militants, including three foreign nationals, and detained another in an operation against a Taliban hideout in western Farah Province, provincial police chief Mohammad Faqir Askar said on Sunday.

“The joint cleanup operation conducted on Saturday night in Gilistan District had led to the elimination of nine rebels including three foreigners and a local Taliban commander Mullah Zakir,” Askar told Xinhua.

He did not reveal the nationality of the suspected foreign fighters.

Xinhua

A farmer harvest his corn field with a reaping-machine. Biologists on Sunday said they had found a potential superweapon in a long-running arms race with bacteria that threaten essential crops.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 March—The US military said on Sunday that two of its soldiers have died in Iraq's eastern Diyala and northern Nineveh Provinces separately. A soldier was killed and two others wounded in an “indirect fire attack” on their base in Diyala Province on Saturday, a military statement said without giving further details.

“The wounded were evacuated to a nearby military medical facility and are in a stable condition,” it said. The indirect fire usually refers to mortar or rocket attacks in the terminology of US military statements.—Xinhua





Ships navigate in the northbound lane of the Suez Canal after passing through Port Said. Strong winds disrupted shipping through Egypt's Suez Canal, cutting traffic to its lowest level in two decades, and closed four Red Sea ports.

INTERNET

POSCO breaks ground for steel plant in India

SEOUL, 15 March—South Korea's largest steelmaker POSCO said it broke ground on Monday on a plant in western India that will produce galvanised steel sheets for automobiles and electronic goods.

The world's fourth largest steelmaker said it would spend about 240 million dollars to build the plant with an annual capacity of 450,000 tons in Maharashtra state.

Work will be completed by May 2012, POSCO said in a statement, adding the output would be sold in India and other countries.

India's annual demand for galvanised steel is expected to rise sharply, it said, citing the country's fast growing auto market.

POSCO also plans to build a steel plant with an annual capacity of 12 million tons in the eastern state of Orissa, which has been hailed as India's largest foreign investment since it launched market reforms in 1991.

Orissa state and POSCO signed a deal in June 2005 but construction has been delayed due to a dispute with villagers.

Internet

Satisfied with oil prices, OPEC to sit tight on output

LONDON, 15 March—OPEC is widely expected to maintain its official oil production quota when it meets this week, with the cartel satisfied with the current level of crude prices, analysts said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, whose member countries together pump about 40 percent of the world's crude oil, will likely keep its official quota at 24.84 million barrels a day when it meets on Wednesday.

"At the next OPEC meeting, changes in policy will not be neces-

sary," with prices expected to remain at a "reasonable level" of between 70 and 80 dollars, the cartel's president, Ecuadorian Oil Minister Germanico Pinto, said on Thursday.

Ahead of the meeting in Vienna — home to OPEC headquarters — the International Energy Agency said emerging markets were driving growth of world oil demand this year, with a big boost from China.

However the IEA also warned that demand for oil, a strong indicator of economic activity, would

Women wait to receive medical attention for their children in the women's clinic in a makeshift camp for earthquake survivors set up at the Petionville Golf Club in Port-au-Prince, on 14 March, 2010.—INTERNET



Arrow to reject Shell, PetroChina \$3 billion bid

PERTH, 15 March—Australia's Arrow Energy is set to reject as too low a \$3 billion joint takeover offer from Royal Dutch Shell and PetroChina, a newspaper reported, a move that could prompt

the bidders to return with a higher, hostile bid.

A stream of analysts' comments suggesting the offer is too low, coupled with how long it has taken Arrow to assess the offer, have triggered speculation the proposal will be rejected, the Australian Financial Review said on Monday.

"A rejection by Arrow could precipitate a formal

bid by Shell and PetroChina, which will allow shareholders to make a decision," said John Young, energy analyst at Wilson HTM Investment Group.

"My view is that they (Shell/PetroChina) will need to raise their offer to the high-\$5-\$6 (per share) range for the deal to go through."

Internet

Najjar told reporters on Wednesday that "the Iranian-Qatari security pact will serve the security of the entire region."

Iran and Qatar have made pledges over the past several years to further develop their economic relations, especially their oil and gas co-operation both within and outside of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Xinhua

Toyota to build Prius at 3rd Japan plant

TOKYO, 15 March—Toyota Motor Corp will start making the Prius hybrid model at a third Japanese factory from September in a bid to shorten delivery time to customers, the *Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun* newspaper said on Monday.

The third-generation Prius has topped Japan's best-selling chart for the past nine months thanks to generous subsidies and tax incentives on fuel-efficient models.

Customers still wait more than three months for delivery.

Toyota currently builds about 50,000 Priuses a month combined at its Tsutsumi factory and at unit Toyota Auto Body Co, and plans to begin making another 6,000 at its Motomachi factory, the industry newspaper said.

Internet

Members of the media gather in front of a Toyota dealership in El Cajon, California on 9 March, 2010.

INTERNET





A group of experts give appraisal to the fresh Biluochun tea processed by competitors during a tea drying contest in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 March, 2010. Some 37 people participated in the contest.—XINHUA

WWII underground bomb defused in Rome, 4,000 people evacuated

ROME, 15 March—An underground Second World War unexploded bomb was extracted and defused on Sunday after the evacuation of 4,000 people on the outskirts of Rome.

The bomb, of US production and weighing 250 kilograms, was found near the Tiburtina train station during the excavations for the construction of the European high-speed railway set to connect Italy to the rest of Europe. According to a statement by Rome's City Hall authority, the bomb was extracted and transported out of the city, in Tivoli, where military experts disposed it amid enhanced security measures.

Four thousand residents who live around the station were evacuated by the police and civil protection officials. Traffic stopped for several hours, while the local military airport was shut. More than 200 volunteers and 140 traffic policemen took part in the operations.

The residents, amid general fear, left the houses taking along some belongings and pets. Most of them went to visit friends and relatives. Those who had no other destination spent the morning in a temporary tent-village set-up by the authorities in a military police station, where food and games were distributed; clowns performed for the children.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



March, 2010. Thousands of New York City taxi drivers overcharged passengers by more than 8.3 million US dollars over the past two years by setting their metres at a rate that was supposed to be used for trips to the suburbs, the Taxi and Limousine Commission said on Friday.—XINHUA

Power returning to Santiago, full recovery expected in hours

SANTIAGO, 15 March—Power was returning to Santiago on Sunday night after a massive power blackout hit most of Chile and officials were expecting a full recovery of power to the affected area in a few hours.

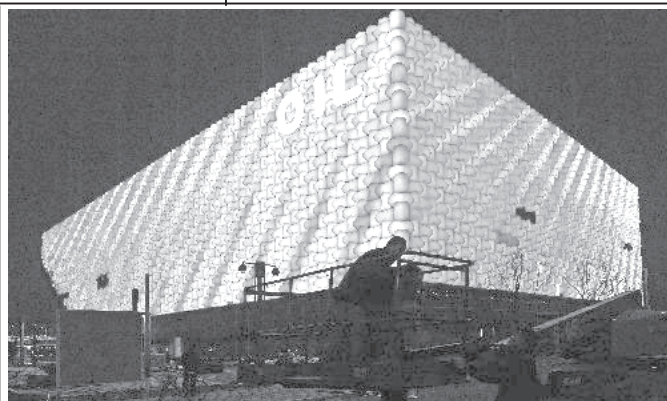
Electricity could be fully restored by midnight (0300 GMT Monday), Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter told local radio.

Power returned to some parts of Santiago at 10:00 pm (0100 GMT Monday), about an hour after the power stoppage began, but radio reports said many other areas in the South American country were still without power.

Media reports said the blackout might have been caused by problems with a main power grid in central Chile.

Hinzpeter said the blackout was not directly related to the massive earthquake that hit Chile on 27 Feb, but investigation would be carried out to see whether there was an indirect cause.

The area affected by the power cut includes the southern regions of Maule and Bio Bio, which were hit hardest by the devastating earthquake.—Xinhua



The Oil Pavilion of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo is illuminated in a test run in Shanghai, east China. The Oil Pavilion, with the theme "Oil-extending city dreams", is built by China's three oil industrial giants, China National Petroleum Corporation, China Petrochemical Corporation and China National Offshore Oil Corporation.—XINHUA

Training plane crashes into sea near Malaysian island

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 March—A light training plane with two pilots crashed into the sea off Malaysia's northern island of Langkawi on Monday morning but no one is injured. The plane, belonging to a local aerospace

company, encountered engine problems several minutes after taking off from the Langkawi International Airport, *The Star* newspaper reported.

The pilots, including one trainer and his trainee, escaped unhurt from the plane which plunged into the sea at 9:40am local time, and were rescued by fishermen working nearby, the daily quoted a local policeman as saying.

The two men have been admitted to a local hospital for examination. The police are still investigating the cause of the crash.

This is the second training plane accident in the country over the previous week. A light training aircraft owned by a private company crashed in the country's northeast state of Kelantan on 9 March with two pilots aboard badly injured.—Xinhua

Yemeni forces launch air raid on suspected Qaeda hideouts in south

SANAA, 15 March—Yemeni military forces launched an air raid on Sunday on suspected hideouts of al-Qaeda militants in the southern restive province of Abyan, provincial security sources and eyewitnesses said.

According to the security sources, the air raid targeted a hideout believed to be a camp for al-Qaeda militant groups.

Eyewitnesses said they heard sounds of plane shelling al-Qashabir area at Modia District in Abyan.

Sources there rushed to the area as they expected that several people might be killed and injured.

The Yemeni Defence Ministry said in a statement that two of al-Qaeda militants were killed in the airstrike and several others injured.

Xinhua

26 killed, 34 injured in road accident in India

NEW DELHI, 15 March—Twenty-six students were killed while 34 were injured in a bus accident early on Monday morning in the western Indian state of Rajasthan, said local media reports.

The students were returning from a tour in the temple town of Vridavan in Uttar Pradesh, northern India, to Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan, said the local TV channel CNN-IBN.

The accident took place at a bridge along the Sawai Madhopur-Dausa border, 162 km from Jaipur, the state capital of Rajasthan, when the bus crashed into a stationary vehicle. The bus fell off

from the bridge, said the report.

The students and teachers belonged to a teacher's training institute in Khanpur, said the Press Trust of India.

The injured were rushed to hospitals and at least one student was said to be in critical condition.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world with at least 100,000 being killed each year on the road. Reckless driving and lack of enough traffic law enforcers and guide signs are blamed for the high death rate.

Xinhua

Cyclone Ului damages buildings in Solomon Islands

WELLINGTON, 15 March—Strong winds from Cyclone Ului have damaged semi-permanent houses and buildings in Rennell in Solomon Islands, according to media reports on Monday.

Julian Makaa, a spokesperson for the Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office, said on Monday that some houses along seaside in the Weather Coast of Guadalcanal have also been washed away, as strong winds and heavy rain continued to batter the province.

He said the cyclone has been reduced to category four and storm force winds of up to 116 km per hour being felt in Rennell and Bellona Province, Radio New Zealand International reported on Monday.

Internet



Lebanese and UN soldiers along with Red Cross workers work next to a UN armored vehicle that went off the road in the southern village of Rashaya al-Fukhar, Lebanon, on 13 March, 2010. The United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon says two peacekeepers were killed and three others injured in a road accident in south Lebanon.—INTERNET

Israel approves plan to stop brain drain

JERUSALEM, 15 March—Israel's government has approved a plan to lure the country's top scientific minds back home after years of brain drain.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement on Sunday the plan includes incentives for scientists and new research facilities. It did not elaborate.

It said around \$250 million have been earmarked for the project.

The plan aims to encourage Israeli scientists and technicians — many of whom have left Israel for more lucrative research opportunities overseas — to return to the country.

Netanyahu was quoted as saying science "is an important core of know-how for growth and advancement in Israel."—Internet

Ignition device detects alcohol of driver

SHIRLEY, 15 March—A breath alcohol ignition interlock device measures breath alcohol concentration in vehicles and uses a wireless phone to send the results, a US firm says.

John Ruocco, chief executive officer of Interceptor Ignition Interlocks, says the Interceptor requires drivers to be tested before starting a vehicle and then tested again periodically throughout the duration of the drive.

If at any time the test indicates legal limits have been exceeded, the Interceptor will either prevent the car from starting, or will deliver an automated voice prompt to the driver to turn off the engine.

In the event a driver does not shut off the vehicle's engine, the Interceptor triggers a series of events — the car's lights flash; the car's horn is activated continuously.

A local 911 police emergency response dispatcher is alerted through the central information portal using AT&T's wireless network and the dispatcher directs police to intercept the targeted vehicle immediately.

Internet

Indonesia home to 5.4 million abandoned children

JAKARTA, 15 March—Indonesian Social Affairs Minister Salim Segaf Al Jufri said that there were 5.4 million abandoned children across the country and the number continues to increase, many of them living on the streets, *the Jakarta Post* reported here on Monday.

Speaking in an occasion at an Islamic Boarding School in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

(NTB) province on Sunday, the minister said that of those children, 230,000 were street children who spent either their entire days or several hours of each day on the street.

"The growth in the number of abandoned children is unhealthy because they don't have homes, production and access to education and healthcare," Salim said.

"In Jakarta alone,

based on data from the city Social Services Agency, the number of street children is now at 12,000," the minister added.

In Indonesia, children are legally defined as being under the age of 18.

Street children in Indonesia are an unfortunate fallout of the Asian monetary crisis that hit the region in 1997.

Xinhua

Woman, 92, charged in death of 98-year-old husband

Police in Australia have charged a 92-year-old woman with killing her 98-year-old husband.

Clare Tang is due to appear in court on Tuesday on a murder charge after her husband was found dead in their apartment in downtown Sydney on Friday night.

New South Wales state police said in a statement that CY Tang was found in the lounge room and that he had suffered head wounds. A cause of death was still being determined.

Clare Tang was arrested at the scene.

Family friend George Tsoi said the couple were from Shanghai, China, and owned restaurants in Singapore. He said they had been married for about 70 years, and that Clare Tang appeared to love her husband deeply, Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.

Twins a common sight at Illinois school

Thirty-nine sets of twins attend a high school in Cook County, Ill, where state officials say the twin birth rate sits at nearly 3 percent.

The Chicago Sun-Times said on Sunday that Illinois Department of Public Health statistics suggest Cook County's twin birth rate has been nearly 3 percent for the last 20 years, resulting in twins becoming a common sight at Stagg High School in Palos Hills, Ill.

Among the 39 sets of twins attending the Palos Hills school are Andrew and Matt Witek, whose unique claim to fame is being born in different locations.

"Andrew was born first, at home" in Hickory Hills, Ill, Matt Witek told the *Sun-Times*. "I was born at Christ Hospital one hour and four minutes later."

NEWS ALBUM

Sudanese tourists visit Pyramids in Meroe, 250km north of Khartoum, capital of Sudan, on 13 March, 2010. The Pyramids in Meroe, built more than 2,000 years ago, serves as one of the places of interests in Sudan.



American, 22, completes solo row across Atlantic

A 22-year-old American rower completed a solo journey across the Atlantic Ocean on Sunday, touching a pier in the coffee-brown waters of Guyana to claim a record as the youngest person to accomplish the feat.

Katie Spatz, who spent more than two months alone at sea, hugged her father and brother as 200 people cheered her arrival in this South American capital.

"The hardest part was just the solo part," Spatz said, saying she struggled with boredom and had trouble sleeping inside the cramped, 19-foot (6-metre) row boat.

The athlete from Mentor, Ohio, set

out from Dakar, Senegal, on 3 Jan and endured rough seas during the 2,817-mile (4,533-kilometre) crossing. She traveled without any support boat aside from a Coast Guard vessel that escorted her to Guyana's coast.

She rowed to raise money and awareness for the Blue Planet Run Foundation, a nonprofit whose goal is to bring clean drinking water to the estimated 1 billion people worldwide who lack it.

"The records are just a bonus for Katie.

Rowing the Atlantic and raising funds for clean water are the things she really cares about," said her coach Sam Williams.



People have lunch at the World's Longest Lunch event in Melbourne on 12 March, 2010. Around 900 people lunched on the 400 metre (1,312 ft) long table as part of the annual Melbourne Food and Wine Festival.



People visit the Ice Hotel at Balea Lac (Balea Lake) in Fagaras Mountains, about 300 km northwest from Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 13 March, 2010. The Ice Hotel, situated near a glacier lake at 2,034 meters above the sea level, is open for tourists for its 5th consecutive winter. The hotel features an inside temperature of about minus four degrees Celsius and the drinks in the hotel's bar are served in glass made from ice.

US diplomatic employees killed in Mexico

WASHINGTON, 15 March — A female employee of a US consulate in Mexico, along with her US husband and the husband of another consular employee, have been killed by unidentified murderers, the White House said on Sunday.

President Barack Obama was “deeply saddened and outraged” by the news of the murders of three people associated with the US Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, said White House spokesman Mike Hammer in a statement.

Hammer gave no more

details on the murders. Reports here quoted a US official as saying that the three victims were killed in drive-by shootings on Saturday afternoon in Ciudad Juarez, where some 2,600 people were killed last year in drug-related violence.

“We will continue to work with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his government to break the power of the drug trafficking organizations that operate in Mexico and far too often target and kill the innocent. This is a responsibility we must shoulder together,” said Hammer.

In light of the situation in Mexico, US State Department on Sunday issued travel warning to inform Americans traveling to and living in Mexico of concerns about the security situation in Mexico.

The State Department has also authorized the departure of the dependents of US government personnel from US consulates in the Northern Mexican border cities of Tijuana, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey and Matamoros until 12 April.

Xinhua



Soldiers patrol a crime scene where a crashed car sits in Ciudad Juarez, on 14 March, 2010. A US consulate employee and her husband were shot to death on Saturday in their car near the Santa Fe International bridge linking Ciudad Juarez with El Paso, Texas, and their baby was found unharmed in the back seat, according to Vladimir Tuexi, a spokesman for Chihuahua state prosecutors' office.—INTERNET

Highways closed amid spring snowstorms in NE China

SHENYANG, 15 March—Snowstorms have forced the closure of many highways and roads in northeast Chinese regions on Monday, bringing down temperatures just as people were expecting warmer spring temperatures.

At least 17 highways had been put under traffic control in Liaoning Province since Sunday when snow began to fall in many parts of the country's old industrial base, according to the Highway Administration of Liaoning.

The long distance bus service linking Shenyang, the Liaoning provincial capital, to other localities, has been suspended due to unfavourable road conditions but flight and rail services continue to run.

Icy roads and heavy fog have affected the western part of Liaoning, delaying resumption of traffic services, according to the administration.

The weather forecast said Monday that temperatures may plummet by up to 10 degrees Celsius over the next two days in some cities.—Xinhua



A sheep dog watches over merino sheep as they search for feed on a dry and dusty property near Parkes in rural New South Wales in January.

INTERNET

High arsenic levels found in juice

ST PETERSBURG, 15 March—A study of juice boxes found a percentage of the items had arsenic levels higher than the US Food and Drug Administration recommended limit, scientists say.

The St Petersburg (Fla) Times said Friday it commissioned testing of eight national brands and one local brand of kid-

friendly apple juice boxes to determine if the items pose any risks to consumers.

Testing on the 18 samples taken from the nine brands found more than 25 percent of the juice boxes contained arsenic levels above FDA officials' so-called level of concern regarding heavy metals in juices.

While those samples reportedly contained between 25 and 35 parts per billion of arsenic, one FDA official said there was no reason for concern. The FDA level of concern sits at 23 parts per billion.

“We don't have any evidence at this point to say that we feel there's a risk issue that you need to be mindful of,” said P. Michael Bolger, FDA chief of chemical hazards assessment.—Internet

One killed in attack on Bagram Air Field

KABUL, 15 March—NATO says one person was killed in an early morning rocket attack on Bagram Air Field north of the Afghan capital of Kabul.

A NATO spokesman said on Monday the base received some rounds of indirect fire, but disclosed no details of the attack.

Abdullah Adil, the police chief in the Bagram district of Parwan Province, says one rocket was fired about 4 am. A Taliban spokesman told The Associated Press that two rockets were fired on the base.

Separately in Ghazni Province, Afghan police say three civilians were killed and three others were wounded when their vehicle hit a roadside mine while they were moving household goods.—Internet

India interceptor missile fails to blast off

NEW DELHI, 15 March — India's new Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile failed to take off during a test launch on Monday off the coast of the eastern state of Orissa, Defence Ministry sources said.

“The interceptor missile, which is capable of destroying hostile missiles, didn't take off during a planned launch

from the Integrated Test Range at Wheeler Island due to coordination problem.

Though target missile Prithvi was test-fired as scheduled at 10:02 am, the interceptor missile failed to blast off,” the sources said.

The test-fire was originally scheduled for Sunday, but was put off due to technical difficul-

ties, the sources said.

Over 3,000 residents in nearby areas were evacuated as a precaution for the testfire.

The Indian Ballistic Missile Defence Programme is an initiative to develop and deploy a multi-layered ballistic missile defense system to protect the country from missile attacks.

Xinhua



The pack is on its way during the annual Engadine cross country skiing marathon from Maloja to S-Chanf in south Eastern Switzerland, on 14 March, 2010. Around 11, 200 sportsmen and -women participated in the event.—XINHUA

Biography of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



*Her Royal Highness
Princess Maha
Chakri Sirindhorn.*

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn was born on 2 April 1955, the third child of Their Majesties King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit of Thailand.

HRH Princess Sirindhorn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1976. She earned an M.A. in Oriental Epigraphy (Sanskrit and Cambodian) from Silpakorn University in 1978 and an M.A. in Eastern Languages (Pali and Sanskrit) from Chulalongkorn University in 1980. In 1987, she was awarded a doctoral degree in Educational Development at Srinakharinwirot University.

In addition to her formal degree programmes, HRH Princess Sirindhorn has attended several training courses and workshops.

HRH Princess Sirindhorn has acquired first-hand experiences in working for Their Majesties the King and Queen development projects in such fields as health and hygiene, education, water resource development, agriculture and cottage industry. She runs several philanthropic organizations and foundations, foundations to conserve and promote Thai

Culture, and education, and social organizations. She has been the Executive Vice President of the Thai Red Cross Society since 1977; Executive Chairman of the Chaipattana Foundation, Ananda Mahidol Foundation, the King Rama II Foundation; President of the Sai Jai Thai Foundation, Prince Mahidol Award Foundation; and adviser of the Committee of Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by Royal Command of H.M. the King.

HRH Princess Sirindhorn has conducted lectures at universities and attended academic conference and seminars both in and outside country.

Due to her outstanding contribution to social development works, HRH Princess Sirindhorn was awarded special positions and honourable rewards by the international community.

HRH Princess Sirindhorn has hobbies in traveling, writing articles, poetry and short stories. In addition to her knowledge of Pali, Sanskrit and Cambodian, HRH Princess Sirindhorn is fluent in both English and French and has been learning Chinese, German and Latin.

Thai HRH Princess tours Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — A Thai delegation led by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand arrived here at 9.15 a.m. today to pay a goodwill private visit to Myanmar.

The delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, the directors-general of the MOFA, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Bansarn Bunnag and wife, Thai Military Attachés (Army, Naval and Air) to Myanmar and officials.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and delegation members accompanied by Direc-



HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and delegation members view locations of state/division Landmarks.

MNA

tor-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Thai ambassador and wife visited National Land-

marks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

At the archway of the garden, an official explained purpose of opening of the garden and lo-

cation of the state/division landmarks of the garden.

Next, the Thai delegation observed state/division landmarks in a motorcade.

At Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw), an official touched upon location and area, facts about Zoological Garden and booths, the Penguins donated by Thailand and public visit to the garden.

The Thai guests visited Penguin booth and viewed the garden.

Next, they observed construction of Ministry buildings, the Presidential Residence and Pyithu Hluttaw

building, staff quarters, progress of construction of Myanmar International Business Centre, Nay Pyi Taw Thiri Yadana Market and development of Nay Pyi Taw.

They went to Myanma Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) where the HRH Princess signed the visitors' book and viewed gems on the ground floor of the museum.

The HRH Princess and party visited Uppatasanti Pagoda where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials. The Princess planted a Bo tree at the designated place near Malini Mingala

Lake in the compound of the Pagoda.

Next, they paid homage to the Pagoda, offered flowers and water to the Jade Buddha Image being kept at the cave of the Pagoda and presented cash donation to the Board of Trustees of the Pagoda.

The Thai delegation visited Uppatasanti Pagoda Museum, Pitakat and Archive House, and signed the visitors' book.

The Board of Trustees of the Pagoda presented a CD about the Pagoda and Buddhism Book to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn as a Dhamma gift.

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New watercourse changes under Chindwin Bridge (Hsinbyushin)

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — The safety upstream watercourse under Chindwin Bridge (Hsinbyushin) was designated between No. 9 and No. 10 piers and the downstream between No. 10 and No. 11 piers. For ensuring safety runs of the watercrafts, the new upstream and downstream watercourse is designated

between piers No. 11 and No. 12 as of 15 March.

Water clearance is 64 metres wide and 11 metres high. A green triangle is lit at the entrance at night and the red triangle is shown at the prohibited watercourse at night. Arrows are marked at the piers of the entrance.

The Directorate of Water Resources and Im-

provement of River Systems reminded that the watercrafts are not to run parallel runs between the piers and tugboats are to tow the barge one by one; and they all are to give priority to the downstream watercraft. The watercrafts are to approach the entrance by assessing the wind and water speed.—

MNA

Yangon Division in special sanitation activity

YANGON, 15 March—The ceremony to mark Yangon Division National Sanitation Week-2010 was held at University of Nursing (Yangon), Lanmadaw Township today, with an opening address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The prize-presentation ceremony followed at which the commander and the officials presented prizes to winners.

The commander heard reports presented by division health officer on sanitation work around the division. He later viewed documentary photos on display.

MNA

Courses for improvement of staff's capability of Industry-1 Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—The conclusion ceremonies of basic computer course No. 1/2010 and work efficiency course No. 1/2010 of the Ministry of Industry-1 were held at the ministry here today.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made concluding speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

A total of 87 trainees attended the courses.—MNA

Judicial officials to abide by code of ethics

YANGON, 15 March — Chief Justice U Aung Toe called for abiding by code of ethics and disciplines in meeting with judges and judicial officers of Supreme Court (Yangon) at the hall of the court yesterday morning. He also met with judges of division, district and township courts in Yangon at No (2) meeting hall of the court at the evening and discussed the judicial matters.



Chief Justice U Aung Toe meeting with judges of division, district and township courts in Yangon Division.—MNA

Passenger bus crashes in Ayadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—A passenger bus crashed in Ayadaw Township at 11 p.m. on 11 March.

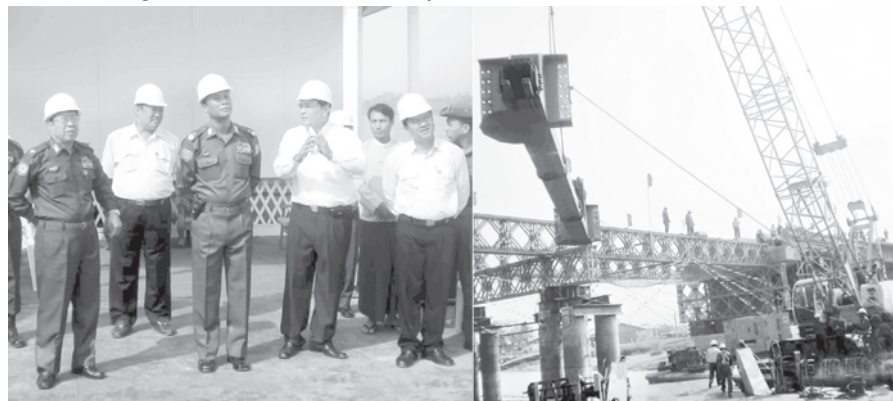
The Toyota Dyna bus, 32 passengers on board with goods plunged and over turned while on the ascending section of Sitha Road in North Kyaukka village-tract on its way to Ngayahoe village along Monywa-Ayadaw Road. The accident left 20 passengers injured and two dead. The injured were hospitalized at Monywa Township People's Hospital and officials concerned a providing their requirements.—MNA

Golden nut fixed at Yazudaing Bridge No.1

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building No.1 Yazudaing Bridge in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Labutta District of Ayeyawady Division. The fixing of the truss of the bridge was held there today. It was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental officials, deputy chief engineer of Public Works, Ayeyawady Division superintending engineer, bridge project superintending engineer and staff.

The commander and the deputy minister fixed the golden nut to the bridge's truss and sprinkled it with scented water.

The bridge sits on the Maubin-Yelekalay-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road. It is 1955-foot-long and steel frame one with one way



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspect fixing of the truss of No.1 Yazudaing Bridge in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—CONSTRUCTION

The chief justice visited Training School of Training Department of Supreme Court in Hlinethaya Township here this morning. He met trainees attending at No (2) course for Deputy Township Justice On-Job Training. —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

lane.

Its water clearance is 180-foot-wide and 20-foot-high. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.—MNA

Are you going to buy electronic equipment?

YANGON, 15 March—Sales promotion of Changhong brand electronic equipment distributed by Htewahwin Trading Co Ltd was held in conjunction with honouring of sale agents at Traders Hotel here on 3 March.

Director U Thura Aung of the company explained fact about the electronic equipment and Managing Director U Myint Aung presented gifts to the sale agents.

The company sells LCD TV, Plasma TV and CRT TV. This year, the company plans to sell Q Serie and R Serie DC Inverters.

Varieties of air-conditioners with Japanese Compressor are available at the company.

Customers may contact with the company, No. 59 B, Inyamyang Street, Shwetaunggyar (1) ward, Bahan Township, ph: 537117, 701849.—MNA

Fire ravages 83 houses in Kyauktaw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — A fire broke out in Gaungtoat village of Kyauktaw Township in Rakhine State at 3 p.m. on 13 March.

The outbreak, started from a kitchen, burnt 83 houses. Fire victims, 86 households, were placed at rescue camp. Responsible persons are providing assistance to them.—MNA



A truck works next to an earthquake damaged area in Iloca, Chile, Sunday, 14 March 2010.
An 8.8-magnitude earthquake hit central Chile last 27 Feb. causing widespread damage.

INTERNET

Iran says it broke up US-backed cyber war networks

TEHERAN, 15 March—Iran said on Saturday it has dismantled several US-backed opposition networks that were gathering information on nuclear scientists and finding ways to circumvent controls on the Internet meant to deprive the opposition of its most crucial tool.

A judiciary statement carried on the official IRNA news agency said the networks were set up by Iranian opposition groups, including the People's Mujahadeen, and that 30 of their members were arrested.

"A number of organized American cyber war networks were dismantled and 30 influential suspects were arrested ... in a series of complicated security operations in the information technology and communications field," IRNA quoted the statement as saying.

The government has repeatedly accused the US and

Britain of provoking the unrest that followed June's disputed presidential election—charges both Washington and London have denied.

Internet

General view of the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu in 2007. The heritage site will reopen on 29 March after heavy rains cut off the ancient citadel earlier this year, a senior official said on Friday.—XINHUA



Spain-bound cocaine found in Colombian sculptures

BOGOTA, 15 March—Colombian police said on Saturday they had discovered 16 kilogrammes (35 pounds) of cocaine stashed in replicas of sculptures by artist Fernando Botero intended for shipment to Spain.

"This is a sophisticated concealment sys-

tem for the drugs in replicas of sculptures by a renowned Colombian artist," police said in a statement. The contraband was hidden in the replicas as it was being cast and dried.

No arrests were made during the operation, which discovered the

sculptures in a Bogota warehouses ahead of shipment to Madrid.

Spain is one of the major gateways for drugs into Europe, for both the trafficking of hashish from Africa and cocaine from Latin America, mainly Colombian in origin.

Interent



Tourists try to transplant rice seedlings at Farmhouse Homestays of Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 13 March, 2010. Farmhouse of the Shanghai World Expo, served as eco-friendly countryside temporary "hotel" or "inn" during the Shanghai World Expo by virtue of rural advantageous tourist resources, entered district of suburban Shanghai for the first time.—XINHUA

Venezuela seizes two tons of cocaine hidden at port

CARACAS, 15 March—A Venezuelan police official says security forces have seized two tons of cocaine that was intended to be smuggled to the Netherlands.

Federal Police Chief Wilmer Flores Trosel says the drugs were hidden in two bulldozers at a port in the central state of Carabobo.

An Information Ministry statement released Saturday quotes Trosel as saying the bulldozers sat in the port for about five months because they didn't have the required export documents.

Because of its proximity to cocaine-producing gangs in Colombia, Venezuela has become one of the most important routes for smuggling drugs to the United States and Europe.—Internet

Strong quake hits off Indonesia, no major tsunami

JAKARTA, 15 March—A strong quake of 6.4 magnitude struck in waters off Indonesia on Sunday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

There was no danger of a widespread destructive tsunami from the quake, which hit shortly before 9 pm EST, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said, although there was a very small possibility of a local tsunami no more than 100 km (60 miles) from the quake epicentre. Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics earthquake centre put the magnitude of the quake at 7.0 and said its epicentre was 132 km (82 miles) southeast of Labuha in North Mollucas at a depth of 56 km. The agency did not issue a tsunami warning. "The quake was felt in Ambon city but we haven't received any report of damage," said Ali Imron, an official at the agency. The USGS said the epicentre was more than 160 km north of Ambon in the Molluccas, and the quake's depth was 52 km.

Internet



File photo of Indonesian meteorological officials checking a seismograph screen during the demonstration of a simulation of tsunami. A powerful quake with a magnitude of 7.0 hit off the eastern Indonesian island of Maluku on Sunday, seismologists said, but no tsunami warning was issued.—INTERNET

Moderate quake hits Japan's Fukushima Prefecture

TOKYO, 15 March—An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 jolted Japan's Fukushima Prefecture late Saturday, said the Japan Meteorological agency, which issued no tsunami warning.

The focus of the quake, which occurred at 9:46 pm (1246 GMT), was located around 80 km under the sea east of Fukushima Prefecture, according to the agency. The seismic waves also spread to neighbouring Miyagi, Yamagata, Iwate, Ibaraki Prefectures. And tremors were even felt in most buildings in Tokyo. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties.—Xinhua

5.0 earthquake hits New Zealand's lower South Island

WELLINGTON, 15 March — An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale struck in Fiordland, New Zealand's lower South Island, on Sunday morning, causing no casualties or damages.

The quake, occurred at 08:55 am local time (19:55 GMT Saturday), was centred 80 km west of Te Anau at a focal depth of 7 km, New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science reported.

It was likely to have been felt in Fiordland and possibly western Southland.—Xinhua

US diplomat flees South Korea amid fraud probe

SEOUL, 15 March—An American diplomat based in South Korea fled to the Philippines after facing charges that he swindled a local woman out of nearly \$200,000, police in the southern city of Busan said on Monday.

The suspect, a 50-year-old official with the Department of Homeland Security, is accused of taking 220 million won (\$194,000) from a widow

he had known since 2007. He allegedly told her the money would go toward building a school in the Philippines and promised her a high return on the investment, Busan Haeundae police said.

An investigation later found he had no business plan and gambled her money away, officer Nam Geun-chan said.

The suspect confessed during questioning in No-

vember but secretly fled the country on 3 March, two days before US authorities were to strip him of diplomatic immunity, Nam said.

The man, who was not identified, had worked in customs in Busan, about 280 miles (450 kilometres) southeast of Seoul, screening US-bound export items, Nam said. He had been granted diplomatic immunity in South Korea because he was considered a diplomat, Nam said.

Internet

Authorities detonated 800 kilogrammes of dynamite on Saturday in a controlled implosion to demolish Brazil's oldest prison in Rio de Janeiro. The prison was built in 1850.—XINHUA



S Korea to invest 12 billion won in electric vehicle R&D

SEOUL, 15 March—The South Korean electric vehicle industry will receive a 12 billion won (10.57 million USD) investment in government research and development (R&D) funds, a state-run industrial research institute said on Monday.

According to the (South) Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology (KEIT), the R&D funds will be invested in a project aimed at producing 30 prototype electric vehicles over an 11-month period, where 12 local companies, including

Hyundai Motor Co, Hyosung, Mando Inc, and Hyundai Mobis, will receive the funding.

The companies will work on developing 11 key auto-parts, particularly focusing on motors, inverters, speed reducers, regenerative braking, battery management and monitoring systems, converters, and high-voltage wiring for small, urban, electric vehicles, the KEIT said.

In addition, the institute will organize an expert committee to help map out a strategy for green, electric vehicle development, it said.

Xinhua

Construction workers walk at the Seed Cathedral, the centerpiece of the UK Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo site, in Shanghai on 15 March, 2010. The 20-meter-high cube-like Seed Cathedral is covered by 60,000 slim, transparent acrylic rods, which will quiver in the breeze, according to the official website of Shanghai Expo.—INTERNET

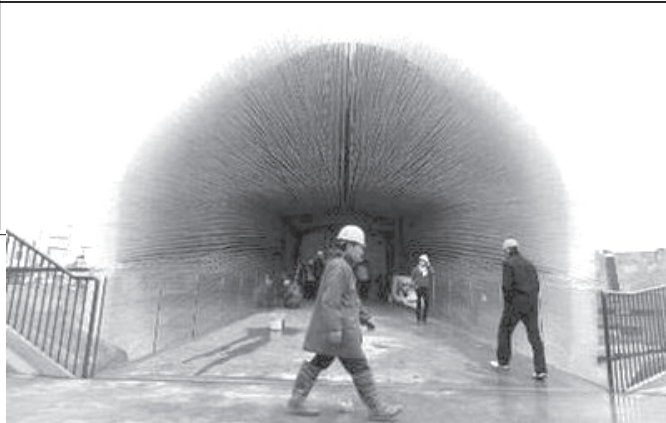
Venezuela expects more oil export to China

CARACAS, 15 March—Venezuela is anticipating further oil exports to China as its President Hugo Chavez on Sunday disclosed his expectation of a Chinese delegation in the near future.

"I spoke with Chinese Ambassador to Venezuela Zhao Rongxian and the visit will increase the shipment of Venezuelan oil to China," said the president during his weekly radio talkshow "Hello President."

China imported 120,000 barrels of oil per day from Venezuela in 2008 and Venezuela, with the largest oil reserve in South America, expects further increase of oil shipment to the Asian country.

With a net oil exports of 1.89 million barrels per day in 2008, Venezuela is the largest oil exporter in Western Hemisphere and the eighth largest in the world.—Xinhua



A local villager carries the water barrels to irrigate the field suffering the severe drought in Changshun County of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 14 March, 2010. A severe drought in southwest China, which local people say is the worst in a century, is forecast to linger till the start of the rainy season in May, according to two provincial meteorological stations in Yunnan and Guizhou.—XINHUA

Abu Dhabi SWF sees more global "uncertainty" in 2010

ABU DHABI, 15 March—Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), considered the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, said the global economy still faces "considerable uncertainty," in its first annual review aimed at enhanc-

ing transparency.

The fund, believed to have assets of around \$500 billion to \$700 billion, said the sustainability of a global economic recovery was uncertain as governments were considering rollbacks of stimulus measures.

"Indeed, the timing and nature of exit strategies, will probably dominate the economic debate and outlook for quite

some time," Sheikh Ahmed bin Zayed al-Nahayan, ADIA's managing director, said in the 2009 review, adding: "... considerable uncertainty remains about the outlook for 2010."

Economic recovery may be slower in developed markets, with higher interest rates and taxes hampering growth, Sheikh Ahmed wrote in a letter published in the first annual review.—Internet

Massive avalanche claims three, traps more in western Canada

VANCOUVER, 15 March—Three people were killed in a massive avalanche which occurred on Saturday afternoon in western Canada's British Columbia.

A dozen were injured,

some in critical conditions. With many more unaccounted for, a large-scale search and rescue operation has been underway in Boulder Mountain, near southeastern BC's Revelstoke, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation said.

It's not clear how many people were missing, but the slide happened when hundreds were attending an annual snowmobiling event. There were reports that 20 to 30 people could be missing.

According to the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC), the area has been struck by 10 avalanches since Friday when CAC issued an extreme avalanche warning for the area.—Xinhua

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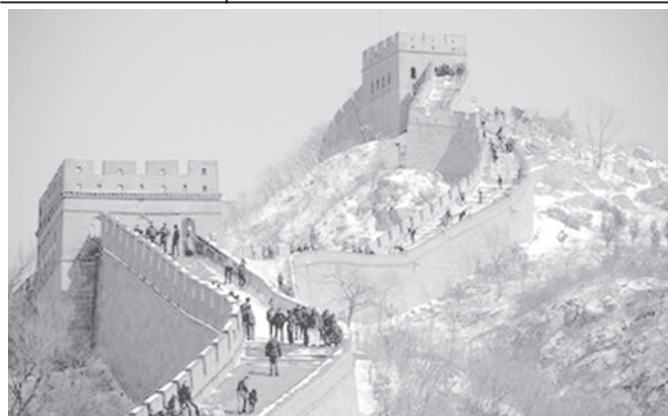
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (056) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Tourists walk in snow on the Great Wall of China, north of Beijing, China, on 15 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Fishing boat sinks off east China, five missing

HANGZHOU, 15 March—A fishing boat sank in the East China Sea on Sunday, with two sailors rescued and the other five still missing as of 3:30 pm on Monday, local police said Monday.

The boat with seven people on board sank off the coast of east China's Zhejiang Province for no apparent reason at around 10 pm on Sunday, said Zhang Zhenyuan, a Zhoushan frontier police officer.

Two sailors were rescued by nearby fishing boats. Rescuers were still searching for the other five, Zhang said.

Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

Indian inflation nears double figures

NEW DELHI, 15 March—India's inflation almost hit double figures in February, government data showed on Monday, surging to 9.89 percent from 8.56 percent in January.

The year-on-year rise in the wholesale price index, or WPI, was above the median 9.70 percent forecast in a Dow Jones Newswires poll of nine economists.

India's central bank has estimated that inflation will be around 8.5 percent by the end of the current financial year in March.

The left-leaning government led by the Congress party is under pressure to tackle inflation, particularly rising food prices, which has become one of the biggest political issues in the country.

The central bank is seen by analysts as increasingly likely to raise interest rates to tackle inflation at its next scheduled meeting in April.—*Xinhua*

UN chief sees dangers up-close in Haiti quake camp

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 15 March—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon promised Haitians on Sunday that the world has not forgotten the quake-torn nation as it suffers from a shortage of shelter and growing violence in teeming camps for the homeless. Security issues and the risk of flooding and disease in the squalid tarp-and-tent cities are

pressing concerns for governments and international aid groups struggling to help hundreds of thousands of victims of the on 12 Jan disaster, which killed a government-estimated 230,000 people and left 1.3 million homeless.

Making his second visit to Haiti since the quake, the UN leader met with President Rene Preval and discussed plans for a UN

donors conference in New York on 31 March to fund Haiti's reconstruction.

Ban said his message to Haiti's government and people is that "even if time passes, the world has not forgotten. The world is always at their side."

Haiti needs money for schools, infrastructure, roads, ports and electricity, Ban said at a news conference.

Internet



A veterinarian gives medical treatment to a little camel named Niuniu at the People's Zoo of Luohe City, central China's Henan Province, on 14 March, 2010.—INTERNET

LG Chem Ltd to build \$1.8 bln IT plant for LCD panels in S Korea

SEOUL, 15 March—LG Chem, Ltd, the largest South Korean chemical company, announced on Monday its plan to build a 2 trillion won (1.8 billion US dollars) plant for materials used in liquid crystal display (LCD) panels in South Korea.

The plant will be built in Ochang, located 95 km south of Seoul, covering 356,000 square meters, with the help of the North Chungcheong provincial government, the company said, adding it expects to create more than 3,000 new jobs.

The company said construction will begin next month but details on when it will be finished have not been announced.

Xinhua



A visitor looks at a metal sculpture by artist Zadok Ben-David during his "Human Nature" exhibition at the Tel Aviv Museum on 26 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Bolivia drops bid to host Miss Universe contest

LA PAZ, 15 March—Bolivia is dropping its bid to host the Miss Universe pageant because it would cost more than anticipated. President Evo Morales has lobbied foreign leaders to help him bring the glamorous contest to the impoverished South American nation.

But Culture Minister Zulma Yugar said on Sunday that a closer look at estimated expenses forced the government to pull out. Developing countries including Vietnam and Thailand have hosted the pageant in recent years.

Nevertheless, Miss Universe was an odd fit for an anti-capitalist president who is a strong advocate of indigenous culture. Political opponents accused Morales and his party of using the pageant to court voters in conservative eastern Bolivia ahead of April local elections.—*Internet*

Scientists discover primitive organism to help with disease research

LOS ANGELES, 15 March—A newly discovered primitive organism can be used in medical research in battling Huntington's disease and Alzheimer's disease, said a report released on Saturday.

The organism, called Hydra, is a microscopic animal that lives in freshwater and each organism has 24,000 genes, roughly as many genes as a human, the University of California in Irvine said in a news release.

The small creatures have genes similar to the particular human genes that mutate to cause Hunt-

ington's disease and Alzheimer's disease. It makes the Hydra an easy and inexpensive lab animal for genetic research, which may bring major breakthroughs for the dread illnesses, the release said.

"While Hydra doesn't have a brain, it does have a nervous system," said Rob Steele, chairman of biological chemistry at the university.

"So it might be interesting and informative to see what would happen" if the mutated human disease-causing versions of human genes were spliced into the small

creatures, he said.

"I think Hydra's simplicity and ease of experimental manipulation make it an attractive system for exploring the basic mechanisms of biological processes that are relevant to human disease," Steele said, "And Hydra is really cheap to use as a lab animal."

The research was conducted by an international team led by Steele, said the release.

Huntington's disease is a disorder passed down through families in which certain nerve cells in the brain waste away, or degenerate.—Xinhua



A judge assesses the rate of cat which takes part in the "2010 Shenzhen Asian International CFA Cats Show" in Shanzhen, on 14 March, 2010. The CFA Cats Show runs from 13 to 14 March in Shenzhen, south of China. The Cat Fanciers' Association was established in 1906 and is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. Its stated mission is to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats and to enhance the well-being of all cats.—XINHUA



A female jaguar is having dental treatment in a veterinary clinic in Medellin, Colombia, on 14 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Indonesia's Q1 economy may grow above 5%

JAKARTA, 15 March — Head of Indonesian Statistic Centre Bureau (the BPS) Rusman Heriawan predicted that the country's economic growth may exceed 5 percent in the first quarter this year, propelled by massive export, increasing investment and improved state budget, local media reported here on Monday.

"It (the growth) could reach above 5 percent. We have to be optimistic. From the existing indicator, I learn that the extraordinary export has contributed to the significant growth. We can compare the export performance from it was in 2009 when we suffered from the impact of economic crisis," Rusman was quoted by the detik.com as saying in the presidential palace here.

His prediction was echoing prediction issued earlier by a state official. He added that the growth in the first quarter this year was also driven by the increasing investments, improved government's spending and increased consumption. "Household consumption has been positive, together with other factors, they were all moving well," Rusman said.

Indonesia became one of Asian countries that posted positive growth amid global economic crisis. It booked a tremendous 4.5 percent economic last year.

Xinhua

Graduates are seen at a job fair in the gym of Wuhan University in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 13 March, 2010. A total of 240 enterprises and institutions provided more than 10,000 jobs, attracting nearly 30,000 graduates to the fair.

XINHUA



Seven Chinese kidnapped off Cameroon coast

BEIJING, 15 March—The Chinese Embassy in Cameroon says that the seven Chinese nationals kidnapped there are currently unharmed. The embassy has launched an emergency plan and will do whatever it can to rescue the hostages.

Relevant departments in Cameroon are also working closely with the embassy to ensure the release of the hostages as quickly as possible.

The seven Chinese nationals working for a private fishing company were kidnapped off the Bakassi peninsula in southwest Cameroon early Friday. A group calling itself the "Africa Marine Commando" is claiming responsibility.—Xinhua

Japan upgrades assessment on economy for first time in eight months

TOKYO, 15 March—The Cabinet Office on Monday upgraded its assessment on the economy for the first time in eight months, with earnings, production and consumer sentiment all starting to recover.

"While the economy has been picking up steadily, the self-sustainability of the recovery remains weak and problems such as high unemployment mean the situation is still difficult," said the Cabinet Office in its monthly economic report for March.

In recent months, the Cabinet Office had said that the economy was picking up without using the word "steadily".

The report also noted that risks to the economy, such as situations overseas and deflation meant that the nation needed to remain vigilant.

Xinhua

S Korea, Australia to enhance cooperation in energy, resource development

SEOUL, 15 March — South Korea and Australia reached an agreement on Monday to make joint efforts in energy and resource development, vowing to expand cooperative

measures on cultivating natural gas and resources, the South Korean government said.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the leaders from both sides agreed to allow South Korean companies to invest more in Australian projects in natural resource development, including coal, uranium, copper, and zinc. Also, the two sides will increase joint projects in growing the clean, reusable energy resource sector, as well as a "smart grid" system that could reduce the use of fossil fuel, the ministry said.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Higuain hat-trick helps Real Madrid stay top

MADRID, 15 March—Argentine Gonzalo Higuain scored a 20-minute hat-trick as he and Real Madrid buried their painful Champions League last 16 exit with a resounding 4-1 win at Valladolid on Sunday to nudge Barcelona off the summit on goal difference.

It was the day of Argentine hat-tricks with Lionel Messi scoring a sublime treble earlier on Sunday as Barcelona beat 10-man Valencia 3-0 to go level on 65 points with Real, but only below on goal difference.

Higuain inexplicably missed an open goal against Lyon in his team's midweek Champions League exit, hitting the post rather than the back of the net.—Internet



Real Madrid's Gonzalo Higuain (top) celebrates his third goal with teammate Sergi Ramos during their Spanish league match at the Jose Vorrilla Stadium in Valladolid.

INTERNET

N Korea 'helps S Africa prepare' for World Cup

SEOUL, 15 March—North Korea has sent around 1,000 workers to South Africa to help build or renovate stadiums hosting the upcoming World Cup football tournament, South Korean media reports said Monday.

The sanctions-hit state has sent the workers ahead of the June opening of the event, in which its own football team will participate, in an apparent attempt to earn much-needed hard currency, the

JoongAng Daily newspaper said.

It said the North Koreans are working at four to five stadiums, including Soccer City in Johannesburg, where the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the final will be staged.

"The North's government will likely demand loyalty from those workers and collect their wages to add to their foreign currency reserve," a Seoul government official told

the paper.

Yonhap news agency carried a similar report.

Internet

Rooney targets United glory ahead of individual success

MANCHESTER, 15 March—Wayne Rooney insists helping Manchester United enjoy a successful end to the campaign is more important than emulating Cristiano Ronaldo's tally of 42 goals in a season. Rooney was asked to fill the void left by the Portuguese forward when Ronaldo made an 80 million pounds move to Real Madrid last year.

And the England striker has done just that, with an incredible burst of goals that have kept United in contention in the Premier League and the Champions League.

The former Everton striker has scored 24 goals in his last 22 matches and his two goals in Sunday's 3-0 win over Fulham at Old Trafford took his tally to 32 for the season.

Internet



Lille's forward Pierre Emerick Aubameyang (L) vies with Grenoble's defender Jean Calve during their French L1 football match in Villeneuve-d'Ascq.—INTERNET

Marseille held as Cesar blunder lifts tired Lille

PARIS, 15 March—Marseille missed a chance to move up to third spot in the French league on Sunday after being held 1-1 at Toulouse as an own-goal from Grenoble defender Bostjan Cesar lifted tired Lille to a 1-0 win.

Three days after beating Liverpool 1-0 in the Europa League round of 16 first leg, Lille were lucky to come away winners against tailenders Grenoble at their Villeneuve d'Ascq stadium.

Rudi Garcia's side were the only movers among the title chasers as they climbed to fourth with 51 points after 28 games, two points behind leaders Bordeaux and Montpellier who both drew on Saturday.

Didier Deschamps' Marseille could not find their way past Toulouse despite

taking the lead on the half hour mark when Brazilian striker Brandao turned in a Mathieu Valbuena corner.—Internet



China's Zheng Jie returns a shot during a match with Russia's Maria Sharapova at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California. Zheng has battled past former champion Maria Sharapova 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open.—INTERNET

Zheng beats Sharapova in Paribas Open fourth round

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—China's Zheng Jie has battled past former champion Maria Sharapova 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Zheng, whose run to the Australian Open semi-finals along with that of compatriot Li Na electrified Chinese tennis, next faces Alicia Molik, with a chance to avenge her first round loss to the Australian in Dubai last month.

Molik, a 29-year-old who is on the comeback trail after a second career-threatening ailment, cruised into the round of 16 with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over British qualifier Elena Baltacha.

But Zheng toiled for two hours, 43 minutes to dispatch the 10th-seeded Sharapova - the second set alone taking 68 minutes.—Internet

Super-sub Johnson rescues City at the last

SUNDERLAND, 15 MARCH—Manchester City rescued a 1-1 draw at Sunderland as Adam Johnson came off the bench to score a stoppage-time equaliser against his home-town club on Sunday.

Roberto Mancini's side had trailed to Kenwyne Jones' early goal for the hosts, but Sunderland-born Johnson produced a superb strike in the final moments to keep alive City's challenge for a place in the Champions League. City could have drawn level with fourth-placed Tottenham with a victory but they will be happy enough to remain in fifth - two points off the final Champions League spot - after such a narrow escape.

Internet

Manchester City's Adam Johnson celebrates scoring the equalising goal during extra time in the English Premier League football match between Sunderland and Manchester City at the Stadium of Light.—Internet



Murray makes it through in Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Andy Murray, trying to improve on a runner-up finish last year, booked his third-round berth at the BNP Paribas Open Sunday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Italian

Andreas Seppi.

The fourth-seeded Briton needed an hour and 26 minutes to get past 46th-ranked Seppi, who has now lost three of their four meetings.

"I obviously did well here last year, would love to win it this time," Murray told the crowd at the sun-splashed stadium court at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

Internet



Andy Murray of Great Britain serves to Andreas Seppi of Italy during the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California.—INTERNET

Injured, tearful Beckham faces World Cup heartbreak

ROME, 15 March—David Beckham's dreams of playing in a fourth World Cup looked doomed after he suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon injury.

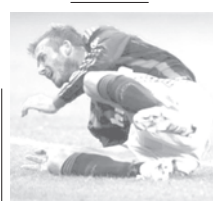
The 34-year-old former England captain was hurt in AC Milan's 1-0 Serie A win over Chievo at the San Siro, a victory which helped close the gap on league leaders Inter.

"A rupture of the Achilles tendon is suspected," said a statement on the AC Milan official website.

AC Milan vice-presi-

dent Adriano Galliani said that the player will be out for "probably five or six months".

Internet



AC Milan's English midfielder David Beckham lays on the pitch during the Italian Serie A football match AC Milan against Chievo.—INTERNET



File photo show Japanese sushi lovers remain defiant in the face of a possible ban on the international trade in Atlantic bluefin tuna. The species is much valued for sushi and sashimi.
Duration.
INTERNET

Beijing police arrests child trafficker at hospital

BEIJING, 15 March — Beijing police said Sunday they had arrested a man who was suspected of abducting a four-year-old girl from the city's leading hospital for children.

The suspect, surnamed Ren, stole the child from a bench outside a consulting room on the second floor of the Beijing Children's Hospital on March 8, said Wang Wen, a police officer with the Xicheng District Branch of Beijing Public Security Bureau. The family,

from Laiyuan in the neighbouring Hebei Province, had taken the feverish child to Beijing for treatment and were dozing off after the girl received transfusion.

The girl's father, surnamed Yan, called police after he woke up and found the child was lost, said Wang. Police interviewed dozens of bus drivers for clues Friday and Sunday. One of them recognized the man, and remembered he got off the bus with the child at a stop in southern Beijing.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 15th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, (6°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, (8°C) above March average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Eastern Shan, Southern Shan states and Mandalay Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (40°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-3-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 15-3-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-3-2010 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 14-3-2010 was (6.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-3-2010 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 Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 14-3-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and partly cloudy to cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-3-2010)(Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (16-3-10 11:30 am ~ 17-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Effigies the super stars
- * News
- * Let's Speak Myanmar "Mingalabar"
- * A Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * News
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- * News
- * Rattan Handicrafts
- * Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
- * Usefulness of the Whole Toddy Palm
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Nandawun (Souvenir Shop)
- * Myanmar Musical Orchestra
- * Mogok, The Ruby Land
- * Mogok, The Gems Land
- * News
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-2)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Lovely Customs and Dances of Gon Shan

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



Tuesday, 16
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. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင်

(သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-
မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am
6. ဆည်ရေလျှံလျှံကန်ခေါင် ရေလျှော်တံခံ

8:00 am
7. "မြတ်လျှောက်ရုံလေးပဲ လျှောက်မြစ်တော့မှာပါ"

8:20 am
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Songs Of Yester Years

3:00 pm
1. Myanmar National

League MNL Cup

(2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ
ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
(ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်းနှင့်
ဗောဓာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm
2. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု
တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရ
တေးများ

5:10 pm
3. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်
(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:25 pm
4. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

5:30 pm
5. "နီတိဒါနသွေးလျှံကြွေ"
(ငှက်ပျောကြွေ၊ ချစ်သူဝေ၊
မိုးယုစံ၊ မီးမီးသူခေ၊
(ခါရံ) တာ-ကဲ့ရွှေမိုးသက်)

5:35 pm
6. ရုပ်ရှင်တင်တေးအသံစဉ်
5:45 pm
7. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့
ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm
8. Evening News
6:15 pm
9. Weather Report

6:20 pm
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ
6:35 pm
11. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"တို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက"
(အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News

15. Weather Report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မေတ္တာနုနု" (အပိုင်း-၂)

17. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပထမဦး"



- ★ 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

Secretary-1 hosts dinner to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo hosted a dinner to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and members of the goodwill private delegation of Thailand at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, at 7.30 pm today.

Also present at the dinner were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

Before and during the dinner, the artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture presented various songs.

After the dinner, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Her Royal Highness Princess of Thailand exchanged gifts.

The Secretary-1 and Her Royal Highness Princess of Thailand posed for documentary photo after presenting flower baskets to the artistes.

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.—MNA

