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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Five Ayeyawady Bridge Construction Projects could start simultaneously thanks to efforts of able and experienced Myanmar engineers

General Thura Shwe Mann on inspection tour of Ayeyawady Bridge construction projects, factory projects in Magway Division



General Thura Shwe Mann visits worksite of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) Construction Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy minister for Home Affairs, senior military officers and departmental heads, arrived in Pakokku on 13 March morning.

The General and party were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Chairman of Magway Di-

vision PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, Col Mya Tun Oo of Pakokku Station and officials.

At the Technical Training School (Pakokku) of the Ministry of Industry-2 near Pakokku-Myaing motorway, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and officials conducted the General and party round the lecture halls.

Construction of the training school has completed by 83 per cent. On completion, the lathe course, grinding course, electrical course, mechanical course, coating course, mechanic course

and welding course will be conducted at the training school.

The next day, the General and party arrived at Magway Industrial Region Project where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on facts about the industrial region, matters related to Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant

Project, Gear & Transmission Plant Project and Technical Training School (Magway) Project and progress of the tasks.

After hearing the reports, the General asked facts about the projects.

The General inspected construction of the Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant Project and the Gear & Transmission Plant Project and sites chosen for construction of Technical Training School (Magway) and jetty.

Heavy Turbo Truck

Factory plans to manufacture one thousand 20-30 ton Left Hand Drive Heavy Truck (6x2 & 6x4) per year, and Gear & Transmission Plant will produce 700 pairs of Transmission System (Gear Box) yearly.

Technical Training School (Magway) will open the Automobile Engine Course, the Automobile Electrical System Course, the Automobile Transmission Course, the Automobile Chassis Course and the Advanced
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PERSPECTIVES

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Say No-To Drugs

Nowadays various forms of narcotic drugs such as opium, heroin, opium oil and marijuana and stimulant tablets produced with the use of chemical precursors are spreading and being abused across the world.

The danger of narcotic drugs makes an impact on the society covering drug addicts and their families and drug traffickers. As such, all the people, countries and regions are carrying out tasks of narcotic drug eradication.

As the national duty, Myanmar is striving for narcotic drug elimination in full swing. At present, the 15-year narcotic drug eradication plan from 1999 to 2014 is well under way in the country. In implementing the plan the country has achieved considerable success.

The government is combating the production and trafficking various kinds of narcotic drugs with added momentum. In February 2010, a total of 219 drug-related cases were exposed. In addition, action was taken against over 300 culprits under the law who were involved in drug-related cases on opium, heroin, opium oil, marijuana and stimulant tablets.

Moreover, the government in cooperation with the local people destroyed the poppy plantations in some regions. In 2009-2010, over 14,000 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in some townships of Shan State (North), Shan State (South), Shan State (East) and Kachin State.

At present, the government is accelerating the momentum of combating narcotic drugs. The entire people are actively participating in the drug elimination tasks. As a result, remarkable success has been achieved in the eradication of drugs.

As the government manages to widely disseminate the knowledge on danger of narcotic drugs at the grassroots level, the narcotic drugs that threaten the human society will be wiped out in the near future.

Concordia to take part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 16 March—Concordia Int'l Co Ltd has arranged to participate in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention

Centre on U Wisara Road here from 19 to 21 March. Concordia will display printers, copiers, toner cartridges, surveillance equipment,



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

Hinthada maintains embankment

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Most of the townships in Ayeyawady Division are striving for boosting production of agricultural produce including summer paddy and beans and pulses.

This summer, the local farmers in Danubyu, Zalun and Hinthada townships are busy in harvesting summer paddy, green gram and sunflower.

At the same time, staff members of Irrigation Department are maintaining the embankments along

U Nyan Lynn presents Credentials to Timor-Leste President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 March—U Nyan Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on 5 February 2010, in Dili.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects maintaining embankment along Ayeyawady River in Hinthada.—A&I

Ayeyawady River in Hinthada.

On 15 March, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo looked into

maintenance and extension of the embankment applying GOQ technique and attended to the needs.

MNA

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, on 12 March, met with

engineers at the briefing hall of Gwaycho at Mile Post No. 37/6 on Pyinmana-Taungnyo-Taungdingyi road, and called for the road work.

On arrival at Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) briefing hall, the deputy Minister

heard the report presented by Superintending Engineer U Soe Min on bridge construction and bored pile construction. He gave necessary instructions and inspected the bridge.

It is a rail-cum-road

bridge being built by Special Project Group (5). It links Michauyge of Magway Township on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and Malun of Minhla Township, Thayet District on the west bank.

MNA

Danger warning against collapsed building in Pabedan Township already issued

YANGON, 16 March—The building at the corner of Merchant Street and 30th Street in Pabedan Township, here, that collapsed at 4.45 pm on 14 March have had cracks for over six months.

Last week, the Yangon City Development Committee posted a notice that the building was a danger to

the public. No one was living on the ground floor and the first floor. There was only a guard on the first floor at night. Out of five family members on the second floor, only a 15-year-old girl died in the accident. After the

building collapsed, a rescue team led by Yangon Division Fire Services Department dig up and cleared the debris with the help of four rescue vehicles, one dump truck and two excavators.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Western wrongs and human rights

BEIJING, 16 March—It's a fact that Western countries today are far more technologically advanced than their Asian counterparts and their citizens live a "better life". But that does not mean human rights are better protected in the West.

Instead, an honest examination would show human rights are far better protected in Asia, at least when it comes to the most vulnerable sections of society such as ethnic minorities and residents without citizenship.

Take healthcare. In the

United States, the epitome of Western culture, it is difficult for a person without a health insurance or enough money to get medical treatment. Visitors to the US, especially from poorer countries, may be refused access to healthcare.

In many European Union (EU) countries, the standard of medical treat-

ment the underprivileged of other countries get is far below their national standards. Are the human rights of visitors who fall ill in Europe and the US protected? Why is the fundamental right to health neglected by the very countries that claim to be the torchbearers of universal human rights?

Internet

A bulldozer works besides a building of the Municipal School Wilson de Oliveira Simoes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 15 March, 2010. A wooden structure building in the school was collapsed around 12:00 on Monday and left nine children and one adult injured.—XINHUA



Six killed as roadside bomb hits car in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 16 March—Six people were killed as a roadside bomb struck a civilian car in Taliban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Monday, a Press release of provincial administration said.

"The incident occurred in Shah Wali Kot District at noontime as a result six civilians were killed," the Press release added.

Afghan Interior Minister Mohammad Hanif Atmar also visited Kandahar on Monday to inspect the situation and take necessary steps to improve security there.

Xinhua

Iraqi policemen check the site of a bomb attack in Fallujah, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, on 15 March, 2010.

XINHUA

Afghan gov't to send more police to Kandahar

KABUL, 16 March—Afghanistan's government will provide more than 1,000 police reinforcements to the southern province of Kandahar after Taliban attacks killed dozens of people there ahead of a coming offensive on the militant stronghold, an official said on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Interior agreed with a provin-

cial request for more security, Kandahar Gov Tooryalai Wesa said.

Wesa asked for more police after multiple bombs over the weekend killed at least 35 people in Kandahar city. The Taliban called the attacks a "warning" that they are ready for the war's next phase.

Afghan and NATO troops are planning to move into Kandahar, the

Taliban's spiritual birthplace, later this year after securing another stronghold in neighbouring Helmand Province. The southern push is part of a new counter-insurgency strategy and follows President Barack Obama's decision to send 30,000 new American troops to Afghanistan to reverse militant gains.

Internet



Passenger check in for boarding inside the new terminal of the Hongqiao Airport of Shanghai, east China, on 16 March, 2010. The No.2 Terminal of the airport came into use on Tuesday, and more than 90 percent of all flights to Hongqiao Airport will be transferred to the 360,000 square metre terminal.—XINHUA

Japanese PM denies Futenma air base to be relocated to Tokunoshima

TOKYO, 16 March—Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama on Tuesday denied that his government was considering relocating the US Futenma air base from Okinawa to Tokunoshima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture.

An article in the *Sankei Shimbun* newspaper on Tuesday said that Hatoyama had ordered a panel to study the feasibility of relocating the US military facility to

Tokunoshima.

"The report does not go beyond speculation and it is not true," the Prime Minister said. "We have not yet reached a final decision."

Tokunoshima is in 200 km north of Okinawa.

The coalition government led by the Democratic Party of Japan is currently looking for places to relocate tens of

thousands of US military personnel after coming to a decision that a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) signed between Washington and Tokyo in 2006 was not feasible. Under that plan, the Futenma facility would have been moved out of an urban area and into a less crowded part of southern island of Okinawa.—Xinhua

Over 70,000 cases of A/H1N1 flu confirmed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 16 March—The Mexican Health Ministry said on Monday that 71,393 cases of A/H1N1 influenza have been confirmed up to 10 March, including 1,108 deaths.

Eighty-six cases and five deaths were registered in the recent two days, the ministry said in a statement.

The figures show an upward trend in Mexico City, the state of Mexico, San Luis Potosi and Nuevo Leon, it said.

The ministry said that out of the 1,108 casualties, 60.4 percent had pathological records. About 69.5 percent of the patients were between 20 and 54 years old.

Xinhua

Eight killed, 25 wounded in western Iraq bombing

RAMADI, 16 March—The death toll from a car bomb explosion in Iraq's former Sunni rebel bastion of Fallujah on Monday rose to eight and 25 others were wounded, a local police source said.

"The reports said that eight people were killed and 25 others wounded by the car bomb earlier in the day," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the source said that seven people were killed and 13 wounded in the blast in Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, in the western Anbar Province.

An explosive-laden car, parked on a main street in Fallujah, detonated at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT), the source said. The blast targeted an Iraqi army patrol, but apparently missed its target and instead struck a crowd of construction labourers who gathered there waiting for employment for day-long jobs, the source said.—Xinhua

Global PC market to keep double-digit growth in coming years

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 March — Global personal computer (PC) market has been recovering and will keep the upward momentum with double-digit annual growth through 2014, market research firm IDC said on Monday.

PC shipments worldwide are expected to jump 12.6 percent in 2010 from the previous year, and grow at yearly rates of 13.9, 12.7, 11.5 and 11.3 percent respectively in the coming four years, according to projections by IDC. IDC noted that the

expansions are driven by PC market rebound beginning from the second half of last year.

After a severely constrained first half in 2009, steeply discounted PCs along with improving economic conditions steered the market back into the black in the latter half, resulting in 2.9 percent growth of global PC shipments for the whole year.

"PC volume continued to grow in 2009 — fairing much better than in 2001, when a smaller recession

produced a decline in PC volume. The positive 2009 results reflect lower prices and the fact that PCs are increasingly a must-have product," Jay Chou, a research analyst at IDC, said in a statement.

Analysis by IDC showed that portable PCs acted as the key driving force behind the market rebound, with shipments increasing 18.4 percent in 2009 compared to 2008.

Xinhua



An employee fuels up a car in a Caracas service station. Venezuela will from May begin selling 80,000 barrels of oil a day to Belarus, President Hugo Chavez has said after meeting his Belarussian counterpart.—INTERNET

Mercosur-Israel free trade agreement to take effect next month

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 March — The free trade agreement (FTA) between Israel and the Mercosur bloc, which groups Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina, will take effect

on 4 April, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Monday.

Israel is the first non-South American country to sign an FTA with the bloc. With the agreement, bilateral trade is expected to increase threefold in the next five years.

Lula made the announcement during a trip to Israel, where he is seeking to further boost bilateral economic relations, especially in the technology field, reports reaching here said.

Lula said that Israel is an ideal partner to help Brazil develop its nanotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

Xinhua

Iran says ready to mediate between Fatah, Hamas

TEHERAN, 16 March — The Iranian Foreign Ministry announced Teheran's readiness to play a mediating role between the rival Palestinian groups Fatah and Hamas to settle their differences, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Monday.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to mediate between Hamas and Fatah to help them materialize their aspirations," an unidentified Foreign Ministry official was quoted as saying.

According to the report, the official dismissed on Monday the allegations that Iran has interfered in the Palestinian political affairs, and said the Islamic Republic of Iran calls for solidarity of the Palestinian groups to end the Israeli occupation.

During a visit to Tunisia on Friday, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused Iran of impeding the reconciliation between Fatah and its rival Hamas.—Internet



A steel worker is pictured at a Xiaoyi steel mill, in China's northeastern Shanxi Province. China said on Tuesday it will support domestic steel mills in their fraught talks with global miners on iron ore prices, after industry leaders reportedly appealed to Beijing for help.—INTERNET

Putin justifies Russia's Arctic rights

Moscow, 16 March — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Monday defended Russia's claims for the Arctic continental shelf and called for dialogue to resolve disputes. "There has been a great deal of speculation" about the Arctic lately, Putin told members of the Russian Geographic Society, referring to some neighbouring countries' reaction to the emergence of the Russian flag in the continental Arctic shelf.

"We have been working within the limits of the rules formulated by the United Nations and on the basis of maritime law," Putin was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency.

Russia and other Arctic Council member states are scheduled to attend an international conference on the Arctic on 22-23 April in Moscow.

Putin urged the participants of the conference to discuss the existing disputes in a calm and friendly way and listen to each other rather than scaring each other with problems that do not exist.

International interest in the Arctic has intensified in recent years as global warming thaws waterways that used to be choked with ice almost year-round and polar countries scramble to lay claim to seabed resource rights. Russia, the United States, Canada, Sweden, Finland and Norway have all beefed up their military presence in the region, which is estimated to hold 90 billion untapped barrels of oil.—Xinhua

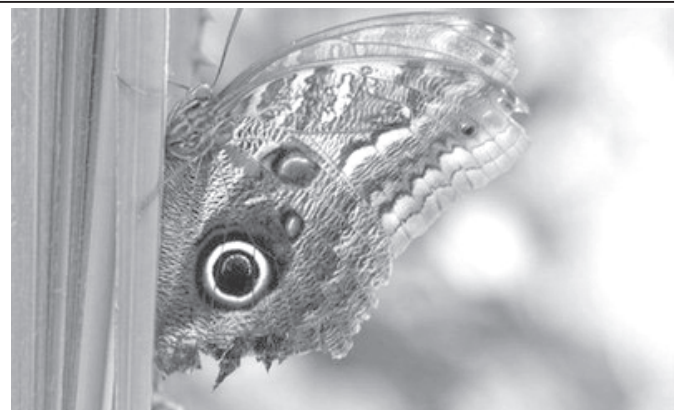
Housing construction drops 5.9 pct in February

WASHINGTON, 16 March — Housing construction fell in February as winter blizzards held down activity in the Northeast and South. The decline highlighted the challenges facing builders as they struggle to emerge from the worst housing slump in decades.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments fell 5.9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 575,000 units, slightly higher than the 570,000 that economists were expecting. January activity was revised up to a pace of 622,000 units, the strongest showing in 14 months.

Homebuilders are trying to emerge from a severe housing downturn. A rebound in housing is seen as critical to sustaining the overall economic recovery.

Internet



An owl butterfly sits on a plant in the biggest butterfly farm in Europe in Trassenheide on the Baltic Sea island Usedom, north-east Germany, in 2009. The destruction of natural habitats in Europe is wiping out butterfly, beetle and dragonfly species across the region, the updated European "Red List" of endangered species has showed.

INTERNET

Malaysia to play active role in international arena

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 March—Malaysian Supreme Head Mizan Zainal Abidin said here on Monday that the Malaysian government will continue to play an active role in the international arena.

This was to ensure that Malaysia will always voice and contribute its views and efforts towards the preservation of international peace, security and prosperity, said Mizan when delivering his opening address at the coun-

try's third session of the 12th Parliament.

"We are pleased with the progress made in the area of regional cooperation especially with the adoption of the ASEAN Charter in pursuit of the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015," Mizan said.

Mizan also said that Malaysia's foreign policy and national interest would continue to be promoted and safeguarded in order to enhance its ties

and cooperation with foreign countries in various fields.

To enhance Malaysia's capability to compete for wider and exclusive markets, as well as wooing foreign investments, Mizan said that the Malaysian government was committed to liberalizing trade and identifying potential countries and regions to engage in free trade agreement negotiations.

Xinhua



A sushi chef cuts up bluefin tuna at a sushi restaurant in Yokohama city, suburban Tokyo, on 12 March. Japan was accused of scare tactics at world talks on wildlife protection on Monday as it campaigned against a proposal to curb trade in bluefin tuna, the succulent sushi delicacy.—XINHUA

Russia, India mull uranium joint venture

MOSCOW, 16 March—Russia and India could set up a joint venture to prospect and mine uranium, the head of Russia's state nuclear giant Rosatom said on Monday.

The joint venture might operate at the Elkon uranium field in Yakutia, Rosatom chief Sergei Kiriyenko was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

Kiriyenko said the two countries might jointly build nuclear fuel manufacturing facilities in Russia and India.

He added that cooperation between Russia and India would not be restricted to fuel manufacturing and nuclear plant construction, saying nuclear power equipment manufacturing might also be localized in India.

Russia and India signed an agreement to construct up to 16 nuclear power units at three Indian sites during Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi last week.

Kiriyenko said earlier that 12 of the units, including the first two already under construction at the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in southern India, were to be built under a "road map" signed on Friday.

Xinhua

Iran to send satellites to higher orbits

TEHRAN, 16 March—An Iranian aerospace official said that Iran will send heavier satellites to higher orbits within two years, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Tuesday. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's declaration about sending heavier homemade satellites into the higher orbits will come into effect within two years, Managing Director of Iran's Air Industries Organization Manouchehr Manteqi told *Fars* on Monday.

"The promise made by the President on launching heavier satellites into the higher altitudes...will come into practice in less than two years," Manteqi was quoted as saying.—Xinhua



A herdsman pulls his horses to board the train in Ili River Valley, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 5 March, 2010.—XINHUA

US to help train Cambodia's peacekeeping forces

PHNOM PENH, 16 March—Visiting US high-ranking military officer Gen William Crowe has accepted a request by Cambodia's National Centre for Peacekeeping Forces and ERW Clearance (NPMEC) to train Cambodian forces on peacekeeping mission, official news agency AKP reported on Monday.

The request was made by Gen Sem Sovanny, general director of the NPMEC, during a visit to the Oudong military training school on 11 March by Gen William Crowe who is in charge of South Asia and ASEAN affairs office under the US Department of Defence, AKP said.

The visit to Cambodia is made according to the advice by leaders of the US Department of Defence after a meeting in Washington between a Cambodian military delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Gen Tea Banh and the US Secretary of Defence Gen Robert Gate, said Gen William Crowe.—Xinhua

Vietnam to build north-south express railway

HANOI, 16 March—Vietnam is planning to build a north-south express railway, the country's biggest transportation project ever, according to the Vietnam-Japan Consulting Joint Venture (VJC) here on Monday. This project is part of the country's railway transport development strategy by 2020 with a vision to 2050, approved by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung last November.

The railway will start from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. The Hanoi-Ho Chi Minh City express railway will be 1,570km long, with 27 stations. The trains' top speed will be 300 kilometres an hour.

The four-phase project is estimated to need an investment of over 55.8 billion US dollars. The money will be sourced from the state budget, the Vietnam Railway Corporation and other investors.—Xinhua

Over 10,000 seek refuge in Fiji as cyclone heads south

SUVA, 16 March—More than 10,000 people sheltered in evacuation centres around Fiji, with the largest number of people displaced by Hurricane Tomas in the northern part.

Weather officials said on Tuesday that the north has seen the worst of Tomas and expected winds to die down by later Tuesday.

There were 6,887 people in 118 evacuation centres in the north with 1,535 people in 38 centres in the western part, according to Fiji disaster management officials.—Xinhua



Military forces work to clean the streets of Talcahuano, Chile, on 15 March, 2010. The quake-stricken Chile is focusing on the restoration work after an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit the country on 27 Feb, killing at least 497 people.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Journalist killed in southern Mexico, 4th in 2010

MEXICO CITY, 16 March—A journalist has been killed in southern Mexico, the fourth slain in the country so far this year.

The leader of the journalists union in Guerrero state says Evaristo Pacheco worked for the regional weekly Vision Informativa. Police say he was shot to death on Friday after being snatched from a nightclub in the state capital, Chilpancingo.

The Press group Reporters Without Borders on Monday accused Mexican authorities of not doing enough to stop such attacks. The official death toll for Mexican journalists is four. *The Inter-American Press Association* says a fifth was recently killed in the border city of Reynosa, but media outlets there are too afraid to file a police report.—*Internet*



Tourists take photos of Yunnan snub-nosed monkey in Shangri-la County, Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Oct, 2009. Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen attracted more than 4 millions tourists home and abroad in 2009.—XINHUA

Taleban attack foreign troops in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 16 March— Militants attacked German troops in Chardara District of Kunduz Province in north Afghanistan, an official said on Tuesday.

"The attack occurred in Qasab village on Monday evening when the German and Afghan forces were attempting to establish checkpoints in the area," an official with

the Press department of Germany's Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Morten told *Xinhua*.

Giving only one name, the official also admitted that two military vehicles were slightly damaged in the fighting lasting for hours.

There were no casualties on the troops, adding the militants after suffer-

ing casualties fled the area.

Meantime, a Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media via telephone from unknown location confirmed the battle and said his men had inflicted huge damage to the German soldiers, a claim rejected by Morten as groundless.

Xinhua

British boy kidnapped in Pakistan freed

ISLAMABAD, 16 March—A British boy who was kidnapped in Pakistan earlier this month has been released, a relative said on Tuesday.

"He is safe," said Raja Basharat, the boy's grand-uncle.

Police in Jhelum, the town where Sahil Saeed was kidnapped, had said the gunmen who abducted him after holding relatives at gunpoint for several hours took away 150,000 rupees (\$1,750) and some gold and later demanded a 10 million rupee (\$118,000) ransom.

The circumstances around his release were not clear. "It is fantastic news which brings an end to the traumatic ordeal faced by Sahil and his family," the British High Commissioner in Islamabad said in a statement. Interior Minister Rehman Malik had said he suspected relatives were involved in the kidnapping.—*Internet*

US military hands over prison to Iraqi government

TAJI, 16 March— The US military handed over control of a prison holding some 2,900 detainees to Iraqi authorities on Monday as the Americans move ahead with preparations for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

Most of the Taji prison's detainees are low and midlevel militants who were arrested by American troops, said Maj Gen David Quantock, commander of detainee operations.

A small number have been convicted of crimes, he said. Control of prisons is a sensitive issue for many Iraqis.—*Internet*

Babies inborn to response to music rhythms



Infants are inborn to move rhythmically in response to music, media reports said quoting a new study on Monday.

Psychologist Marcel Zentner, who led the University of York team, said: "Our research suggests that it is the beat rather than other features of the music, such as the melody, that produces the response in infants."

"We also found that the better the children were able to synchronise their movements with the music the more they smiled."

The findings, based on a study of 120 infants aged from five months to two years, suggest that humans may be born with a nature to move rhythmically in response to music.

During the experiments, infants listened to a variety of stimulating sounds including classical music, rhythmic beats and speech. The researchers found the babies moved their arms, hands, legs, feet, torsos and heads in response to the music.

Though the ability seems to be natural in human, the researchers aren't sure why it evolved.

"It remains to be understood why humans have developed this particular predisposition," Zentner said. "One possibility is that it was a target of natural selection for music or that it has evolved for some other function that just happens to be relevant for music processing."

Two staff workers with the Wild Animals Rescue Centre of Cangzhou give treatment to a poisoned white-naped Crane, in Cangzhou, north China's Hebei Province, on 13 March 2010. A white-naped crane and a grus common crane found poisoned received timely treatments.



Thief returns stolen wallet decades later

Police in Vansbro, Sweden, said they received a wallet from an anonymous individual who admitted stealing the item at a party 40 years ago.

The Local said on Saturday the thief told Vansbro police in an anonymous letter he stole the wallet and the \$7 in

cash it contained while attending the party.

The individual said he misplaced the stolen item in the years since the party and only recently located the wallet by accident.

"I have bitterly regretted what I did and the problem was that I forgot where I had put it," the anonymous thief said in the letter.

The Local said the thief also replaced the stolen funds initially found in the wallet, along with an additional \$135 in compensation.

Vansbro Police Chief Lars Johansson said officers immediately attempted to locate the former owner of the wallet after receiving it from the repentant thief.

"Unfortunately he is now deceased but we will pass on the wallet and money to his relatives," Johansson said of the wallet's true owner.



British man Philip Levine, 28, instead of getting depressed about his bald head, decided to embrace his baldness and have fun with it. Levine hired a professional body painting artist Kat Sinclair to paint different scenes on his scalp.

Scottish teens get sleeping lessons

A Scottish charity says it is holding classes on proper sleep habits for teenagers in a bid to boost the students' energy during the school day.

Jane Ansell, director of charity Sleep Scotland, said the classes are currently being offered at Glasgow schools and officials are hoping the trial run will help develop a programme to be offered at schools across the country, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Monday.

Ansell said sleep deprivation has been linked to increased risks of depression and obesity.

"You wouldn't send somebody to school without having the right amount of food, so why would you send them without enough sleep?" she said.

The charity said the teenagers are being taught to avoid TV late at night and keep to a strict schedule allowing for at least nine hours of sleep per night.

NEWS ALBUM

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—The Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee held a coordination meeting at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein delivered an address.

Secretary of the committee Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw count the instructions of the Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee.

The deputy minister then reported on matters related to the industrial



Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein speaking at coordination meeting of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee.—MNA

development.

Chairmen and secretaries of the Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees

and Management Committees submitted the reports on industrial development matters.

The automobile

manufacturers reported on production of vehicles in the respective industrial zones.

After hearing the

reports, the minister discussed their reports and gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the

meeting were Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and officials.

MNA

Thitsa Road tarmacked in Yankin Township

YANGON, 16 March—As part of efforts to ensure smooth and secure transport for Yangonites, the Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee is repaving roads with the use of heavy machinery day in, day out.

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

Committee, looked into tarmacking of the sections of Thitsa Road in Yankin Township this morning.

The four-lane Thitsa Road, 12,000 feet long and 48 feet wide, links Thanthuma Junction of South Okkalapa Township and Kaba Aye Pagoda Junction in Yankin Township.

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Talks on agricultural equipment held

YANGON, 16 March—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association, Pioneer Post-harvest development association and Kett Electric Laboratory of Japan, talks on crops moistures measuring instruments was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here today.

Vice-President U Sein Win Hlaing of MRMA made a speech and so did Managing Director Mr Chua Chai Lee

of Global Instruments Pte Ltd. Chairman of Pioneer Post-harvest development association and General Secretary Dr Myo Aung Kyaw of MRMA explained the purpose of holding the talks.

Manager Mr Norihiro Yoshida of Kett Electric Laboratory donated two sets of instruments to General Manager U Soe Win of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading.

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US Embassy Consul holds consular meeting with Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March —As a gesture of taking heed of the request of the US Embassy, Consul Mr. Colin P. Furst and a member of the US Embassy were allowed to hold a consular meeting with prisoner Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyaw Zaw Lwin who was naturalized as a US citizen at the office of the in-charge of Pyay Jail in Pyay at 12.55 p.m. on 12 March.—MNA

Applied GPS & Google Earth Software course to be conducted

YANGON, 16 March—Concordia Int'l processing to Garmin Map source & Co. Ltd will conduct certified advanced land survey course (6/2010) and applied GPS & Google Earth Software course at Concordia training hall in Shwegondine here.

Land survey course is from 24 March to 7 April and GPS & Google Earth Software course, from 24 to 26 March.

The course includes applied total station survey method (Construction survey, Topographic survey Differential GPS and latest RTK survey), Handheld GPS, GPS and Applied Google Earth Software (GPS downloading and

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Managing Director Mr Chua Chai Lee of Global Instruments Pte Ltd explains moistures measuring instruments.

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Fire destroys houses

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — About 100 houses in Taungmyo village of Sartaung village-tract in Sagaing Division were destroyed in a fire broke out at about 1:50 p.m. on 14 March.

A forest fire in Sayasan village, 10

miles far from Tamu of the division at about 2:50 p.m. at the same day, ravaged nine houses.

Fire Services Department is issuing public warnings to prevent tragedies caused by fire.—MNA

Beware of fire

Myanmar people must be for Myanmar

Ngar Min Swe

One day, a high school friend of mine, as well as an anaesthetist, gave me a phone call at about 8 pm. He said, "Hi, Min Swe, I am now having dinner with a man. He says he can't wait to see you. Guess who he is?" I said, "If so, he must be an old friend of mine." "Oh, you are feeling to get frustrated in such a critical moment. Here is your old friend. Talk with him." So, I had to hold on the phone. I was shocked to the core out of joy when I heard the voice of my old friend on phone. He is my close friend. I still recognized his voice very well. We had not met each other for more than 20 years. He is a doctor. In early 1988, he left Myanmar for England. I have learnt that he is a specialist there. I wondered for what purpose he was in Myanmar: on a visit or he returned home for good to serve the interest of the people with the art of giving health care. I was so excited to see him that I rushed to the restaurant where they were having dinner.

On my way to the restaurant, my school days together with him brought back memories. He and I met in Ninth Standard (A) in Lanmadaw (St. John's) School. I was a boarder at school. His house was only one bus stop from the school. His parents were both government staff members, and they resided in the staff quarter of the ministry. The boarders were not allowed to go outside the school, except on Sunday. On Sundays, I used to study together with him in his home. Despite being a high school student, his English was so good that he could read Newsweek and Time magazines. I thought that he would go abroad for further studies one day and then he would become a reliable citizen. In the matriculation examination in 1975, he got highest mark in English on 86 the whole Myanmar. Then, he joined the University of Medicine (1). When he completed his medical studies, he came to Mon State, and said that he wanted to run a private clinic in a village where there was no doctor. I helped him open a clinic at Zeebyuthaung Village in Ye Township.

He returned to Yangon in May 1987 with the aim of attending a post-graduate course there. At the end of December that year, he came to Kyaikkhami where I lived. He said, "Min Swe, I am going to England. I plan to continue my education, working there. So, I have to pay 50,000 kyats as compensation. Would you please borrow me 30,000 kyats? The amount of money he asked me for was rather high for me. I was a salt farming entrepreneur, but all the money I had was in my investment. I had yet to buy a house in Kyaikkhami for my family, for which the house belonging to my parents was not much comfortable. In addition, I did not have enough money in hand to buy my good lady a complete set of jewellery. At that time, 30,000 kyats was enough to buy a fine house in my home town and a complete set of jewellery for my wife. Nonetheless, I thought over and made a decision overnight to provide money, rather

than lending him, with the hope that he would be in the service of the people after he completed his further studies abroad. And I thought my cash assistance to him would be beneficial to the people to a certain degree.

The following morning, I wrote a letter and sent him with it to salt broker U Baw Lone on Latha Street in Yangon. "Here is the letter asking money from U Baw Lone. U Baw Lone has to pay me money for the salt he has bought from me. Go and get the money you want from him. I will inform him about this case on phone. You don't need to pay me back this money. Return to our mother country after you have completed your studies in England. It would be greatly appreciated if the experiences and knowledge you would gain there would be beneficial to Myanmar." I saw him off at the bus stop till he got on the Hilux stationed by the Independence Monument in downtown Kyaikkhami.

About one year after his departure, he wrote to me, saying that he continued his education; and that he had called his wife and kids to England. I realized that he had planned to settle down there. And he was no longer for Myanmar although he was a Myanmar. Something for which I felt sad was that the country had lost an educated person, not for the money I had supported to him.

Thinking about my past experiences, I got to the restaurant. I was in haste to search him in it. As soon as I found my old friend with a bald head, I went to the table and put my arms around his shoulders from his back. He stood up and embraced me. Out of joy, I had my eyes filled with tears. Beside him were his good lady, and one of his schoolmates in university who I did not know. I had a lot of words and a lot of questions with him. He said, "I will come to you tomorrow. Would you fetch me in my father's home?" Then, I realized that only the following day would he have a long conversation with me.

The following morning, I fetched him in his father's home. There we had a frank conversation for a long time. I said, "Why don't you come back and work here? The specialist, whose degree is the same as yours, is not getting any younger." He said, "You're right, friend. I have been thinking of coming back to my country for good. Another reason is that I am here to look for a place for my business." I really got encouraged by his words. "Where do you live in England?" "I live in Manchester, but work in Liverpool." "Maybe, you would have owned a residence and car by now." "I have a residence with a compound in Manchester." "I'm pleased to hear that you are getting on with business. I'm afraid, but you should come back and work here. If possible for you, you should sell all of your property in England and made an investment here. Our country still needs many heavy investments in the health care." He said, "I'm already thinking that."

On his way back from my home, he said, "I borrowed

30,000 kyats from you in early 1988 for traveling expenses. Now, I want to settle the debt." An amount of 30,000 kyats was valuable at that time. However, my cash assistance was with no strings attached. I said, "Friend, I have told you several times that it was the money I supported, not I lent you. **What I want to get back from you is your service in the public interest, not the money. But, my wish never comes true. Now, I am poor, if compared with you. But, what I want to get back from you today is your service, not money. I am still hoping your service for our country and people. You must be for Myanmar people.**"

I arrived at Bago-Thahnetpin road on a motorbike after going down Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago. Bago-Thahnetpin road is smooth and wide with golden paddy fields on both sides. It didn't take me long to reach there due to the smooth road. Then I arrived at Ohnhne village after passing through Kamase and Yitkan villages. At the entrance to Ohnhne village was the machinery pumping out gas to Yangon. I found a neat and tidy station hospital in the village. Although Ohnhne is 22 miles from Bago, the smooth road helped me reach within half an hour. I drove the motorbike down to the fields. The stretches of the fields seemed endless. While driving the motorcycle, I happened to sing a song *Lu-ye-chun* (An outstanding person). But when I reached a stanza, I could not continue the song. My eyes were streaming as I remembered a friend of mine, who is a physician serving the interests of Britons by living in Manchester, England. He is a brilliant one but not serving the interests of Myanmar.

I drove down the field, seeing ladies gathering beans. Farmers are earning good income this year as rice and beans are in good demand. I arrived in Mamauk village after passing through Latpankhashe, Aye, Nyaungbo, Ngwepon, Aungmingtha and Wepatan villages. All the villages are fitted with neat and tidy schools at high, middle and primary levels. There are also a lot of brick and wooden houses with corrugated iron roof. Tractors, troller-Gs and motorbikes were going about. It is ridiculous that in 2007 Tu Maung Nyo wrote an article in Majima Journal describing that Myanmar farmers were poor. At the roadside shops were villagers talking on the CDMA phone. The village roads are installed with lamp posts. When I first arrived in the region three months ago, I asked the Ward Peace and Development Council chairman if the region was secure and if there were any criminal cases such as theft, looting, robbery and murder. He replied that there were no such cases and that they had to deal with arguments between the married couples sometimes. After eating light meals at U Maung Win's restaurant in Mamauk village, I drove to TadaU village. In the villages along the route live PaO, Kayin, Mon and Bamar nationals. With those villages developing in all aspects, the local people are enjoying fruits of progress.

After a 20-minute drive to the east bank of Sittoung River from TadaU village, I arrived at my salt farm. Eleven entrepreneurs including me are engaging in 2,000-acre salt farms at the mouth of Sittoung River in Kawa Township. In the times of ancient Myanmar kings, Bago region produced salt for the whole country. But since the colonial era, Bago salt had disappeared gradually. Bago previously known as the biggest salt producer had to purchase salt from Mon State and Ayeyawady Division. When Cyclone Nargis hit Ayeyawady Division, damaging the salt farms, there were salt requirements and it had to be imported. So, the Head of State gave guidance on regenerating salt business in Bago region. He also stressed the need to

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Courses such as Automobile Production Technology Course and Automobile Inspection Course for turning out automobile technicians.

On 13 March, the General and party heard reports on construction of bored piles simultaneously on the banks of Letpanchaypaw and Pakokku and Yaylekyun, earnest efforts being made on construction works day in, day out starting from 15 December, 2009, works being carried out meeting set standards, completion of work by 11 per cent and availability of funds and arrival of heavy machinery at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) being implemented by Special Projects Construction Group (3) of Public Works under the Ministry of Con-



General Thura Shwe Mann visits main building and lecture halls of Technical Training School (Pakokku).

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struction in Pakokku.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented a forecast on charges in the water course of Ayeyawady River in the coming rainy season and condition of weather. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min explained works to be done for construction of approach railroads on the banks of Pakokku and Letpanchaypaw.

The General called for timely completion of construction work meeting set standards and minimizing loss and wastage, and viewed the worksite from the viewing deck.

He inspected construction of foundation of main bridge at the worksite.

On 14 March, the General and party went to worksite (See page 10)



General Thura Shwe Mann inspects Technical Training School (Magway) Project of Ministry of Industry-2 in Magway.

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Myanmar people ...

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produce salt not only for public consumption but also for industrial raw materials. If salt production is extended in Ayeyawady and Tanintyayi divisions and Mon and Rakhine states, mangrove forests and farmlands will be damaged. So, the Head of State gave guidance on boosting salt production in Bago region and reclamation of 20,000 acres of salt land and 2,000 acres for 2009-2010. After some salt entrepreneurs from Mon State conducted feasibility study, eleven businessmen including me are working hard at 2,000 acres of salt farms in Bago.

Just as I drove the motorbike to the salt farm, I refreshed my self. White salt is beginning to be adhered to the surface of the salt farm. Despite some difficulties in working on the farm, I feel happy. Now I am 52 and have passed over half of my life. I do not have much time to live. Before I am on my deathbed, I have produced salt for the survival of the Myanmar people. I could

produce industrial raw salt necessary for building an industrial nation. As a Myanmar citizen, I have served for the Myanmar people. So I can even accept my death now if it so happens. Otherwise, I will feel happy to continue to live.

After leaving the salt farm, I placed my motorbike in Bago and drove a Sunny pick-up to Nay Pyi Taw. After a 10 minutes' drive along Phayagyi-Bawnatkyi road, I reached Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Express way, which is a four-lane road. Ground work is being done to upgrade it into an eight-lane one. Air-conditioned passenger buses and other various cars such as Land Cruiser, Parado, Pajero, van and saloon were going past my car. At the speed I drove, it would take about four hours to reach Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon (Htaukkyant). The cars overtaking mine could take about three hours to reach there. Yangon is not far from Nay Pyi Taw as the road is smooth.

I got to Nay Pyi Taw at about 6 pm. I drove up to a

hillock in front of Myoma Market on which are many restaurants. From there, I was thinking why England and America had become developed democracies. English people are for England. Americans love America most. Americans are for America. For those strong spirits, they have become so. Likewise, thanks to the efforts of Myanmar people who love Myanmar most and those thinking Myanmar is for Myanmar people, the nation has developed to a certain degree. And this is due to the concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. It is necessary to maintain such developments on a collaborative basis. The people have to work harder for more national development.

I strongly believe the Union of Myanmar will surely become a developed democratic nation in the international community if followers of alien countries, so-called Myanmar citizens used by alien countries and those working for alien countries despite being Myanmar citizens do their bit in nation-building tasks with the concept that Myanmar people must be for Myanmar.

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Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakoku) Project in progress.

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of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) being implemented by Special Projects Construction Group (4).

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported to the General on facts about

the alignment, construction works that started from 22 November, 2009, types of the bridge, availability of funds and arrival of heavy machinery.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe explained location of wharfs in the Ayeyawady River, conditions of riverbed and bank and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, works to be done for construction approach roads on east

and west banks of the bridge and Myanmar rail-road networks.

In his response to the reports, the General said that five Ayeyawady Bridge Construction Projects could start simultaneously thanks to efforts of able and experienced Myanmar engineers. He stressed the need for systematic supervision on each and every phase and ensuring completion

of works in time meeting set standards.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project is located one mile upstream the Migyaungye. The bridge will link the east bank of the river between Ywathit and Sitkoebin villages of Magway Township and the west bank between Thaphanchaung and Kaing villages of Minhla Township.

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

The main bridge will be 3215 feet long and it will have 28 feet wide motorway and 14 feet wide area for the railroad. The bridge will have three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The facility will be a rail-cum-road bridge.

The lower structure of the bridge is of reinforced concrete and the upper structure, of steel frame type. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. At present, piers

are under construction with the use of four bored piling vibrators, and construction of piers has completed by 35 per cent.

On 14 March, the General and party visited the Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) Project and the Magway Industrial Region of the Ministry of Industry-2 after attending the opening of Thayet-Minhla railroad section, and arrived back here in the afternoon.

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Brisk trade symbolizes peace and prosperity

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

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All downtown roads are always neat and tidy reflecting the constant efforts of employees of the development committee. I would like to express my words of praise for their daily efforts for cleaning and beautifying the town.

A place we planned to visit when we arrived in Taunggyi is Myoma Market. The market was packed with national races such as Shan and PaO in their traditional dresses. Trading is brisk at all markets in Taunggyi on the fifth day of the market where agricul-

tural produce grown on their own region are available at fair price. The hustle and bustle of the market place symbolized peace and stability of the region. As part of the drive for uplift of education standard of the region, Taunggyi University and Technological Univer-

sities have been opened for enabling local youths to have easy access to tertiary education and for turning out human resources to shape the future of the nation. The main roads in Taunggyi are Bogyoke Road, Yongyi Road, East Ring Road and West Ring



Photo shows a signboard at the entrance to Taunggyi.

Road. Modern and beautiful buildings occupied on both sides of the roads. It is the fruitful result of economic growth. Remarkable progress can be witnessed in Taunggyi in parallel with

peace and stability. Whenever I visited there I noticed at least a change for the better in every sector.

Translation: YM
Myanma Alin; 5-3-2010





People view a burning car following an explosion in Warri, Nigeria, on 15 March, 2010. Twin car bombs exploded outside a government building where amnesty talks were underway on Monday in Nigeria's restive and oil-rich region, wounding two people and causing panic, a government spokesman said.—INTERNET

Nigeria militants set off bombs, step up threats

LAGOS, 16 March—Militants in Nigeria's oil-producing region detonated two car bombs on Monday near a government building where officials were discussing an amnesty deal, showing their resolve to resume attacks after an agreement to bring peace and economic benefits to the area unraveled.

Two people were injured and windows were blown out of the meeting room in an attack that was heard on live TV. The

Movement for the Eman-
cipation of the Niger
Delta, or MEND, warned
that the bombings in Warri
are part of a new wave of
attacks coming to Delta
state, which remains
deeply impoverished de-
spite its oil wealth.

"The deceit of endless
dialogue and conferences
will no longer be toler-
ated," the group said in a
statement e-mailed to re-
porters just before the at-
tack.

The bombings did not
immediately affect global

oil prices, which in the past
have risen after pipelines
and oil companies operat-
ing in Nigeria were at-
tacked. MEND's attacks
last year cut Nigeria's oil
production by roughly 1
million barrels a day, al-
lowing Angola to surge
ahead as Africa's top oil
producer.

MEND e-mailed a state-
ment to reporters on Mon-
day minutes before the
bombing, urging that the
government building and
nearby facilities be evacu-
ated.—INTERNET

Quitting smoking improves artery health

BEIJING, 16 March—Smokers who quit have a significant improvement in the health of their arteries within a year of their last cigarette, as media reported quoting a new study on Monday. The improve-
ment is the equivalent of a 14 percent reduction in the risk of cardiovascular dis-

ease, according to the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin-
Madison study.

"A lot of people are
afraid to quit smoking be-
cause they're afraid to gain
weight," said the study's
leader, Dr James Stein, a
University of Wisconsin-
Madison cardiologist.

The research shows

these people gained a
health benefit even though
also gaining an average of
9 pounds after they quit,
researchers found. Their
levels of so-called good
cholesterol improved, too.

Hardening of the ar-
teries is an early step to heart
disease. About one-third of
premature smoking deaths
are due to cardiovascular
disease. However, smok-
ers who quit face a 70 per-
cent increased risk of de-
veloping diabetes within
the first two to three years.
Within 10 years, that in-
creased risk goes down to
zero, said Neal Benowitz,
a professor of medicine at
the University of Califor-
nia, San Francisco who
was not a part of the study.

Xinhua

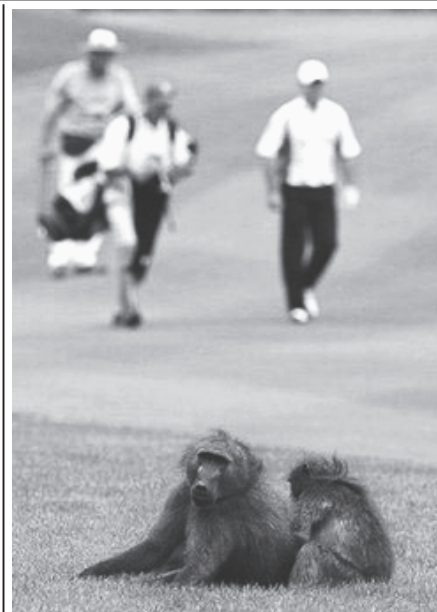
6.7-magnitude aftershock strikes near Chile's Concepcion

CONCEPCION, 16 March—A 6.7-magnitude aftershock hit near Concepcion on Monday, the US Geological Survey reported.

The aftershock struck off Chile's coast, some 86 km from Concepcion, one of the cities hardest hit by the 8.8-magnitude quake on 27 Feb. Its epicentre was 34 km deep in the Pacific Ocean. The quake was strongly felt in Concepcion and caused a power blackout that plunged the city into darkness. Authorities have not issued a tsunami warning.—Xinhua



Nepalese soldiers display their horse riding skills during the Ghode Jatra, the Horse Racing Festival in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 15 March, 2010. According to the local mythology, trampling and racing horses on the "Tundhikel" field would stop the demon Gurumapa from coming out and stealing children.—XINHUA



Two baboons sit on the fairway, in 2007, on the first day of Nedbank Golf Challenge, in Sun City, South Africa. Baboons with a taste for Chardonnay grapes are terrorizing farmers in South Africa's Western Cape wine region, munching tonnes of grapes ready for harvesting, local media reported on Monday.—INTERNET

Malacca Strait remains safe

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 March—Malacca Strait remains safe under the surveillance of the Navy, a local Chinese newspaper quoted Royal Malaysia Navy Chief Abdul Aziz Jaafar on Tuesday as saying. Abdul Aziz said that so far the authorities have not received any reports on possible terrorist attacks on Malacca Strait and the Navy would continue monitoring the situation of the strait, *Sin Chew Daily* reported.

Earlier, Singaporean authorities warned terrorist might target oil tankers in the Malacca Strait.

Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs said recently that the US would provide support to the littoral states of the Malacca Strait to combat terrorism.—Xinhua

Three tigers very ill at Chinese zoo where 11 starved

BEIJING, 16 March—Zookeepers are scrambling to save three seriously ill Siberian tigers at a cash-strapped zoo in northeastern China where 11 of the big cats starved to death recently.

The three tigers were shedding fur, had lost their appetites and were listless, the official Xinhua News Agency reported late Monday.

Eleven of the 30 Siberian tigers at the Shenyang Forest Wild Animal Zoo starved to death in the past three months, having been fed nothing but chicken bones as the facility ran into financial trouble, according to reports last week, although a zoo manager said unspecified diseases killed the animals.

Staff at the zoo who answered the phone on Tuesday refused to answer questions or give their names. They referred calls to the local Communist Party Press office, where an official, Zhang Qingyang, confirmed that three tigers were still very sick.

"We can only say that three of the tigers are in bad health right now, and we are actively working to save them," Zhang said but wouldn't elaborate. "Should we fail to save them, we'd let the public know right away." After news broke of the mass tiger deaths last week, the local government pledged 7 million yuan (\$1.03 million) to help save the remaining animals.—Xinhua

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"Hand tools and implements (hand-operated); cutlery; side arms; razors; household electric appliances such as: electric shaver, razor; electric knife sharpener; cutting tool; spray" in **Class 8**;

"Scientific, nautical, surveying, electric, photographic, cinematographic, optical, weighing, measuring, signalling, checking (supervision), life-saving and teaching apparatus and instruments; apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound or images; magnetic data carriers, recording discs; automatic vending machines and mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; cash registers, calculating machines, data processing equipment and computers; fire-extinguishing apparatus; controlling apparatus for electric motors and generators such as: controller, resistor, contactor, relay, automatic voltage regulator, remote controlling apparatus; machines and equipment for electric power distribution such as: transformer, electric current limiting reactor, arc-suppression coil, mercury rectifier, semiconductor rectifier, rotary converter, magnetic amplifier, circuit breaker, switch, switch gear, switch board and box, relay, frequency changer, lightning arrester, load dispatcher, charger; battery, battery charger, rechargeable battery, nickel cadmium battery, dry battery, battery box, battery jar; power cable, telecommunication cable, insulated cable, submarine cable, fibre-optic LAN, fibre-optic cable, bare wire, magnet wire, aluminum wire and cable, electronic wire and cable, magnetic core, magnet; electric and magnetic meter such as: power meter, ampere meter, volt meter, watt meter, watt-hour meter, insulation resistance meter; industrial measuring instrument such as: thermometer, pressure meter, flow meter, dynamometer, wave sweep oscillator, oscillograph, wave form monitor, ultrasonic inspection and imaging instrument, ultrasonic flaw detector, ultrasonic instrument, ultrasonic microscope; electronic tube such as: picture tube, receiving tube, transmitting tube, pickup tube, cathode ray tube, image pickup tube, storage tube, power tube, x-ray tube, magnetron, rectifier tube, vidicon, liquid crystal display device, core memory, bubble memory, electric circuit parts using semiconductor material such as: transistor, diode, photo cell, photo conductive device, thermistor, varistor, electric condenser, I.C. (integrated circuit), L.S.I. (large scale integration), L.E.D. (light emitting diode), memory (random access memory, read only memory), stepper, microprocessor, thyristor; multilayer ceramic products; telephone set, attendant console of telephone set, telephone switchboard; semiconductor manufacturing apparatus such as: dry etching equipment, inspection equipment for dust particles, through-put IC memory test equipment, wafer/mask blanks surface inspection equipment, clean bench, clean room, electronic beam lithography system; electronic applied apparatuses such as: electronic computer, computer program, data processing apparatus, data typewriter, line printer, cassette data reader, card reader punch, color copying machine, cathode ray tube display copier, micro fiche retriever, inventory control machine, electronic cash register, mark sheet reader, copying machine, electric plotter, optical character reader, disc (magnetic), drum memory, magnetic tape unit, automatic controlling apparatus, electron microscope, particle accelerator, radar apparatus, electronic calculator, word processor, printer; radio telephone equipment; telephone exchange, asynchronous transfer mode; attendant console of telephone; telegraph, carrier telephone; television conference equipment; private branch exchange; wireless communication apparatus; facsimile; voice response system; field pick-up for broadcasting; interphone; wave guide; antenna; electric controlling equipment for rolling stock such as: chopper controller, rectifier, transformer, inverter; scientific measuring instruments such as: mass spectrometer, micro-analyzer, microscope, magnetic resonance spectrometer, spectrophotometer, spectrometer, photometer, P.H. meter, toselius electrophoresis apparatus, geiger counter, gas chromatograph, nuclear magnetic resonance, amino acid analyzer, fluorescence spectro photometer, atomic absorption spectrometer, liquid chromatograph, cargo working machines such as lifting magnet; steam condenser; magnetic appliances such as: magnetic separator, magnetic strainer; electric precipitator; equipment and appliances for automobile such as: battery, relay; radio broadcasting equipment, radio receiving set, television broadcasting equipment, freeze-picture transmission system, television receiving set, television translator, television camera, video camera, industrial television

equipment, wire broadcasting equipment, electric gramophone, record player, automatic sync-sound film, strip projector; stereo equipment such as: receiver, amplifier, tuner, speaker system, speaker unit, disc cartridge, tape deck, headphone, electric cleaner for record disc, magnetic tape recorder; stereo modular combination with: 8-track player, cassette tape recorder, record auto changer, cassette tape deck, video projector, video monitor; magnetic recording tape, video tape, magnetic floppy disc; liquid crystal display and its parts, cartridge tape, video tape, video disc, audio disc, cassette tape, video tape recorder, video disc player, audio disc player, optical disc player, cassette player, cassette recorder, car radio, transceiver; household electric appliances such as: hair setter, vacuum cleaner, floor polisher, iron, timer switch; household appliances such as wiring parts in household; electronic thermometer, ferrite magnet; copper and copper alloy such as: bus bar, induction coil; graphite product such as graphite electrode; ceramic products for electric and electronic parts; measuring instruments such as: electric indicator; indicating controller, sequential controller, recorder, magnetic flow meter, insulation tester, electronic pressure transmitter, pneumatic pressure transmitter, level gauge, thickness gauge, moisture gauge, density gauge, oxygen meter, recording controller; electric and electronic parts such as: printed wiring board, capacitor, coil, resistor, printed circuit board, printed circuit board material, semiconductor material; anisotropic conductive film; wiring device; local area network apparatus; integrated service digital network apparatus; electric door bell; alarm buzzer; electric dust collector; digitizer" in **Class 9**;

"Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary apparatus and instruments, artificial limbs, eyes and teeth; orthopedic articles; suture materials; electronic thermometer; medical equipment such as: tomograph, tomograph unit, x-ray unit, x-ray generator, ultra-sonic blood flow monitor, ultrasound cardiogram unit, nuclear medical data processing system, radiotherapeutic microtron system, scintillation camera, bio-clean unit for operating room hospital, CT scanner, sphygmomanometer, magnetic resonance imaging equipment, massager, ultrasound scanner, picture archiving and communication system" in **Class 10**;

"Apparatus for lighting, heating, steam generating, cooking, refrigerating, drying, ventilating, water supply and sanitary purposes; nuclear power plants such as nuclear reactor; boiler, feed water purifier for boiler, heat exchanger, refrigerating machine, water cooler, chiller, refrigerating display case, air conditioning equipment, electric portable water cooler, electric dehumidifier, electric furnace, air pollution control apparatus, water supply apparatus, water pollution control apparatus, sludge collector apparatus, grit collector apparatus, oil and gas range, oil and gas stove, kerosene heater, lighting equipment such as: mercury lamp, infrared lamp, fluorescent lamp, incandescent lamp, lamp fixture, flashlight, electric torch, electric lantern, underwater light; atomic furnace; household electric appliances such as: heater, warmer, toaster, electric rice cooker, egg cooker, electric pot, roaster, microwave oven, refrigerator, ice maker, coffee, maker, fountain, water cleaner, hair dryer, electric hair brush, electric tooth brush, clothes dryer, dehumidifier, humidifier, desk fan, floor fan, ceiling fan, ventilating fan, room air conditioner, electric letter opener, electric pencil sharpener, food processor, floor heating panel; household appliances such as: home bath and bath unit, kitchen sink, disposal tank, sewage tank, home boiler, solar heater" in **Class 11**;

"Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water; rolling stock, electric locomotive, diesel hydraulic locomotive, diesel electric locomotive, diesel engine, passenger coach, electric car, diesel car, mono-rail car, cable car, ropeway, freight car, wagon, van, tank car, industrial rolling stock, industrial trailer, dump truck, trailer, hydrocoupling, hydro torque converter, automatic conveying vehicle; equipment and appliances for automobile such as: starter-dynamo, starting motor; leisure appliances such as: boat, golf cart" in **Class 12**;

"Precious metals and their alloys and goods in precious metals or coated therewith, not included in other classes; jewellery, precious stone; horological and chronometric instruments; electric/electronic clock and watch" in **Class 14**;

"Paper, cardboard and goods made from these materials, not included in other classes; printed matter; bookbinding materials; photographs; stationery; adhesives for stationery or household

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (501) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.3.2010 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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HIV cases rise in Australian state

CANBERRA, 16 March—Queensland's chief health officer Jeannette Young said on Tuesday the number of reported HIV (human immuno-deficiency virus) cases in the state is increasing.

There were 178 new cases of HIV reported in Queensland last year compared with 166 the year before.

Young said the figures are worrying.

"That's the highest number that's ever been reported," she said. Men made up 88 percent of reported cases last year. The highest notification rates were in the 25 to 34 age group.

Young said the increase may be due to an aggressive campaign encouraging gay men to be tested.

However, she said now that treatments are available, people are more complacent about the importance of safe sex. A new national HIV strategy will be considered by the Australian Health Ministers' conference next month.—Xinhua

purposes; artists' materials; paint brushes; typewriters and office requisites (except furniture); instructional and teaching material (except apparatus); plastic materials for packaging (not included in other classes); playing cards; printers' type; printing blocks; bimetal; catalogue, handbook, manual, PVC stretch film for food; pencil sharpener" in **Class 16**;

"Rubber, gutta-percha, gum, asbestos, mica and goods made from these materials and not included in other classes; plastics in extruded form for use in manufacture; packing, stopping and insulating materials; flexible pipes, not of metal; industrial rubber such as container bag, high pressure hose; electric insulating materials such as laminate, varnish, varnished cloth; tape, mica, ceramic, paint, film, pipe, rod, tube, bar; unsaturated polyester resin; plastics in the form of powders, liquid or paste, for industrial use such as; molding compound for electrical insulating, materials, parts and etc.; adhesive film; electric and electronic parts such as plastic molded product; polybaricon film; friction products such as clutch facing; synthetic resin; synthetic resin product such as: board for building, board for furniture; tape, bar, film, pipe, rod, tube, sheet; plastics in the form of: sheet, block, rod, pipe, tube, tape; weatherable thermoplastic; expandable polystyrene bead; rubber; waterproof rubber sheet; rubber hose; rubber hose for automobile" in **Class 17**;

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"Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; real estate affairs; insurance business; financial and monetary services, including payment services, leasing services and loan services, credit card related activities; issuing of credit cards, credit consulting and agencies; electronic commerce services, including electronic credit card and debit transactions, fund transfers and payment processing; financial analyses, evaluation, information, consultation, management, transaction and planning services; real estate investment services; and investment brokerage services; insurance underwriting services; all utilizing the global information network or provided by electronic means; leasing of commercial and real estate, loan services for the acquisition of offices, apartments, flats, buildings, construction facilities, commercial and real estate; package leasing combined with loans or installment plans making land, buildings facilities and equipment all available in one package, for hotels, hospitals, plants or stores, lease-purchase loans" in **Class 36**;

"Building construction; repair; installation services; construction by engineers; rental, repair and installation services of industrial plants and machinery, construction equipment, infrastructure, environment and transportation systems, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of network systems utilizing the global information network" in **Class 37**;

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"Transport; packaging and storage of goods; travel arrangement; logistics services; vehicle rental, rental of warehouse; providing travel information services through a global computer network" in **Class 39**;

"Education; providing of training; entertainment; sporting and cultural activities; production and distribution of entertainment and educational programming for distribution via a global communications network, computer, television, cable and satellite broadcasting; publication and issuing of books, journals, magazines and other publications; providing information in the

fields of education, training, entertainment, sporting and cultural activities via a global computer communication network; leasing and rental of equipment for educational, training, entertainment, sporting and cultural purposes, rental of photographic, cinematographic, audio and video, and lighting equipment and apparatus" in **Class 41**;

"Providing of food and drink; temporary accommodation; medical, hygienic and beauty care; veterinary and agricultural services; legal services; scientific and industrial research; computer programming; services that cannot be classified in other classes; computer network access, administration and support services; providing multiple-user access to global computer information networks for the transfer, dissemination and exchange of a wide range of information and data; providing computer services for others in the field of electronic commerce; providing access to an electronic bulletin board in a wide variety of fields; developing, designing, updating and maintaining computer hardware and software for telecommunication net-works; development and design of monitoring systems and network; development and design of products in the area of electronic information communication systems; designing and planning of telecommunication equipment; providing computer network systems integration services; data base services, leasing of access of access time to and operation of databases and the gathering and supplying of data; technical assistance in the fields of computer hardware and software; research and development within the fields of electronic money, network payment systems and network security; research and development within the fields of telecommunication and information technology networks and systems; assisting others in the design of computer network sites, assisting others in the operation and maintenance of networked computer systems by maintaining computer software and providing computer programming for others; and protecting the security of data transmitted over computer networks by means of an authentication of user identity and message content, verification of non-repudiation of transmissions and access control; electronic data interchange services for a variety of business enterprises, namely, consulting related to providing computer network systems and providing computer network services for sending and receiving product orders, product and manufacturing estimates, drawings, documents and inventory lists; managing transportation and delivery of products; providing electronic means for product quality and process control; providing means for electronic notary or authentication of documents and data transmissions; making financial transactions; loading, revising and updating of computer software for electronic data interchange and telecommunications networks for others; computer network support services, namely, protecting the security of data transmitted over computer networks by means of encryption and cryptography; architectural consultation and construction drafting; services of engineers; house management; design and engineering of power plants; development of internet/intranet/extranet systems and of firewall systems, technical support and consultation concerning computers, internet/intranet and other electronic communication systems; services of chemists, of engineers and of physicists, technical consultation and surveying; logistics consulting services; scientific and industrial research; development of technologies for the purification of soil and underground water resources; development of strategies within the field of the environment business, environment issued and trends in the environment industry; research within the fields of economic and political stability, the practical strategies for management innovation and the human resource strategy in a global era; development of strategies within the field of welfare for senior citizens; leasing of computer software, rental of house utensils, sanitation facilities, medical appliances, measuring apparatus and instruments" in **Class 42**.

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Workers have lunch beside a symbolic wall of faces, which is under construction, at the Joint-Africa Pavilion at the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 15 March, 2010.

XINHUA



Iran ready for security agreements with regional countries

TEHRAN, 16 March—Iran's Interior Minister Mostafa Mohammad Najjar said on Monday that Tehran is ready to sign security cooperation agreements with regional countries in line with confrontation against common threats, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

The West introduces Iran's power as a threat to regional countries to pursue its goals, but Tehran seeks peaceful ties without tensions in the region,

Mohammad Najjar was quoted as saying.

Western project of Iranophobia in the region aims to create disparities between Shiite and Sunni Muslims, that is, Iran and Arab states respectively, but despite their attempts they have not succeeded, he said.

West's interests require them to disagree with good relations between regional countries, he added.

On 24 February, Iran and Qatar signed a security

pact in Doha.

Commenting on the Iranian-Qatari security agreement, Najjar said the pact will serve the security of the entire region.

Xinhua

Sri Lankan police nab hotel bombing suspect after 13 years

COLOMBO, 16 March—Sri Lankan police said on Tuesday that a Tamil Tiger rebel wanted for the suicide bombing of a 5-star-hotel in Colombo has been arrested.

The 72-year-old suspect was arrested in the eastern Batticaloa District's Eravur area for the 1997 bombing of the Hotel Galadari in the business district of Fort.

The October 1997 suicide bomb attack in the hotel's car park killed 18 people and injured over 100 including foreign tourists.

The suspect was a member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) intelligence wing, police said.

Sri Lankan troops ended the LTTE's over three-decade-old campaign to set up a separate homeland for the minority Tamils in May last year.—Xinhua

Chilean air force to continue to transport aid to hardest quake-hit regions

SANTIAGO, 16 March—Chile's military said on Monday that its air brigade would continue to transport humanitarian aid to Chile's southern and central regions, which were most heavily hit by the quake.

Food, tents, blankets and other necessities have reached the O'Higgins region, where strong aftershocks have continued in the last days, the army said in a statement. The curfew also continued in those regions under the control of the Army.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Ten-man Atletico beat Osasuna

MADRID, 16 March—A ten-man Atletico Madrid side beat Osasuna 1-0 at home on Monday thanks to a late goal by Spanish midfielder Jose Manuel Jurado which helps keep their dreams of securing a place in the Champions League alive.

With 11 minutes remaining, the 23-year-old cut inside after a pass from Sergio "Kun" Aguero and curled the ball into the top corner from outside the box.

Atletico packed their defence to fight off some late waves of Osasuna attacks to leave it just 10



Aten-man Atletico Madrid side beat Osasuna 1-0 at home on Monday thanks to a late goal by Spanish midfielder Jose Manuel Jurado, pictured in 2009, which helps keep their dreams of securing a place in the Champions League alive.—INTERNET

points outside the Champions League qualifying places.—Internet

Ronaldo is a 'provocative' player, says Nivaldo

MADRID, 16 March—Valladolid's Brazilian defender Nivaldo Santana, who appeared to stamp on Ronaldo's shin during a weeked Spanish league match, accused the Portuguese striker of being a "provocative"



Real Madrid's Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo sits on the pitch during their Spanish Premier League football match at the Jose Zorrilla Stadium, on 14 March, in Valladolid.—INTERNET

player on Monday.

"It is a bit complicated, he (Ronaldo) is a good player but he does things that the referees let him get away with. If others did what he did for sure the referee would say something," the 29-year-old told radio Cadena Ser.

"He is very provocative and when we try to talk to him, he talks about other things," Nivaldo added.

Ronaldo, 25, rolled down his socks to reveal a cut left by Nivaldo's boot during Real's 4-1 win over Valladolid on Sunday and appealed to the referee but the Brazilian defender escaped punishment.—Internet

AC Milan's Nesta has knee surgery

ROME, 16 March—AC Milan's veteran central defender Alessandro Nesta is expected to be back in action next month after undergoing surgery on his injured right knee on Monday.

The club's forecast that 33-year-old Nesta would have recovered from the operation in around "30 days" is encouraging news after initial forecasts that the 2006 World Cup winner might miss the rest of the season. The diagnosis was also welcome coming less than 24 hours after David Beckham's ruptured Achilles tendon suffered in AC Milan's 1-0 win against Chievo on Sunday evening.



AC Milan's veteran central defender Alessandro Nesta

Internet

Torres double inspires Liverpool to easy win

LIVERPOOL, 16 March—Fernando Torres turned on the style to inspire Liverpool to a 4-1 victory over struggling Portsmouth at Anfield on Monday which keeps alive their hopes of qualifying for next season's Champions League.

The Spanish international scored two and was involved in the other two as Rafael Benitez's side scored three times in six first-half minutes to end a two-match losing run.

"We were expecting a good game, to play well and score goals," said Benitez, whose side have to overcome a 1-0 deficit to French side Lille later in the week in the Europa League.

"The most important thing was to play with an offensive mentality and a lot of quality. This allowed players like (Alberto) Aquilani to shine." His Portsmouth counterpart Avram Grant was downcast, especially about the first-half goal rush by Liverpool.—Internet



Liverpool's Spanish forward Fernando Torres (L) celebrates scoring against Portsmouth during their English Premier League football match at Anfield in Liverpool.—INTERNET

Lamely wins Puerto Rico Open at 19 under

RIO GRANDE, 16 March—Derek Lamely had to contend with a rain-delayed start, slow play on a soggy course, and tamping down his inevitable nerves as he inched closer to notch-



Puerto Rico's golf legend Chi Chi Rodriguez, left, and Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner Kenneth McClintock, right, present the championship trophy to US' Derek Lamely at the Puerto Rico Open PGA golf tournament in the Trump International Golf Club in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on 15 March, 2010.

INTERNET

ing his first win as a rookie on the PGA Tour.

But the 29-year-old American emerged out of the pack with easygoing style, shooting a 66 Monday to win the Puerto Rico Open by two strokes.

He finished at 19-under-par 269, setting a tournament record at Trump International Golf Club-Puerto Rico, a scenic palm-fringed 7,526-yard course which was deluged by rain early in the competition.

Kris Blanks shot a 69 and finished alone in second at 271.

"I just kept on trying to make birdies, I kept on trying to be aggressive," said Lamely, who teed off on No. 10 in the final round, the first player to win in that position since Keith Clearwater at the 1987 Colonial Invitational.

The victory was worth \$630,000 to Lamely along with PGA playing privileges through 2012.

Internet

Djokovic dodges disaster at tennis Paribas Open

INDIAN WELLS, 16 March—Second-seeded Novak Djokovic has survived a scare, but it was smooth sailing for defending champion Rafael Nadal as both moved into the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Serbia's Djokovic saved three match points en route to a 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7/3) victory over Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber on Monday and said he'd have to do better to add a second Indian Wells title to the one he captured in 2008.

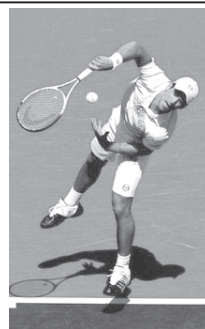
After breaking in the first game of the second set and holding for a 2-0 lead, Djokovic dropped the next nine games and found himself fighting to stay alive.

"Nine games in a row, this is something that I cannot allow anymore to

happen," said Djokovic, who was pleased that he managed to play well with his back to the wall but puzzled as to why he couldn't do it throughout the match.

"He could easily be the winner of this match, and he would deserve it," Djokovic said.

Internet



Second-seeded Novak Djokovic

Beckham's surgery completed

HELSINKI, 16 March—The surgery on David Beckham's torn Achilles' tendon has been completed in Turku on Monday.

A spokesman for the AC Milan midfielder said the operation was successful. An official statement was still being prepared.

The 34-year-old former England captain was injured in the closing minutes of AC Milan's 1-0 win over Chievo Verona on Sunday and is expected to miss the World Cup.

Xinhua



AC Milan's English midfielder David Beckham (C) arrives at Mehilainen hospital in Turku, Finland. Beckham's ruptured Achilles tendon has been repaired and he is doing well, but he will not recover in time for the World Cup, the surgeon who operated on him in Finland told AFP Monday.—INTERNET



File photo shows, an airplane of Germany's airline Air Berlin takes off from the airport in Duesseldorf, Germany. German airline Air Berlin Plc will cut back its order of Boeing Co. 787 aircraft to 15 from 25 and reduce its option for additional 787 aircraft to five aircraft from 10, Air Berlin said on Tuesday 16 March 2010. The cancellation of the 10 aircraft is valued at around US\$ 1.7 billion.—INTERNET

Economic planner rules out imminent start on east China maglev line

HANGZHOU, 16 March — Officials in east China's Zhejiang Province have ruled out this year for starting construction of a maglev train service between the provincial capital, Hangzhou, and Shanghai.

A statement from the provincial development and reform commission on Tuesday said the project had no timetable and was still undergoing feasibility studies.

Media this week reported construction was expected to start this year.—Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 16th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) below March average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Kayah State and Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, (8°C) above March average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Hpa-an (40°C) and Monywa (39°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Hkamti (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2010 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 15-3-2010 was (5.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-3-2010 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 (4) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 15-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Chin, Northern Rakhine and Northern Shan States, Mandalay Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair 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 upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-3-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty (60%).

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17-3-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission-	(17-3-10 11:30 am ~ 18-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
 - * A Visit to A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
 - * News
 - * The National Museum (I)
 - * The National Museum (II)
 - * The National Museum (III)
 - * Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
 - * Thabotseik Village on Seaside
 - * News
 - * Lacquerware Museum
 - * Record Album
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Movies Impact "Shwe Moe The"
 - * Traditional Dance of National Races "Classical Beauty (Bago)"
 - * News
 - * The Elephant Camp...Where I've been to
- Oversea Transmission**
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- * Virtuous Women
- * News
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Ecstasy of Life
- * Dressing Styles of Law-Waw Ladies
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Chess
- * News
- * Myanmar Natural Spirulina (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Natural Spirulina (Part-II)
- * Myanmar Natural Spirulina (Part-III)
- * Uniquely...Artistic Straw Paintings of Myanmar
- * Myanmar Tapestry Artist

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Wednesday, 17
March

View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ပေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-

ဝိတဇာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- မြန်မာ့မြေကြွေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- Musical Programme

8:30 am

- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- "ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ"

3:00 pm

- Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဇွတ်ပင် United FC

အသင်းနှင့် မကွေး FC

အသင်း)

5:00 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရ တေးများ

5:15 pm

- အမေသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:30 pm

- Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:35 pm

- ဗုဒ္ဓဟင်္ဂလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:10 pm

- Weather Report

6:15 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:30 pm

- ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

6:50 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:30 pm

- "အလင်္ကာဝတ်ရည်မြန်မာမှု တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း"

8:00 pm

- News

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်တေးသံသာ"

(အပိုင်း-၂၉)

17. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဇာတ်လမ်း

"ဘေးရန်ဆီကာ"

(နေ့အောင်နေဆန်း၊

စုလှိုင်နှင့်မြသခွာလီ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)



- ★ 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

Brisk trade symbolizes peace and prosperity

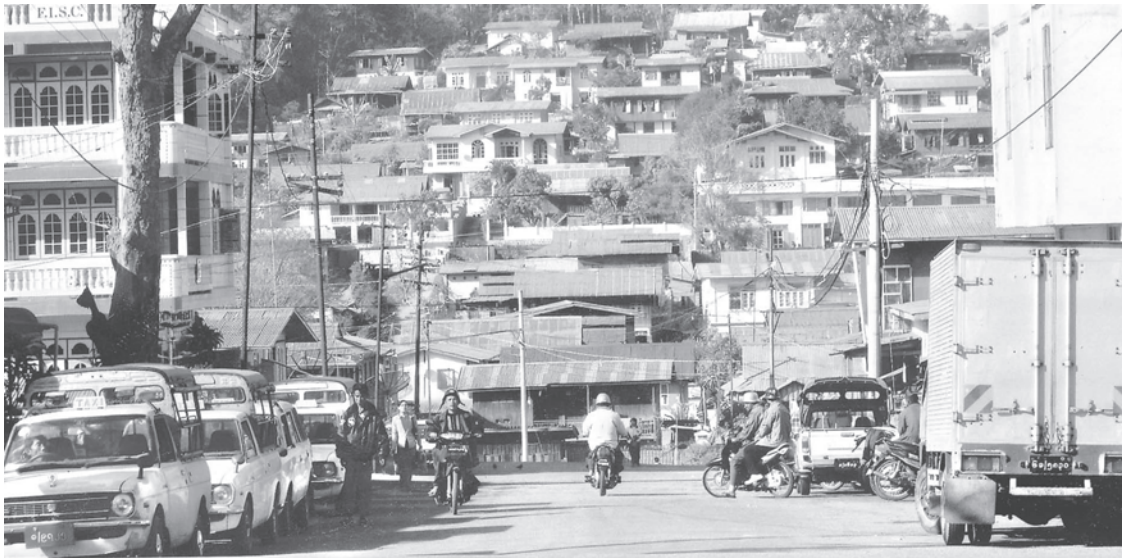
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Taunggyi, one of the hill stations of Shan State, is a pleasant location to live in. Everyone needs to wear warm clothes as it is cold there even in day time. Taunggyi that stands at an altitude of 4712 feet looks like a lovely picture of modern houses and buildings with magnificent Shan mountain ranges in the background.

It is beautiful everywhere. The panoramic view of the town is breathtaking. Taunggyi once was formed with 10 wards. Today, wards have increased in number to 20.

It was pleasant to go for a walk along downtown tarred roads flanked by wide sidewalks and lined by rows of Cherry trees.

One can see the two-



Houses and buildings with modern designs occupy the urban area of Taunggyi.

storey Cultural Museum and Library at the heart of the downtown. A row of cherry trees grown in front of the

Cultural Museum and Library were in blossom. Kyargaung Hall is situated opposite the Cultural Mu-

seum and Library on Eindaw Road. It is a large one-storey building where ceremonies are usually held.

The Town Hall of Taunggyi is located on Yongyi Road. Modern design work can be seen

on the town hall. Talks and ceremonies take place in this grand building. (See page 10)