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Never hesitate to sacrifice our lives

Since its birth, our Tatmadaw has not been a mercenary force, but a patriotic Tatmadaw that has been upholding the four oaths. As you know, we Tatmadaw members are the ones who do not regard any entitlements as privileges and do not care much whether we get salaries and ration or not. But inspired by our patriotic fervour, we will never hesitate to sacrifice our lives whenever necessary. Being equipped with esprit de corps, we Tatmadaw members are sacrificing lives for each other in the Tatmadaw that exists with patriotic spirit.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the address delivered at the graduation parade of the 8th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress rehearsal of parade columns in Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected dress rehearsal of parade columns that will take part in the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade for 2010 in the Parade Ground, here, this morning.

Together with member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Com-

mander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, members of Leading Committee for Observance of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, senior military officers, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at 6 am arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground where the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day would be held.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected the drill of Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Min Min Lwin, Kyansittha Column by Column Commander Col

Thit Lin Ohn, Bayintnaung Column by Column Commander Col Htay Naing, Aungzeya Column by Column Commander Col Aung Ye Win, Hsinbyushin Column by Column Commander Col Aung San Win, Bandoola Column by Column Commander Col Tin Maung Htay, Myawady Column by Column Commander Col Ko Ko Naing and members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein and Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Myat Soe.

After giving necessary instructions to officials, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground at 8.10 am.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects dress rehearsal of parade columns.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 24 March, 2010

Tatmadaw at the perpetual service of people

The Tatmadaw with fine traditions was born of the independence struggle. And it is the Tatmadaw that restored independence hand in hand with the people.

The Tatmadaw is formed with sons and daughters of the national races. With firm resolve, it is carrying out national tasks with patriotism as the base. It is an institution always at the service of the people while protecting public lives and property.

Whenever the nation faces dangers, the Tatmadaw always stands by the people as it truly loves the country. Besides, all the Tatmadaw members strictly adhere to the Four Oaths.

It keeps in the fore the national politics while safeguarding the nation, undergoing training for efficiency enhancement and conducting public welfare activities. At present the Tatmadaw is in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation with public participation.

The Tatmadaw members are prepared to sacrifice lives in placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. At the same time, it is building sound foundations for peace, prosperity and progress.

As in the past and at present, the Tatmadaw will continue to safeguard the nation while serving the people's interest in the future also.



Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin being welcomed by Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Qazi Mohammad Khalilullah at reception to mark the Anniversary of the Pakistan Day in Yangon on 23 March.—MNA



Vice-President of MGF U Maung Maung Myint opens Kaung Myat Amateur Open Golf Championship 2010 tournament.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Roads opened to hail 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Minister Col Thein Nyunt formally opens No (1) Inter-District Road of Mandalay Division.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of No (1) Inter-District Road of Mandalay Division was held in TadaU Township yesterday.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, officials of Mandalay Division PDC and Development Affairs Department, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

The commander and the minister delivered addresses at the ceremony.

The minister, Chief Engineer U Myint Oo of DAD and a townselder formally opened the road. The commander unveiled the inscription of the tarred road. The commander, the minister and

officials sprinkled it with scented water.

The commander and the minister cordially greeted the local people at the ceremony.

The minister and party proceeded to the opening ceremony of No (1) Inter-District Road in Natmauk Township of Magway Division.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

The minister and the chairman made speeches at the ceremony.

The chairman, the chief engineer and a local formally opened the tarred road. The minister, the chairman and party cordially greeted the attendees.

The new roads may contribute to development in economic, social, education and health sectors of the regions.

MNA

Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship-2010 commences

YANGON, 23 March—The opening ceremony of Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship-2010 was held at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Insein Township, here, today.

Patron of Myanmar

Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Vice-Presidents of MGF U Min Thein and U Aung Kyi, Managing Director of Kaung Myat Companies U Maung Maung Myint and member of MGF U Khaing Soe Tha opened the championship tournament.

The tournament was mainly sponsored by Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre). The Yangon Golf Club took part as co-sponsor

MNA



Deputy Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs signs in the Book of Condolences for the late Nepalese Congress Party Chairman former Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Girija Prasad Koirala in Nepalese Embassy in Yangon on 23 March.—MNA

NY police agree driver error caused Prius crash

HARRISON, 23 March—A housekeeper who reported that her boss' Toyota Prius accelerated on its own and wouldn't brake as she hurtled toward a stone wall apparently had her foot on the gas pedal the entire time, according to a police investigation that concluded the driver, not the car, caused the accident.

The 9 March crash in a suburban New York driveway came the day after a driver in San Diego reported that the gas pedal got stuck on his 2008 Prius, resulting in a wild 94 mph ride on a Southern California freeway.

The two accidents raised new questions about Toyota's accelerators. The company had already recalled more than 8 million

cars over gas pedals that could become stuck or be held down by floor mats.

But in the California case, Toyota said its tests showed the car's gas pedal, backup safety system and electronics were working fine. And on Monday, Harrison police Capt Anthony Marraccini said, "The vehicle accelerator in this case was depressed 100 percent at the time of collision, and there was absolutely no indication of any

brake application."

The data came from the car's on-board event data recorder and computer and was downloaded during an inspection on Wednesday joined by Toyota and the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration, which also concluded the car was not at fault. The event data recorder, or "black box," is designed to record the state of the car at the moment of an impact.—*Internet*



In this 17 March, 2010 file photo, representatives of Toyota and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration examine a crashed Toyota Prius in Harrison, NY. Police in suburban New York have completed a two-week investigation into the mysterious crash of a Toyota Prius.—INTERNET

West African farmers call for help as drought hits

NIAMEY, 23 March—West African farmers appealed on Monday for help as drought and famine menaced people and livestock, with malnutrition already affecting nearly a

third of the population.

"Communities of farmers and pastoralists are already severely affected... with the acute malnutrition rate estimated at 29.9 percent, which is double the

emergency level of 15 percent," warned Billital Maroobe, a coalition of farmers in an open letter to leaders of countries of the Sahel, a band of arid territory south of the Sahara.

Leaders of the nine countries in the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) are to meet on Thursday in the Chadian capital N'Djamena.

Several countries are currently facing severe food crises due to insufficient grain supplies after erratic rain last year led to poor crops.—*Internet*



A Senegalese farmer poses in a parched field in 2002. West African farmers appealed on Monday for help as drought and famine menaced people and livestock, with malnutrition already affecting nearly a third of the population.—INTERNET

Two foreign troops killed by IED in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 March—Two servicemembers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in separate IED (improvised explosive device) attacks in southern Afghanistan on Monday.

A Press release issued by the ISAF confirmed the casualties but failed to provide any further detail.

It is ISAF's current policy to defer identification procedures for casualties to the relevant national authorities.—*Xinhua*

40 Taliban militants killed in southern Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 23 March—At least 40 Taliban militants have been killed in clashes and gun battle in Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province over the past week, a local official said on Monday.

"Taliban stormed Shah Kariz village in Musa Qala district last Monday and so far over 40 rebels had been killed," district chief Mullah Abdul Salam told *Xinhua*.

Salam said seven police also lost their lives during the fighting and 18 other police personnel were wounded. The district chief said Shah Kariz village is a strategic point in the district.—*Xinhua*

Somali pirates pictured in the Indian Ocean in 2008. A court in Bosaso in northern Somalia's breakaway Puntland region sentenced 22 pirates to six years in jail.—INTERNET



EU Naval Force rescues hijacked Iranian sailors

NAIROBI, 23 March—The EU Naval Force says one of its warships has rescued 13 sailors on an Iranian dhow who had been left for dead after a pirate attack.

The naval force sent a helicopter to locate the dhow on Saturday after hearing a distress call. The fishing vessel's radio equipment was broken and crew members had no food and were drinking sea water.

The naval force said on Monday the crew told officials that pirates tied them up for two days after last week's attack. The EU force gave the crew enough food, water and fuel for them to reach harbor.

The naval force has stepped up its enforcement of the waters off East Africa in an effort to thwart a growing pirate trade. Piracy has flourished off the coast of Somalia, which has not had a functioning government for 19 years.—*Internet*



People wait in line to receive tulips in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 22 March, 2010.
XINHUA

Vietnam urged to maintain sustainable economic growth

HANOI, 23 March—Economic experts attending an international conference here on Monday said that Vietnam should focus on ensuring balance of economic growth and sustainability in the post-crisis period.

An international conference themed "Post-crisis Growth and Poverty Reduction in Developing Asia" was jointly held here on Monday by the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) and the International Monetary Fund.

The conference drew participation of more than 140 economic experts from 16 countries and regions in the world.

Speaking at the conference, International Monetary Fund (IMF) First Deputy Managing Director John Lipsky said that with the world economy recovering, Vietnam needs to ensure a sustain-

able growth path, including by containing inflation, ensuring sound fiscal policies and strengthening the financial sector.

The experts at the conference also emphasized the importance of boosting living standards and achieving the middle-income country status for Vietnam in longer term.

Xinhua

An Indian train assistant prepares a drink at the bar on the Maharajas' Express before its maiden voyage to Delhi from Kolkata on 20 March.—INTERNET



AT&T to sell Palm, Dell phones

BEIJING, 23 March—AT&T Inc, the No 2 mobile service provider in US, will sell Palm Inc's mobile phones in the next coming months, Palm announced on Monday.

The move is part of Palm's efforts to expand distribution and raise consumer awareness of its phones.

Then, AT&T will be-

come the only carrier that offers devices based on five top smartphone operating systems: Apple's iPhone, Palm's webOS, Research in Motion's BlackBerry OS, Microsoft's Windows Mobile and Google's Android.

Palm said its Palm Pre Plus and Palm Pixi Plus will sell at 149.99 US dol-

lars and 49.99 dollars respectively.

The Palm Pre, launched in 2009, was originally designed to be a smart and innovative phone that could lift Palm's fortunes, and put the company head to head with bigger rivals like Apple and Research in Motion.—Xinhua

Xinhua

Mexico shows clear signs of recovery

MEXICO CITY, 23 March—Mexico has settled into a pattern of growth that is attracting both tourism and investment to the nation, Mexico's President Felipe Calderon told the Inter American Development Bank (IADB) conference on Monday.

"There are clear signs of economic recovery. A year ago, the most optimistic forecast for 2010 growth was for 1.2 per cent.

Now most of them are around 4 per cent and some have even reached five per cent," he said from resort city Cancun on Mexico's Caribbean coast.

"Despite the depth of the financial crisis, Mexico's banks did not need a single cent from the government," he added.

Xinhua

Chinese companies launch credit card services in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, 23 March—China's largest commercial bank ICBC and China's bankcard association, China UnionPay (CUP) jointly launched credit card services in Frankfurt on Monday.

The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) currently has one third of the Chinese credit card market. With the new launch it becomes the first bank to issue China UnionPay card in Europe.

It is also the first time for China UnionPay to issue credit card settled through euro accounts.

The ICBC credit card with China UnionPay logo is designed as a tailor-made product for travelers between China and the rest of the world. It is supported by the widely accepting network of ICBC and China UnionPay in China as well as an expanding CUP network in Europe.

The card incorporates features like automatic repayment, e-banking and 24-hours toll free hotline services both in Chinese and English.

ICBC said that it would continue to launch promotions and offers to provide added value to customers in addition to routine functions.

Xinhua

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on World Tuberculosis Day

24 March 2010

As we approach the target year of 2015 for reaching the Millennium Development Goals, there is good news to report in the fight against tuberculosis (TB). The world is on track to reverse the spread of this airborne killer. Deaths from TB continue to decline. These gains owe much to the many health care providers — governmental and non-governmental — patient advocates and others who have helped to treat and cure 36 million people since 1995. As a result, about 6 million lives have been saved. Our challenge now is to maintain this momentum.

The theme of this year's observance of World TB Day is "On the move against tuberculosis". The international community is indeed on the move on several fronts. Affected communities now know more about TB, thanks to public awareness campaigns. Financing for TB control continues to grow through mechanisms such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. UNITAID is supporting the provision of urgently needed medicines and diagnostics. WHO is providing policy innovation and coordinating technical support as the disease continues to evolve. The UNAIDS campaign, "No More People Living with HIV Dying of TB", is promoting greater awareness of these interlinked epidemics. The research community has created pipelines of new diagnostics, medicines, and potential vaccines moving forward after decades of neglect.

But progress should never distract us from the challenges. The numbers are still staggering. Last year, TB claimed 1.8 million lives, making it the second biggest infectious killer of adults worldwide. TB ranks among the top three killers of women of reproductive age. Rates of new TB illness are falling in all regions, but not yet in all countries. Overall, rates of decline are far slower than needed. Lapses in control drive the rise of multidrug-resistant TB, which is far more costly and difficult to treat, and remind us of the constant risk of setbacks.

The international community has set a goal of universal access to prevention and treatment for all forms of TB, in adults and children, and among people living with HIV. In this day and age, no one should be dying from TB. On this World TB Day, let us stay "on the move" in this important fight.

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Jon Rubinstein, chairman and chief executive of Palm, talks about new games for Palm phones during a news conference at the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 7 January, 2010.

XINHUA



A worker sits on a pile of timber on a construction site for a residential building in central Beijing on 23 March, 2010. As part of a broader government campaign to rein in fast-rising housing and land prices, China has ordered 78 state companies whose core business is not property to submit plans to divest from the sector within 15 working days, state media reported on Tuesday.—INTERNET

China contributes hugely to MDG in access to safe drinking water

STOCKHOLM, 23 March—China has made huge contributions in realizing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in access to safe drinking water, said Joakim Harlin, Senior Water Resources Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme based in Stockholm on Monday.

"According to a joint monitoring report issued by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund last week, 89 percent of the

population of 1.3 billion has access to drinking-water from improved sources, up from 67 percent in 1990. This is a huge contribution to MDG," Harlin said in an interview with *Xinhua* after a seminar on MDG to mark the World Water Day. Johan Kuylensstierna, Chief Technical Advisor for UN-Water, also commented on China's efforts in addressing the mounting water problems from access to safe drinking water to prevention of water pollution.

"China is an interesting country because you are facing so many problems, but you are also seriously addressing many of them," Kuylensstierna told *Xinhua*, adding that when a problem is clearly identified, you take action on trying to mitigate it and address it.

"China can learn a lot from other countries, but I think we can learn a lot from China too in dealing with various environmental problems," Kuylensstierna said.—*Xinhua*



A girl carries a pot filled with drinking water at a slum area in India's financial capital Mumbai on 22 March, 2010. The Earth is literally covered in water, but more than a billion people lack access to clean water for drinking or sanitation as most water is salty or dirty.—XINHUA

Israeli soldier killed by friendly fire near Gaza-Israel border

GAZA, 23 March—An Israeli soldier was killed on Monday evening by friendly fire at the border between eastern Gaza Strip and Israel, while three Palestinians who tried to infiltrate into Israel were wounded and detained, an Israeli army source said.

The source, which spoke on condition of anonymity, told *Xinhua* that an Israeli army force suspected a group of Gaza gunmen near the borderline, and immediately opened fire at them.

Later, the army found that the soldiers had mistakenly opened fire at another Israeli army unit patrolling near the borderline, and killed an Israeli soldier, the source added.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Rome launches control centre monitoring over 6,000 security cameras

ROME, 23 March—Rome's centre-right mayor Gianni Alemanni inaugurated on Monday a control centre aimed at monitoring over 6,000 security cameras and enhancing local authorities' cooperation in tackling criminality and disorder.

According to a statement by Rome's City Hall, the surveillance chamber, hosted at the police's headquarters, will monitor for

24 hours a day the circuit of cameras recently installed across the city to control sensitive public areas including museums, monuments, parking places, public transports and stations. At present 1,300 cameras are operating and another 5,396 will be fixed in coming weeks.

The security center serves as a crisis unit for the coordination of local authorities, including the

police, civil protection and firemen in case of emergencies and disorder. The goal is to have a more rapid and resilient response to Rome's cases of urban violence, crime, decay and building abuses.

The new security centre was praised by the authorities as an important move placing Rome at the same level of Europe's big capitals.

Xinhua

Indian Air Force to join exercises in Western Europe

MUMBAI, 23 March—The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in exercises in France and the United Kingdom respectively in the coming months, the Indian media reported on Monday evening.

A joint air exercise will be held in France in June, while the other bilateral exercise will be carried out in the United King-

dom in October, the Press Trust of India quoted a source with the Defence Ministry as saying.

The IAF is expected to dispatch the most advanced fighter Su-30s along with a strategic airlifter IL-76 and an air refueling tanker IL-78 in the French-conducted exercise, while the French Air Force's latest fighter Rafale and the advanced fighter Mirage-2000 will be involved, according to the source.

It will be a global trip for the IAF to cover a distance of several thousand kilometers after leaving its home base, passing through several countries.

Xinhua

Photo taken early on 21 March, 2010 shows a thunder flash lighting up the sky over Luoping County, southwest China's Yunnan Province.

XINHUA

Photo show promoting Shanghai Expo opens in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, 23 March—A photo show opened here on Monday to promote the upcoming Shanghai World Expo.

The 8-day exhibition, under the name of "Better City, Better Life," which is the theme of Shanghai Expo, presents more than 80 pictures, featuring the Shanghai Expo mascot, master plan, theme pavil-

ions of over 40 countries, as well as World Expo history. The pictures on display in Chinese Cultural Center of Great Vancouver have been provided by the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination, the Expo organizer.

Li Wenci, Chinese deputy consul-general in Vancouver, three ethnic Chinese councillors of

Vancouver and several leaders from Vancouver's Chinese community delivered congratulatory speeches at the opening ceremony before cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

Organizers expected that the exhibition would help people from various ethnic background better understand the Shanghai Expo and China.—*Xinhua*



S Korea clear of foot-and-mouth disease

SEOUL, 23 March—The South Korean government declared the country on Tuesday is clear of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), after a series of outbreaks since January this year dented the domestic dairy industry.

"Despite unfavorable winter weather conditions, our strong quarantine measures helped root out the disease in 81 days," Park Hyun-chool, a farm ministry official, told reporters in a briefing, adding the FMD alert level has returned to the pre-outbreak level. A total of 82 livestock markets nationwide, temporarily closed to stem further spread of the highly contagious disease, will be open again starting on Tuesday, while restrictions on the movement of livestock are lifted, according to the ministry. If there is no additional outbreak by mid-June, South Korea would apply for the status as an FMD-free country with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and initiate discussions with dairy importers including China and Japan, the ministry said.—Xinhua

Volcanic activity increases gradually in Iceland

STOCKHOLM, 23 March — The volcanic activity in south Iceland is increasing slowly, according to reports reaching here from Reykjavik on Monday.

Scientists who flew over the eruption zone Eyjafjallajökull on Monday afternoon local time estimated that the lava flow from the crater is spreading out over a larger area and the eruption is becoming more

forceful, said the *Icelandic* electronic newspaper *Iceland Review*.

The Icelandic Coast Guard flew with the team of scientists over Eyjafjallajökull and the Fimmvorduhals mountain pass, it said.

"Visibility was limited

to begin with but then the weather cleared up and the scientists could see the eruption clearly. The lava is flowing down a canyon south of the craters on the pass and clouds of steam rise up from where the lava melts ice and snow," the report said.—Xinhua



The Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupts in southern Iceland early on 21 March, 2010. The volcano erupted overnight, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate the area and diverting flights after authorities declared a local state of emergency, officials said on Sunday.—XINHUA

Three earthquakes hit Philippines

MANILA, 23 March — A magnitude-5.7 earthquake jolted northern Philippines on Tuesday, according to the Philippines Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

The quake occurred at 03:58 in Laoag city of northern Philippines with a depth of 40 km. Its epicentre was initially determined to be 18.43 degrees north Latitude and 120.71 degrees east Longitude. No casualty or damages have so far been recorded. Phivolcs Science Research Specialist Erlington Olatere said Phivolcs is still monitoring other areas in north Luzon region possibly hit by the aftershock.

The Philippines sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where continental plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.—Xinhua

Three dead, over 300 houses destroyed in cyclone-hit Fiji

WELLINGTON, 23 March—Three people died and over 400 homes were destroyed by cyclone Tomas when it swept across Fiji last week.

Early assessments from the Disaster Management Operations Officer in Fiji, Anthony Blake, indicated 376 homes have been destroyed, 423 have been

damaged and up to 72 classrooms had been either damaged or destroyed.

About 45 large tents funded by the New Zealand Government which arrived in Nadi on Sunday night will be used as temporary class rooms and 200 family-sized Red Cross tents will leave Auckland on Monday for use by the Fiji Red Cross,

the *New Zealand Press Association* reported on Monday.

But more than 30,000 people in Fiji are at risk of catching typhoid after the cyclone damaged fresh water supplies.

Radio New Zealand reported an estimated 30,000 people are now at risk of catching typhoid.

Internet

SpaceShipTwo tested over Mojave



In this photo released by Virgin Galactic showing the first captive-carry flight of VSS Enterprise or SpaceShipTwo over Mojave, California on 22 March, 2010.

SpaceShipTwo, the rocket plane being developed by Virgin Galactic for space tourism, flew for the first time on Monday in California, the company said.

The craft — named the *VSS Enterprise* — was carried to an altitude of 50,000 feet in a flight originating at the Mojave Air and Space Port in California, Virgin said in a news release. In what is known as a captive-carry flight, *SpaceShipTwo* flew for almost 3 hours, supported by twin fuselages of *WhiteKnightTwo*.

In the next test, *WhiteKnightTwo* will release *SpaceShipTwo* and its pilot for a gliding flight and touchdown on the Mojave runway, MSNBC reported.

Virgin Galactic says it has collected an estimated \$45 million in deposits for reservations from more than 330 people who want to travel to space.

The project — bankrolled by British entrepreneur Richard Branson — employs technology developed in part by Burt Rutan, whose Scaled Composites constructed the craft.

"This is a momentous day for the Scaled and Virgin Teams," Rutan said in a statement.

"The captive-carry flight signifies the start of what we believe will be extremely exciting and successful space-ship flight test programmes."

NEWS ALBUM



Two contestants compete in the final of the folk suona horn playing competition, in Danling, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 21 March, 2010. Some 20 ace players of suona horn, a typical Chinese folk woodwind breath-blowing musical instrument, from across the country took part in the event.

Paramedic delivers baby in taxi

A Baltimore man said he pulled his taxi cab into a fire station when it appeared his baby was going to be born in the back of the vehicle.

William Smith said he was driving Tanieka Vaughan to the hospital for the birth of their child after her water broke at about 6 am, but he pulled the taxi cab into the Engine No 33 station at

7:30 am when it became apparent the child was not going to wait, WBAL-TV, Baltimore, reported.

Smith said firefighters and paramedics initially thought he was joking when he asked for help but could not argue with the evidence in his back seat.

"So when the man came out, he saw the baby was in my drawers," Vaughan said. "The baby's head was out, with the arm hanging out."

A paramedic from the station delivered the baby, De'asia Renee Patricia Smith, in the back of the cab and the infant was transported with her mother to the University of Maryland Medical Centre.

"Everything worked out for the best, though. As long as she's healthy and the baby's healthy, everything is all right," Smith said.



A farmer lies on the ground after being rolled by a bull during a bullfight in Arjona, Colombia, on 21 March, 2010. Arjona is a small Caribbean town in Colombia.



HAILING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY



Myanmar Maritime University in Thanlyin nurturing technocrats.



Significant building of Technological University (Lashio).



Kyaukpyu Education College generating human resources in Rakhine State.

Developing Education Sector in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Sr No.	Subject	1988	2009	Increased in Number
1.	Basic education school			
	- high school	722	2219	1497
	- middle school	1696	2893	1197
	- primary school	31329	35611	4282
	- multi-media classroom	-	2272	2272
	- preprimary school	-	2059	2059
2.	Teacher training education			
	- education college	-	20	20
3.	Higher education			
	- university/college/degree college	27	64	37
	- human resource development centre	-	44	44
4.	Science & Technology			
	- Technological University	1	30	29
	- Technological College	-	4	4
	- University of Computer Studies	1	26	25
	- Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University	-	1	1
5.	Myanmar Maritime University	-	1	1
6.	University/College under other ministries	1	22	21



Loikaw University, a home of able and good human resources.

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Tatmadaw upholding four oaths

Yarza Kyaw



The 27th of March is one of the days of significance in Myanmar. The Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) of a nation is a patriotic force that is endowed with attributes such as a reliable force for the people, a strong force, and uprightness.

Only with strong Tatmadaw, will it be possible for a nation to ensure life security of the people. In the 1988 disturbances, for instance, if the Tatmadaw had fallen, without doubt, the nation would have collapsed. In addition, anarchy would have run high and the nation would have come under alien subjugation again. It was the Tatmadaw that saved the nation, from loss of a large number of innocent civilians and public property at that time.

In retrospect, Myanmar had stood tall with own monarchs and sovereignty in successive periods including Tagaung, Pyu and Bagan. At that time, Myanmar did not have a standing army, but in times of emergency, the nation mobilized the participation of the people to form strong forces. So, Myanmar was so strong that it won the respect other regional countries. However, we must learn a painful lesson from the fact that the nation fell under the rule of the British, following its loss to the colonialists. The First Anglo-Myanmar War broke out in 1824 due to the issue on ownership of

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Shinmabyu Island in the mouth of the Naff River. The war was over after Yantapo Treaty had been ratified. Then, Myanmar had to give up Rakhine and Taninthayi to the invaders.

In 1852, the Second Anglo-Myanmar War took place due to the incident in which the Yangon mayor fined two captains of British ships. After the war, Myanmar had to hand over lower Myanmar. After the Third Anglo-Myanmar War that occurred in 1885 in the time of King Thibaw, the whole Myanmar fell under the subjugation of the colonialists. Then, patriotic people armed themselves with whatever arms they got and rose up against the British in various regions. At that time, Myanmar had not had a well-organized army.

In 1939, Myanmar youths with a strong sense of political awareness secretly formed Pyithu Ayedawbon Party and passed a resolution to revolt against the intruders for independence. In 1941, thirty Myanmar young men led by Thakin Aung San left secretly one group after another to Hainan and Formosa islands for military training. On 26 December 1941, the young men formed the Burma

Independence Army (BIA) in Bangkok, Thailand, thus giving birth to the Myanmar Tatmadaw. (See page 9)

POEM:

Till the end of the world

- * The Tatmadaw
Born of the people
Is always sincere in mind
- * Paving the way with love
Public hearts and minds it wins
With unity and endurance
Launched the anti-colonialist struggle
Till the enemy was rooted out
Tatmadaw famous for its patriotism
- * With firm devotion to nation
Ever ready for any emergency
Never hesitate or waver
Dutiful always is the Tatmadaw
Formed with sons of country
So noble and brave they are
- * Selflessness the Tatmadaw has
Venturesome so much it is
Keeping always in fore
Our Three Main National Causes
Sacrificing lives for nation
Earning a good reputation
- * With love and respect
Wishing we for Tatmadaw
Formed with beloved sons
To exist till end of the world

Hailing the 65th Anniversary
Armed Forces Day
Tekkatho Nyo Nyo Thant

The Tatmadaw is a patriotic armed forces as well as a disciplined institution always loyal to the state and has never gives priority to personal interest. The noble Tatmadaw has enough courage, endurance and perseverance to overcome difficulties. It is the armed forces that also keeps in fore Our Three Main National Causes and is always ready for future duties. In reality, all these are the strength of the Tatmadaw. And it will implement the Armed Forces Day Objectives with this strength.

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Tatmadaw upholding four oaths

Yarza Kyaw

(from page 8)

BIA under the leadership of the Thirty Comrades reentered Myanmar together with Japanese army, and reoccupied Yangon from the British in March 1942. On 27 July 1942, BIA was reconstituted into Burma Defence Army (BDA). On 15 September 1943, BDA was reformed into Burmese National Army (BNA). The Tatmadaw was renamed for several times according to the time and conditions, but its major goal remained unchanged: to help the nation regain independence and defend the

motherland.

On 27 March 1945, Japanese Fascists were driven out of Myanmar's soil. Therefore, that day was designated as Resistance Day. Later, that was termed Armed Forces Day in honour of the strength of the Tatmadaw. The Armed Forces Day has been celebrated yearly on 27 March. This year, the Armed Forces Day is in its 65th anniversary.

In the post-independence period, the Tatmadaw had to suppress internal armed insurgency. The Tatmadaw safeguarded the nation as

the Caretaker Government in 1958; as the Revolutionary Council Government in 1962; and as the State Law and Order Restoration Council on 18 September 1988. Now, it is working hard as the State Peace and Development Council to shape the nation into a democratic one with all-round development.

In his address to the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said, "Our Tatmadaw must shoulder public welfare services in addition to national defence duties. We must build a strong, capable, modern patriotic Tatmadaw. We must continue to serve national interest by participating in the tasks for reconstruction of the nation the government, the people and the Tatmadaw jointly built after the Tatmadaw had unavoidably taken State duties. We must ensure that the democracy the nation will soon practise does not harm non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity."

At present, the Tatmadaw hand in hand with the people is discharging national defence duty, undergoing training and serving public interest. The number of infrastructures built by the Tatmadaw for border areas and national races development project, 24-region development project and rural development project is increasing year by year.

Its relief and reconstruction endeavours in the areas hit by cyclone Nargis stands witness to the extent of its public welfare activities. Every single Tatmadawman with patriotism has nationalistic fervour so high that he will not tolerate even an inch loss of nation's territory. It has been firmly documented in history that the Tatmadaw and the national races have been in oneness since the time of independence struggle to this date.

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In accord with the virtue of the glorious Tatmadaw which never betrays the national cause, its members uphold the oath – I hereby solemnly make a resolve to sacrifice life for the country, the people and the Tatmadaw while serving the public interest.

Translation: MS

Beware!



Kyaw Thu Hein

Myanmar International launches 31 March

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — Myanmar International will become a regular TV programme beginning 31st this month beaming documentaries and current affairs on Myanmar in English language 24 hours daily through satellites.

Its round-the-clock programmes also include local and international news in English and entertainment and popular Myanmar films and videos subtitled in English in an attractive style.

MRTV-3 of the Ministry of Information started trial run of Myanmar International or MI beginning 11th last month as a new channel transmitting daily 24-hour programmes in a striking

presentation.

MI beams reach North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, China, India and Indochina regions and arrangements have been made for its round-the-clock programmes to cover the whole world.

Myanmar Radio and TV the parent organization of Myanmar International will also air the channel for domestic audience from 9 am to 11 am daily.

MI will broadcast its grand launching ceremony at 9 am on 31 March. MI set its parameter as follows:

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS FOR MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

Satellite	Thaicom-5	Hot Bird-8	Galaxy-19
	(ASIA)	(Europe)	(North America)
Location/Orbital Slot	78.5E	13 E	97 W
DOWNLINK FREQUENCY	3574.1 MHz (C-Band)	10.971 GHz (KU-Band)	11.966 GHz (KU-Band)
SYMBOL RATE	7.492 MSym/sec	27.5 MSym/sec	22 MSym/sec
POLARIZATION	Horizontal	Horizontal	Horizontal
FEC	2/3	3/4	3/4

Satellite	Apstar-V	Optus D2
	(ASIA Beam)	(NANAZ Beam)
Location/Orbital Slot	138° E	152° E
DOWNLINK FREQUENCY	12.3778 GHz (KU-Band)	12.608 GHz (KU-Band)
SYMBOL RATE	2.222 MSym/sec	22.5 MSym/sec
POLARIZATION	Horizontal	Horizontal
FEC	3/4	3/4

MNA

“Quick Cash” online banking system

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Myanmar Economic Bank of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue will launch “Quick Cash” Online Banking System starting from 2 April.

The MEB branches, including Nos (1), (2) and (5) Yangon branches, No (3) saving bank branch, Nos. (1) and (2) Mandalay branches, will provide the online service.

Customers may exchange cash at any bank branches running online with the use of Smart Card. It may be more convenient for the cardholders rather than carrying a lot of money.

MEB said that it works jointly with Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications to avoid network disconnection and the bank will provide fulltime service as it uses ADSL, IPStar systems and Fibre Optics Cables to go online.

The initial user may open an online account first with deposit at least K 1 million and get a smart card and a paying-in book. The customer may identify six-digit password, which may not be even known by the bank, for one's own card. So, the money in the bank is safe even when the card is lost or stolen.

MEB experienced online banking system since May 2007 in collecting insurance premium from those leaving for foreign countries at Internal Revenue Department in Yangon and in collecting deposit for submitting passport at Passport Office in Yangon, and in providing one stop service at No (2) Yangon Branch. Smart card may be the fruitful result from these successful tests.

MNA

Mandalarians get free health care

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint viewed the providing of public health care at TadaU Township General Hospital in Mandalay Division on 20 March.

Officials conducted the minister round the hospital and the site chosen for construction of extended hospital building.

Next, the minister met members of township health committee and health staff.

The minister, together with Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected sanitation tasks carried out by health staff and members of social organizations in Chanayethazan Township on 21 March. They then viewed the providing of free health care at No (22) Basic Education High School in Aungmyethazan Township.

A total of 2665 patients were provided free health care. Out of them, 255 patients were hospitalized and 915 were provided spectacles.—MNA



Parade columns practising full dress rehearsal for 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. (News on page 1)—MNA

The World concludes visit

YANGON, 23 March—MV *The World* luxury cruise ship carrying over 100 tourists aboard toured Ngapali beach on 20 March.

The cruise ship also visited Kawthoung, Myeik and their environs on 11 March. The tourists on 14 March made tours in Yangon, Bago, Bagan, Mandalay

and Innlay. After going sightseeing in Thandwe on 20 March for their last trip in Myanmar, the cruise ship sailed to Port Blair of India.

MNA

Tourists of MV The World luxury cruise ship for first time to Ngapali beach being welcomed by local people and responsible persons from Amata Resort Ngapali.—MNA



Obese may live up to 20 fewer years

PASADENA, 23 March—The obesity epidemic affects more children at a younger age and takes as many as 20 years off their lives, US researchers said.

Kaiser Permanente researchers in Pasadena, Calif, found 7.3 percent of boys and 5.5 percent of girls are classified as extremely obese. Extreme obesity most affected black teenage girls, 12 percent, and Hispanic teenage boys, 11.2 percent.

The study of 710,949 children provided a snapshot of children ages 2-19 from a large racially and ethnically diverse population. Children in the study had an average of 2.6 medical visits per year in which height and weight

were measured.

"Our focus and concern is all about health and not about appearance," study co-author Dr Amy Porter said in a statement. "Children who are morbidly obese can do anything they want — they can be judges, lawyers, doctors — but the one thing they cannot be is healthy."

Porter and colleagues said morbid obesity may shorten children's lives by 10 to 20 years less and such children develop health problems such as heart disease, diabetes and liver disease — illnesses associated with those ages 40-60 — in their 20s.

The study is published online in the Journal of Pediatrics.

Internet



An exhibitor presents an AIPTEK T30 pico projector for iPod and iPhone on 3 March in Germany. Finnish high technology exports shrunk 45 percent last year to levels last seen in 1997 as mobile phone sales plummeted, official statistics showed on Monday.—INTERNET

Genes, radiation can up breast cancer risk

NEW YORK, 23 March—A rare genetic mutation combined with radiation may increase the risk of cancer in the second breast of a cancer survivor, US researchers said.

Study leader Dr Jonine Bernstein of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York found women who carried certain mutations in the ataxia telangiectasia gene and received radiation had a higher risk of a primary cancer in a second breast vs. women without the mutations and no radiation.

Also, those with both mutations and radiation exposure had a higher risk than women with a muta-

tion but no radiation exposure, the study said.

Breast cancer survivors are at increased risk of developing a second cancer in the other, or contralateral breast, compared to women who have not had breast cancer.

The study, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, looked at 708 women with second primary breast cancers and 1,397 controls similar in age, race and other factors but without second cancers — participants in the an international case-control study known as the Women's Environment, Cancer, and Radiation Epidemiology Study.

Internet

Current El Nino might be weakening

PASADENA, 23 March — NASA says satellite data suggest the 2009-2010 El Nino in the Pacific Ocean might be finally weakening.

Scientists said recent data from the US and European Space Agencies' Jason-2 oceanography satellite show a sustained weakening of trade winds in the western and central equatorial Pacific occurred during late-January

through February. That, scientists said, triggered yet another strong, eastward-moving wave of warm water, known as a Kelvin wave.

The warm Kelvin wave, currently in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, appears as a large area of higher-than-normal sea surface height. A series of similar, but weaker, events that began in June 2009 triggered and sustained the present El Nino, researchers said.

NASA oceanographer Bill Patzert says it's too soon to know, but he would not be surprised if the latest and largest Kelvin wave is the "last hurrah" for this long-lasting El Nino. "Since June 2009, this El Nino has waxed and waned, impacting many global weather events," Patzert said. "I, and many other scientists, expect the current El Nino to leave the stage sometime soon. What comes next is not yet clear, but a return to El Nino's dry sibling, La Nina, is certainly a possibility, though by no means a certainty. We'll be monitoring conditions closely over the coming weeks and months." An El Nino causes unusual changes in atmospheric circulation and convection around the globe, NASA said.—Internet



Buildings are seen shrouded in yellow dust in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, on 23 March, 2010. Seoul met its sand-dust weather on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Gene linked to lung cancer risk in non-smokers

BEIJING, 23 March — Gene variations are linked to an increased risk for lung cancer in people who have never smoked, according to a recent study results. The research team co-led by scientists from Mayo Clinic and Harvard University reported that the same uncommon variant, residing in a gene known as GPC5, has been found in 30 percent of patients who never smoked and who developed lung cancer, after analyzing DNA from more than 2,000 people.

Researchers found that this allele leads to greatly

reduced GPC5 expression, compared to normal lung tissue, which suggests that the gene has an important tumor suppressor-like function and that insufficient function can promote lung cancer development.

MD, PhD Ping Yang, the study's leading researcher, said, "This is the first gene that has been found that is specifically associated with lung cancer in people who have never smoked."

"What's more, our findings suggest GPC5 may be a critical gene in lung cancer development

and genetic variations of this gene may significantly contribute to increased risk of lung cancer," she added.

"Findings from this study concern pure lung cancer that is not caused by smoking, and it gives us some wonderful new avenues to explore."

To date, little has been known about the GPC5 gene, except that it can be over-expressed in multiple sclerosis, and that alterations in the genome where GPC5 is located are a common event in a wide variety of human tumors.—Xinhua

Potential new diabetes drug is studied

COLUMBUS, 23 March—Ohio State University scientists say an experimental oral drug has successfully lowered blood sugar levels and inflammation in mice with type 2 diabetes.

The scientists, led by Associate Professor Abhay Satoskar, said the drug consists of a synthetic molecule that stops the biological activity of a protein called macrophage migration inhibitory factor, or MIF.

The researchers said they first determined that

mice genetically engineered not to carry the MIF protein are less likely to develop symptoms of type 2 diabetes. That, they said, suggests

MIF has a role in at least two hallmarks of diabetes: impaired blood sugar control and the presence of other inflammatory proteins.—Internet



A soap bubble vendor attracts costumers in Jakarta.—XINHUA

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3.	Main Power Cable And Control Cable For Reclaimer	1 Lot	22.3.2010	23.4.2010
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Myanma Ceramic Industry

Cloaking device makes objects in visible to infrared light anyway



The invisibility cloak is the first to work in three dimensions, but has some way to go before it can make the USS Enterprise vanish.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 March—Scientists are a step closer to creating a Star Trek-style cloaking device after demonstrating a material that makes objects beneath it appear to vanish.

The material was used to hide a bump on a surface by interfering with the way light bounced off it, making it seem as though neither the cloak nor the bump was there.

The cloak was designed to make objects invisible to infrared light, but the work paves the way for more advanced materials capable of cloaking ob-

jects in visible wavelengths.

Some scientists believe cloaking materials could be used to hide unsightly buildings or high-security facilities, and even make vehicles seem to disappear from view.

Tolga Ergin and Nicolas Stenger at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany used a technique called direct laser writing lithography to create a sheet of cloaking material from tiny plastic rods.

The spacing of the rods, each of which measured one thousandth

of a millimetre wide, alters a property of the material known as the refractive index, which changes the speed of light inside it.

The researchers placed a piece of the material over a dimple in a gold sheet and used infrared cameras to see what happened. When the cloak was in place, it altered the speed of light around the bump in such a way that the gold sheet appeared to be flat.

Internet

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Plastic surgery in decline as America tires of excess

NEW YORK, 23 March — Americans appear to be finally falling out of love with cosmetic surgery after a new report revealed that the number of operations dropped by 18% last year. The new reluctance to have a facelift, a tummy tuck or a breast enlargement marks a dramatic turn away from procedures that a few years ago seemed almost commonplace.

Figures collated by the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery show that 1.9m operations took place last year, down from 2.1m in 2005. One big factor cited by many plastic surgeons is the recession. The biggest downturn since the Great Depression has hit many high-end consumer industries; plastic surgery certainly qualifies as a luxury commodity for many Americans. Purely cosmetic operations, such as nose-shaping or breast enlargements, often cost thousands of dollars and are not usually covered by health insurance.

"I believe one can credit the downturn of the economy for the decline in surgical procedures that obviously are more costly than non-surgical procedures," said Dr Elliot Jacobs, a leading New York plastic surgeon whose private surgery is on Park Avenue. But some say there could be something in the zeitgeist, too. Over the past decade, plastic surgery saw a massive boom.—Internet

Truckers stuck in Manitoba head south

BLOODVEIN, 23 March—Truckers stuck on muddy roads in northern Manitoba have begun driving south after a drop in temperature, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said on Saturday. An unexpected warm spell thawed the roads early, stranding trucks and leaving some northern communities short of supplies. Ron Evans, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, told the Winnipeg Free Press the national government has agreed to pay to send food and medical supplies to Indian

communities, known in Canada as First Nations.

RCMP Sgt Line Karpish said two convoys of trucks arrived in Bloodvein early Saturday. After quick medical checkups, the truckers formed a single group and set off at less than 5 mph. While two trucks were still stuck, Karpish said the drivers were in no danger and were waiting for a caterpillar track vehicle to reach them. She said police had accounted for everyone.

Internet

Power cut, roofs collapse in major Australia storm

PERTH, 23 March—A major storm has caused widespread flooding, collapsed roofs and power cuts to 150,000 customers in the western Australian city of Perth.

The Bureau of Meteorology said the on Monday storm carried wind gusts of more than

75 miles per hour (120 kph) as heavy rain and hailstorms deluged the city.

Outbound flights from Perth Airport were halted temporarily when part of the airport's ceiling collapsed. People were evacuated from the emergency room at Joondalup Hospital after part of the ceiling fell.

Emergency services responded to hundreds of calls for assistance with power lines and trees down, roofs broken and windows smashed.

Perth has had a dry summer with minimal or no rain for months. More storms are forecast for Tuesday.

Internet

Highway travel down for first time in a year

WASHINGTON, 23 March—Americans drove less in January, marking the first monthly decline in 12 months as revised data showed travel did not decline as much as previously thought in 2009, the Transportation Department said on Monday.

The 1.6 percent decline in US highway travel in January could signal that rising gasoline prices are curbing demand in the world's top energy consumer. Pump prices were \$2.75 per gallon in January and the government has forecast that prices will soon top \$3.

The US Energy Information Administration's preliminary estimate for gasoline demand in January is 8.655 million barrels per day, down from 8.690 million bpd a year earlier.

In addition to high gasoline prices, severe winter weather near the beginning of the year likely kept highway travel down in January, said Phil Flynn of PFGBest Research.

"We know the economy is getting better," he said. "It really hasn't translated to strong gasoline demand, but some of that may be that some of the weather we've seen hasn't be conducive to driving," he added.

The dip in highway travel follows the department's revision of many of its monthly travel statistics for 2009. According to the new report, highway travel declined only one month last year.—Internet

Skydiver dies after chute fails to open

ZEPHYRHILLS, 23 March —A 68-year-old skydiver fell to his death in an accident in Florida on Friday (EDT) after his parachute failed to open properly. The man, named by the *St Petersburg Times* as Paul C. Luter III, died instantly, myfoxtampabay.com reported. Luter, an experi-

enced skydiver, "experienced a problem with his parachute" during the jump from Skydive City in Zephyrhills, Florida, a police spokesman said.

It appears the main parachute began spinning after it opened, Skydive City general manager David TK. Hayes said. The accident happened

about 1:30 pm. Hayes told *The Tampa Tribune* the man was participating in a jump with a dozen or so other skydivers.

He said the last fatal accident at SkyDive City was in January, and there have been 10 or 12 deaths in the skydiving centre's 20-year history.

Internet



Eight million tickets available for 2012 London Olympics

LONDON, 23 March—More tickets will go on sale for the Olympic Games than originally stated, increasing from 7.7 million to 8 million, announced the London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) on Monday.

According to LOCOG, more tickets will go on sale for the Paralympic Games, increasing from 1.5 million to 2 million.

75 percent of tickets will be available directly to

the public via a ballot process and tickets will go on sale from spring 2011.

LOCOG CEO Paul Deighton said, "This is our first major announcement on ticketing and we commit to updating again later this year, with more information around pricing."

"Ticket sales make up a significant part of our income, but at the same time we are completely committed to ensuring our events are accessible, that tickets are affordable and that our venues are packed

to the rafters with sports fans," added Deighton.

Tessa Jowell, Olympics Minister, said, "watching an Olympic event in your home country is a once in a lifetime experience. That's why it's critical that as many tickets as possible end up in the hands of the general public. With 10 million tickets going on sale next year people will have even more of a chance to get the ticket that makes their dream come true."

Xinhua



A visitor poses with the mini robot Quasi at the Entertainment Technology Centre of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, the United States, on 22 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Boeing blasts German aid plan for Airbus A350

WASHINGTON, 23 March—US aerospace giant Boeing lashed out on Monday at Germany's plans for a multibillion-dollar loan to develop Airbus's A350 airliner, ahead of a WTO ruling on EU aid to its European arch-rival.

With a final World Trade Organization ruling on US accusations of unfair EU subsidies expected as early as on Tuesday, Boeing criticized the German government's move to provide 1.1 billion euros (1.49 billion dollars) toward the development of the A350.

"On the eve of such an important decision, it is unfortunate and disappointing to see news reports quoting a senior German official saying that Germany is prepared to provide 1.1 billion euros for the development of the Airbus A350—a move that flies in the face of both the expected WTO decision and the rules-based global trading system we've all endorsed," Ted Austell, Vice President of Boeing's executive, legislative and regulatory affairs, said in a statement.

Internet



People are silhouetted at the Airbus aviation stand at an air show in 2006.

INTERNET

Screenings may reduce black cancer gap

BIRMINGHAM, 23 March—Cancer death rates for African-Americans far exceed non-Hispanic Caucasians in the United States, researchers said. Dr Edward Partridge, president-elect of the American Cancer Society and director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Centre and Dr Mona Fouad, also of University of Alabama at Birmingham, said tobacco use

and related cancers have decreased the mortality gap, but not significantly.

Partridge and Fouad wrote in a commentary in the Journal of the American Medical Association that there are many contributing factors to cancer-death disparities, including limited access to care, prevalence of prevention and detection programmes, differences in healthy behaviours that decrease cancer risk and

other factors. Advances in oncology practice and medical technology also widen the disparity gap because not everyone benefits from those advances equally, the researchers said.

"Elimination of the screening gap between African-American and white patients for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer is perhaps the easiest way," Partridge and Fouad wrote.—Internet

Peru still faces severe challenges in water supply, sanitation

LIMA, 23 March—Peru still faces severe challenges in water supply and sanitation despite years' efforts by the government to enhance water access and treatment, officials and experts in the country said on Monday, the World Water Day.

There is still insufficient supply of drinking water to the population and water pollution is widespread. Less than 70 percent of the wastewater is treated, Vice Minister of the Environment Ministry Ana Gonzalez said. Meanwhile, a study of independent consultants criticized the government's "Water for All" programme for being "extremely expensive" and "lack of clear targets."—Xinhua

Three Yemeni fishermen killed in collision with trade ship

SANAA, 23 March—Three Yemeni fishermen were killed when their boat collided with a merchant ship off the southern Yemeni seaport of Lahj, the country's Interior Ministry reported on Monday.

The collision took place late Sunday as an unidentified merchant ship hit the Yemeni four-member fishing boat while it was sailing along the international trade route, the ministry said in a statement posted on its website. "Three Yemeni fishermen immediately died after the collision, while the fourth was wounded and rescued later by another Yemeni fishing boat accidentally Passed the area," the statement quoted the Yemeni Coast Guard Sector at the Gulf of Aden as saying.—Internet

Groom Li Wenbin (L) and bride Chen Shiping (R) ride their wedding "limousine" in their wedding parade on a street in downtown Yongzhou, central-south China's Hunan Province, on 21 March, 2010. More than 100 friends of the new couple on Sunday joined the parade as a special congratulation to them.—XINHUA



SPORTS

Tennis aces all seek improvement in Miami

MIAMI, 23 March—Top seed Roger Federer and fourth seed Rafael Nadal will be working to polish their games as the world's top two aim to make amends on court at the Miami WTA and ATP Masters starting

on Tuesday.

Also keen for some change in fortune after disappointing results at the just-concluded Indian Wells Masters will be holder Andy Murray and losing 2009 finalist Novak Djokovic, both of whom joined their rivals in early California exits last week.

British third seed Murray will need a quick improvement after a disappointing desert trip as he lost in straight sets to powerful Swede Robin Soderling. Serbian second seed Djokovic was victim of the eventual champion Ivan Ljubicic in the fourth round.

Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Portsmouth still to be served with Premier League fine

LONDON, 23 March—Cash-strapped crisis club Portsmouth have yet to be fined by the English Premier League fine for rule breaches this season, a spokesman told AFP on Monday.

Reports on Britain's national Press Association wire, and in some British newspapers, suggested the bottom of the table club had already been fined in the region of one million pounds for breaching league rules.

However, an EPL spokesman told AFP on Monday that no such punishment had been levied adding a widely circulated quote, attributed to the league, that indicated Pompey had been fined, "had not come from us".

Portsmouth were effectively condemned to relegation last week when the EPL imposed a nine-point penalty for the south coast club's entry into administration.—Internet

Mystery surrounds FA chief executive's exit

LONDON, 23 March—Ian Watmore surprisingly resigned as chief executive of England's Football Association (FA), just months into the job, the governing body announced on its website here on Monday.

FA chairman Lord David Triesman said Watmore's resignation had been accepted with "great regret" but refused to say why he'd quit, having only taken up the post before the start of this season after his appointment in February 2009.

"Ian Watmore tendered his resignation to me on Friday," Triesman said.

"I asked him to re-consider over the weekend.

"However, he has confirmed today (Monday) that his position remains unchanged and I have accepted it with great regret.

"There will be a board meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) at noon (1200GMT). I am unable to make any further comment until after that meeting."—Internet

Australia search for football coach successor

SYDNEY, 23 March—Football Federation Australia said on Tuesday it had begun a world-wide search for a new national coach following the announced departure of Pim Verbeek.

Dutchman Verbeek will finish his 30-month



Pim Verbeek

contract after taking the Socceroos to the World Cup finals in South Africa in June, but the FFA's first task will be to find a new coach for the Asian Cup in Qatar next January.

FFA chief executive Ben Buckley has confirmed that Verbeek will be consulted on his successor, heightening speculation that the organisation will continue with its Dutch coaching philosophy, begun in 2005 with the appointment of Guus Hiddink. "We've had a good success rate with the Dutch coaching fraternity, so we have to keep that in mind," Buckley told The Sydney Morning Herald.

Internet

NZ to play Chile in World Cup warm-up

WELLINGTON, 23 March—New Zealand will play Chile in a training match in the lead up to their opening match in the World Cup in South Africa in June.

The game on 9 June—six days ahead of New Zealand's World Cup opener against Slovakia—would likely be played behind closed doors in three 30 minute spells, New Zealand Football said on Tuesday.

"I think we've got some really good fixtures lined up leading into our arrival in South Africa so something a bit more informal will be an ideal



New Zealand's Chris Killen controls the ball during a friendly international against Mexico at the Rose Bowl stadium in Pasadena, California, on 3 March.—INTERNET

opportunity to finalise our build-up," New Zealand coach Ricki Herbert said.

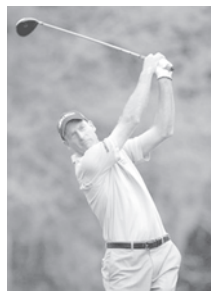
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File photo of England player Rio Ferdinand stretching during a training session. Ferdinand believes emerging in front from a three horse race will make it all the sweeter for champions Manchester United if they retain their Premier League title this season.—INTERNET

Furyk finally comes out a winner

PALM HARBOR, 23 March—A PGA Tour winner again after 32 long



Jim Furyk tees off on the ninth hole during the final round of the Transitions Championship golf tournament on 21 March, 2010, at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla. Furyk closed with a 2-under 69 on Sunday for a one-shot victory over KJ Choi.—INTERNET

months, Jim Furyk walked into an interview room at Innisbrook with a three-page transcript that had been folded in half.

It wasn't a statement or a speech. They weren't even his words.

As Furyk was finishing off a messy 18th hole that wrapped up a most beautiful victory at the Transitions Championship, ESPN and the Golf Channel broadcast the first interviews of Tiger Woods since his 27 Nov accident, which set off a shocking sex scandal that has dominated sports news the last four months.

Furyk, one of the closest players to Woods on tour, feigned disappointed and joked, "No one was watching me, then."

Internet

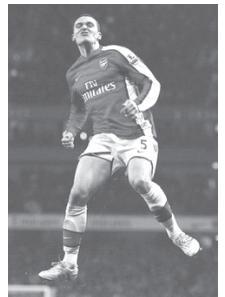
Arsenal appeal against Vermaelen red card

LONDON, 23 March—Arsenal have appealed against the red card shown to defender Thomas Vermaelen in Saturday's match against West Ham, it was announced on Monday.

Vermaelen was sent-off shortly before half-time for bringing down the Hammers' Guillermo Franco inside the penalty area. Arsenal were leading 1-0 and went on to win 2-0, with West Ham's Alessandro Diamanti missing the penalty which followed Vermaelen's red card.

A statement from the

Football Association on Arsenal's website said: "The FA has received a claim for wrongful dismissal from Arsenal defender Thomas Vermaelen.—Internet



Arsenal's Thomas Vermaelen

Ferdinand enjoying three-cornered title fight

MANCHESTER, 23 March—England captain Rio Ferdinand believes emerging in front from a three horse race will make it all the sweeter for champions Manchester United if they retain their Premier League title this season.

United are two points clear at the top of the table following Sunday's results which saw Sir Alex Ferguson's men beat bitter rivals Liverpool while Chelsea, who have a game in hand, slipped up in a draw with Blackburn Rovers that left them four points adrift of the leaders.

Meanwhile Arsenal have now moved into second place, two points behind United and with a worse goal difference.

It all adds up to an intriguing finale with United seeking an unprecedented fourth straight English title and what would be a record 19th overall.

"This is probably the best title run-in for years," said Ferdinand.

"There are three teams in it, which makes it fantastic for the fans and the neutrals to watch," the centre-back added. "But we just want to finish on top. That is what we are aiming to do."—Internet

ASLEEP IN JESUS

MRS. AMY B. DAY nee NICHOLAS (DAW AYE MI)

Aged (92)

Ex-Teacher Trainee, St. Gabriel's (Anglican Nuns) Teachers' Training School, Pyin Oo Lwin; Primary Teacher, St. Michael's and All Angels (Anglican Nuns) School, Pyin Oo Lwin; St. Columban's Convent, Myittha; Seria English High School, Seria, N. Borneo; St. Albert's Boys High School, Pyin Oo Lwin; Don Bosco (Silesians) High School, Thingangyun; St. Paul's High School, Yangon; Carlton Manor School, UK; Ashburton School, UK; Woodside Junior School, UK.

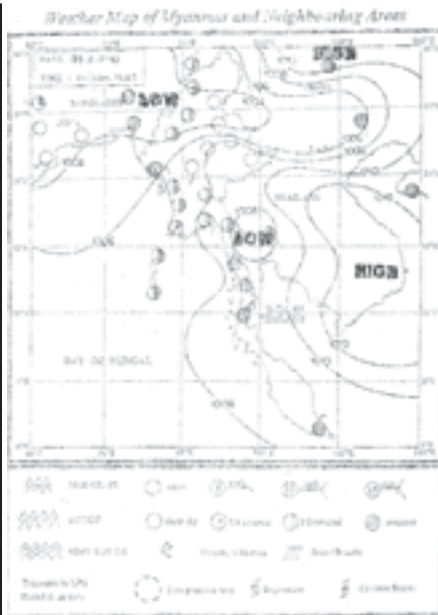
Daughter of U Sein Maung @ Mr. Walter A. Nicholas and Daw Mya (both deceased); relict of Maj. George C. E. Day (dec.); sister of Lt. Col Charles Nicholas (Air, dec.); Mrs. Pamela Nicholas (dec.); U Hla Khine -Daw Mya Shwe (dec.); Daw Mya Nyunt (dec.); Lt. Col. Phillip Carroll (Retd.); Daw Khin Nyunt (dec.); Maj. Tin Aye (dec.); Sgt. Than Hlaing (dec.); -Daw Mya Mya Than; Daw Khin Hla Myint - Lt. Col Win Aye (dec.); Daw Mya Mya Than - U Soe Win; Daw Tin Tin Khaing - U Thauang Cho.

Beloved mother of Daw Mala Aye @ Mrs. Frances Shwe Wa - Saw Leslie Shwe Wa; U Win Myint @ Mr. Leslie F. Day; Mr. Kevin N. Day - Mrs. June Day; Mr. Christopher I. Day; grand-mother of 7 and great-grand-mother of 8 children, passed away on 10/03/2010 in Croydon, Surrey, UK. Funeral Mass will be held on 25/03/2010 at St. Mary's RC Church and burial in Croydon grounds.



A 6-year-old boy displays his hands and feet at a hospital in Shenyang, Liaoning province, on 19 March, 2010. The boy, who has 15 fingers and 16 toes, is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday to remove the extra fingers and toes, local media reported. Experts said a gene mutation contributed to the aberrance.

INTERNET



MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24-3-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (24-3-10 11:30 am ~ 25-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Coconut Dolls
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-VI)
- * News
- * Victories of the States the People and the Tatmadaw "Rural and Border Areas"
- * News
- * Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-3)
- * Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-4)
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- * Kids' Talents "Kaung Khant Win Kyaw"
- * News
- * Ngwe Saung Welcomes You
- * Oxen Brothers
- * Myanmar Culture & Banana
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * From "Putao" to "Machan Baw"
- * News
- * Poppa Mountain Park
- * Poppa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-7)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

WEATHER

Tuesday, 23rd March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (41°C), Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin), Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) and Nyaunggoo (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 22-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 23-3-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-3-2010 was 70%. Total sun shine hours on 22-3-2010 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-3-2010 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 (7) m.p.h from South at (15:30) hours MST on 22-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Myanmar

TV

Wednesday, 24
March

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ ဇွဲမင်းညိုမင်း)

တေးရေး-ဇွဲမင်းညိုမင်း
တင်ဆက်(အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့တော်လှန်ရေးအက

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. မင်းတုန်းဆောင်းတံတား

8:30 am

9. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Songs

4:10 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. Classical Songs

4:25 pm

4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု

4:45 pm

6. အဝေးသံတော်သံလွှင့် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

5:00 pm

7. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

8. "လက်ဆေးပြုံးပြလား" (သီတတင်စိုးမိုးမိုးကြည်)

5:10 pm

9. Musical Programme

5:25 pm

10. ရွှေယံရံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

11. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

12. ပရိယာသီဆွမ်းဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ (အိမ်ငါး)

6:00 pm

13. Evening News

6:15 pm

14. Weather Report

6:20 pm

15. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလကဏ္ဍ

6:40 pm

16. ထက်မြက်စွာဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ရေး

7:00 pm

17. ရသေ့ပျံလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

7:30 pm

18. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် အစဉ်ထာဝရဇွဲမင်းညိုမင်း နေရမည့်မျိုးဆွမ်းတော်

8:00 pm

19. News

20. International News

21. Weather Report

22. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု

ဇာတ်လမ်း "အလင်းရောင်"

(ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊

ရဲအောင်၊ ပြေတီဦး၊ မြင့်မြတ်၊

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ထူးနေကျော်၊ စိုးမြတ်သူလ၊

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မေသတ္တဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-

တင်အောင်စိုး (ပန်းမြို့တော်))



- ★ 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

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 65TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

Article

Tatmadaw upholding four oaths

In accord with the virtue of the glorious Tatmadaw which never betrays the national cause, its members uphold the oath – I hereby solemnly make a resolve to sacrifice life for the country, the people and the Tatmadaw while serving the public interest.

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YARZA KYAW

Developing Education Sector in the time of the Tatmadaw Government



Poem

Till the end of the world

- * The Tatmadaw
Born of the people
Is always sincere in mind
- * Paving the way with love
Public hearts and minds it wins
With unity and endurance
Launched the anti-colonialist struggle
Till the enemy was rooted out
Tatmadaw famous for its patriotism

Cartoon

Beware!



While Tatmadaw



Beware



Kyaw Thu Hein