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Nothing more honourable than sacrificing life for own country

We have taken noble oaths to sacrifice our lives for the people and the nation. We have vowed on the conviction that there is no greater honour than sacrificing life for own country.

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 49th Intake of the Defence Services Academy)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Hellenic President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2010.—MNA

PM sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. George A. Papandreou, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2010.—MNA

Better future for nation if resources harnessed with own strength, technology and energy based on self-reliant basis

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road was held in Bawdigon village, Ottwin Township, Toungoo District,

Bago Division, this morning.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein addressed the opening ceremony of new road constructed by

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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein

strolls along Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo

road.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 25 March, 2010

National goal in sight

The Tatmadaw is an organization which has been serving the national interests, the most important part of national tasks.

The duties the Tatmadaw has to perform for national cause are tremendous. It is the main responsibility of the Tatmadaw to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and national consolidation.

It also has to ensure the rule of law and order whenever necessary. Moreover, it is the Tatmadaw that actively takes part in regional development tasks in order to bridge the gap between far-away rural regions with poor transport and developed urban regions.

The Tatmadaw is always ready to give a helping hand whenever any disasters including natural ones befall the nation. In shouldering national duties, it keeps the interests of the State and the people in the fore.

As the Tatmadaw has been implementing the seven-step Road Map step by step, a modern, developed democratic nation aspired by the entire people will come into shape soon.

Amid the various hardships and difficulties, the Tatmadaw has tried to safeguard the nation throughout history and carry out national tasks side by side with the people till reaching the current state of development and prosperity.

If the government, the people and the Tatmadaw continue to work in concert in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the desired national goal can be achieved.

FM sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. George A. Papandreou, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2010.

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Construction Minister receives General Manager from ZPMC



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr. Ding Xiao Dong of Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Co Ltd of the PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr. Ding Xiao Dong from ZPMC (Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Co Ltd) and party at the ministry here on 22 March evening.

Both sides discussed matters related to the construction of Ayeyawady bridges (Pakokku) and

(Nyaungdon) being constructed mainly by the ministry. Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials concerned.

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Peoples Desire

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

Myanmar to fight against TB through new means with greater potency



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaking at World TB Day 2010 ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — Myanmar observed the World TB Day 2010 here this morning with a resolve to find new drugs, diagnoses and vaccines through research to combat the deadly disease that is on the rise again.

According to annual report, the country was able to find and cure a total of over 130,000 TB patients in 2009, meeting the millennium goal as discovery rate reached 94% and treatment success rate 85%, said

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the ceremony.

“However, the discovery rate has not meet the target in southern Shan State, Chin State and some other townships”, the minister stated, pointing out the need to search TB patients in those regions and remote places, border areas and rural areas.

New means to control the disease also cover the task of finding persons suffering from TB, providing therapies with greater potency, promoting

the anti-TB campaign with the cooperation of partners, fighting TB through primary health care with the help of health staff at basic level and disseminating public health knowledge.

The TB elimination programme covered the whole country in 2003 with the assistance of primary health staff, Dr Kyaw Myint said.

To prevent drug tolerance, fixed dose combination is being applied and treatment is through single-quota

patient kit system, he noted.

According to WHO 2009 TB Update, 40% of the world's 9.4 million patients could not undergo treatment as they were beyond the reach of health departments, the minister said.

WHO acting resident representative Dr Leonard Ortega also read out the message of the head of WHO Southeast Asia region at the ceremony co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and the WHO.

MNA

KM Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship continues for second day

YANGON, 24 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre), Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2010 continued for second day at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Insein Township here today.

Thein Aye is leading the game with 143 total strokes, chased by Soe

Moe Win at the second place with 144 strokes, and Nay Bala Win Myint and Tin Lin at the third place with 145 strokes each. Myo Win Aung and Maung Maung Oo share the fourth place with 148 strokes.

The championship is sponsored by Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre) and Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in pursuit of emerging Myanmar golf stars.—MNA

Comic book fair at Innwa

YANGON, 24 March—Aiming at cartoon lovers at all ages, Innwa Book Store is due to hold comic book fair from 28 to 30 March.

The books will be displayed at the store at No (201/301), ground floor, Pansodan Street (upper block), here, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Cartoonists Cartoon Ngwe Kyi,

Myayza, Maung Maung, Thit Tun, Hsan Tun, Thant Zin, Win Aung (Mandalay), Ko Shwe Htoo (Pyay), Sangyoung Ko Ko Aung, Ko Chit, Wa Lone, Maung Maung Hnyet, Aung Soe Myint, Lwan Maung and Htay Win Zaw will draw their own comic stars for their fans on 29.

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Afghans try to collect water from a broken water pipe in Kabul on 22 March, 2010. —INTERNET

Four killed in Baghdad shootings

BAGHDAD, 24 March—Four people were killed, including two policemen, in shootings in Baghdad on Monday, Iraqi security officials said.

In the overwhelmingly Shiite Sadr City district, two city councilors were gunned down by men who sped off on a motorbike, Baghdad Operations Command said in a statement.

"Iraqi security forces cordoned off the area, in search of the criminals. 'They arrested three suspects, and seized a motorbike, silencer pistols, kalashnikovs and one IED (improvised explosive device),' " it said.

In a separate statement, the operations command said two policemen were shot dead in a watchtower in the south Baghdad neighborhood of Radhwaniyah. It gave no further details.

Violence has dropped dramatically across Iraq since its peak between 2005 and 2007, but attacks remain common in some areas, especially in Baghdad and the main northern city of Mosul.

Internet

Pre-mature explosion kills two would-be suicide bombers in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 March—Two would-be suicide bombers were killed as their device went off prematurely in Afghanistan's western province of Nimroz on Monday, police said. "Four Taliban fighters were busy in planting mine on a road in Khashrod District this morning but the device exploded prematurely, killing two and injuring two others," provincial police chief Abdul Jabbar Purduli told *Xinhua*.

Taliban militants who largely rely on suicide attacks and roadside bombings to target security forces have yet to make comment. —*Xinhua*

Two killed, 16 wounded in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 24 March—Two people were killed and 16 others wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern Diyala Province on Tuesday, the police said.

In Diyala, an Iraqi soldier was killed and seven others were injured in a bomb explosion near their patrol in the town of Jalawla, some 150 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source

told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Also in the province, the leader of a local anti-Qaeda paramilitary group was killed when a roadside bomb struck his motorcycle in the town of Baladruz, east of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Three more people, including a child, were wounded in another roadside bomb explosion near their car in Baladruz, the source added. In Baghdad, four people were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near the Elwiyah Hospital in eastern the capital, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In separate incident, two people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near the Babil Hotel on the eastern side on the Tigris River which bisects the Iraqi capital, the source said. —*Xinhua*



Iraqi policemen search a car at a checkpoint in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 March, 2010. —INTERNET



Relatives mourn during a funeral procession for Iraqi municipal officials in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 March, 2010. Iraqi police and hospital officials say gunmen riding a motorbike shot dead two municipal officials in Baghdad. —INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 24 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 24 March reached 700670 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1265433, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700670
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1265433

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 24 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32702 Afghan people were killed and 39134 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 24 March.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32702
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39134

Internet

Afghans carry a man injured in an explosion in Khost, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 21 March, 2010.

INTERNET



Fire in old Calcutta building kills six, injures 20

CALCUTTA, 24 March — A fire raced through the upper floors of an old, six-storey building in Calcutta on Tuesday, killing six people, including two who jumped to their deaths as onlookers began to crowd the area.

Thousands of people gathered in a busy section of the eastern Indian city to watch firefighters use ladders to rescue dozens of people trapped inside the office-and-apartment

building while dense smoke and fire billowed from the fourth floor upward.

About 20 people were injured.

Police were investigating the cause of the fire, which was believed to have started in an elevator, police officer Javed Shamim said.

Nearly 100 firefighters spent several hours to control the blaze.

Two people jumped to

their deaths while four succumbed to burn injuries in a hospital, State Home Secretary Ardendu Sen said. Five of the 20 people hospitalized were in critical condition, Sen told *The Associated Press*.

The nearly 100-year-old building lies on Calcutta's busy Park Street, which is lined with offices, apartments and restaurants.

Internet



An offshore wind farm is pictured in 2008. Spanish renewable energy group Iberdrola Renovables announced on Monday it will build an offshore wind farm in the Baltic Sea in Germany.—INTERNET

India to launch first carrier rocket with indigenous cryogenic engine

MUMBAI, 24 March—India will launch its first powerful carrier rocket with the homemade cryogenic engine to propel a satellite into geosynchronous orbit next month, said an Indian space official on Tuesday.

The carrier rocket *GSLV-D3* with the indigenous cryogenic engine is in the final stage of the assembly, said an official of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

The official said, "so far, we had been using Russia-made cryogenic engines for satellite launchings."

After lifting off from the ground next month, the huge *GSLV-D3* will carry an advanced communication satellite into geostationary orbit, he added.

Xinhua

Six killed by mine blast in northern Yemen

SANAA, 24 March—Six Yemenis, including three children, were killed and three other children were wounded in a landmine blast on Tuesday in the northern Yemeni province of Saada, the Seyaj children's rights organization said.

The blast took place during a recess at a school in al-Mazarik refugee camp for displaced people during a six-year conflicts between the government troops and Shiite

rebels, the Sanaa-based Seyaj said in a statement.

The three injured children have been taken to a hospital for treatment, while the police launched an investigation into the explosion, according to the statement.—Internet



Rescue workers help trapped people escape from the building on fire, in Calcutta, India, on 23 March, 2010. A fire broke out in a multistorey building in the eastern Indian city of Calcutta, killing at least four people and injuring another 14, police said.—INTERNET

On this 18 March, 2010 photo shows a school crossing sign above trash left across the street from McCoy Elementary School. McCoy Elementary is one of nearly half the schools in the Kansas City district expected to close before classes resume next fall, part of a wave of school closures across the country.

INTERNET



Bleak budgets force schools to consider closure

KANSAS CITY, 24 March —In a neighbourhood dotted with boarded up homes, trash and gang graffiti, McCoy Elementary has been an oasis.

Now that the 94-year-old school is closing, residents are fearful that the neighbourhood could become even worse, attracting drug dealers and vandals when the children are gone.

McCoy is among the roughly half of Kansas City district schools expected to shut down before class resumes next fall, part of a wave of school closures across the country.

"When it does close, it's going to get bad around here," said Virginia Stanley, standing outside her home with her husband, her 22-year-old granddaughter and her two young great-grandchildren, who live with them.

Superintendents of struggling districts are winning praise for confronting budget woes by shuttering half-empty and underperforming schools, a move often blocked by local politics in the past.

In many cases, the schools have been declining for years, but were never closed because

residents and local advocacy groups fought to keep them. Now school leaders have an argument that trumps any parent outrage: The struggling economy makes these schools a luxury that districts can no longer afford.

About 6 percent of districts closed or consolidated schools this year, compared to about 3 percent in 2008-09, according to a survey conducted by the American Association of School Administrators.

About 11 percent are expected to consider similar moves in 2010-11.

Internet



School children wearing pharaoh-style hats watch as a 25-foot tall replica statue of the Egyptian god Anubis, with a suitcase at his feet, passes in front of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Somali pirates seize Turkish ship

NAIROBI, 24 March—Somali pirates had hijacked a Turkish-owned ship on Tuesday with 21 crew members on board, a regional maritime official has confirmed.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP), said the Malta-flagged *MV Frigia* was seized early Tuesday in the pirate-infested waters of Somalia. "The Turkish ship was hijacked this morning with 21 crew members on board over 1,000 miles east of Somalia's Harardhere. The ship has 19 Turkish and two Ukrainian," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.

He said the 35,300 dwt ship was seized in an area some 400 nautical miles outside a shipping corridor protected by an international naval fleet.—*Xinhua*

Somali pirates seize Bermuda-flagged ship

NAIROBI, 24 March—Somali pirates have hijacked a Bermuda-flagged cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden with 25 crew members on board, a regional maritime official confirmed on Wednesday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP), said the Virgin Islands-owned cargo ship *MV Talca* has 23 Sri Lankans, one Filipino and one Syrian.

"The 479,800 cbm reefer *Talca* was hijacked in Gulf of Aden on Tuesday afternoon. It's a cargo vessel, Bermuda flagged and managed in Britain," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.—*Xinhua*

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Workers proceed with hoisting installation of the socket ring with a diameter of 14.38 m and weight of 362 tons for the gigantic hydropower unit set with a single unit capacity of 800,000 kilowatts, at the Xiangjiaba Hydropower Station of Yibin City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

China tables four-point proposal to cement ties with Africa

YAOUNDE, 24 March—China's top political adviser Jia Qinglin has put forward a four-point proposal aiming at fully advancing relations with Africa.

The proposal, which was made on Tuesday and was part of Jia's key-note speech at National Assembly of Cameroon, covered political trust, economy collaboration, cultural exchanges and global issues.

"Under the new circumstances, China will work

with Cameroon and other African countries to enhance the traditional friendship and grow the new type of China-Africa strategic partnership," Jia said. The speech, entitled "May the Flower of China-Africa Friendship Grow More Splendid," reaffirmed China's commitment to boosting the ties between the world's biggest developing country and the continent with the largest number of developing

countries.

"Both sides should remain committed to deepening political mutual trust," said Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country's top advisory body. Jia highlighted the importance of high-level visits, intergovernmental, parliamentary and party-to-party exchanges and cooperation.—*Xinhua*



People queue to collect water in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, on 22 March, 2010. Severe drought hit Tegucigalpa, as two main reservoirs which supply more than a million people, are working far below their capacity.—XINHUA

S Korean space foods receive certification from Russian laboratory

SEOUL, 24 March—South Korean food products designed to be consumed in space have received certification from a Russian laboratory, the state-run Korea Food Research Institute (KFRI) said on Wednesday.

A total of 10 types of specially manufactured food products, including traditional dishes like fried Kimchi, hot pepper paste, bulgogi or beef stew, and bibimbab, a bowl of mixed rice and vegetables, have won the certification by the Institute of Biomedical Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IBMP) last week after passing extensive testing, the KFRI said in a statement.

All food products were adjusted to fit the European astronauts' different tastes, and were specially repackaged to have longer shelf life, according to KFRI, as they were produced under high pressure and heat with below-five percent moisture content.—*Xinhua*

India, US consider holding training drill in nuke, chemical and biological warfare

NEW DELHI, 24 March—India and the United States are considering holding a joint training exercise in nuclear, chemical and biological warfare at a US proposal, the Indian newspaper *The Tribune* reported on Tuesday.

The exercise featured on the agenda of the 14th meeting of the Army Executive Steering Group, comprising top Indian and US army officers that began at Headquarters Western Command near Chandigarh in north-western India on Tuesday, said the report.

The four-day meeting is due to review the Indo-US military cooperation in the past year and work out programme for this year, said the report.

The report quoted unnamed sources as saying that the Americans put the proposal forth first and the Indian army is yet to decide on the modalities and unit that might join it.—*Xinhua*

Bird flu detected in mid-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 24 March—Bird flu, the Avian Influenza H5N1 virus, has been detected in four places of Banke district in mid-western Nepal.

According to Wednesday's *nepalnews.com* report, district livestock services office of Banke, some 365 km west of Kathmandu, confirmed the prevalence of bird flu in the district on Tuesday, after it received a report from the central laboratory in Kathmandu.

It had sent samples of poultry products to the laboratory after over 150 chickens and ducks died in a short span in Binauna, Kohalpur, Phattepur and Nepalgunj.

Authorities have started taking special measures to control the virus from spreading.

Xinhua

Better future for nation if resources harnessed with own strength,...

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Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and unveiled stone-plaque.

The Prime Minister said that for years the Pyay-Paukaung-Toungoo mountain road across the central Yoma was not safe to travel due to the danger of insurgents and the existence of many up-and-down sections.

Thanks to the guidance of the Head of State, the 120-mile-long road has been upgraded into a tar facility. Because of the Yoma mountain range, it took over eight hours to travel over 300 miles between Pyay in the western part of Bago Division and Toungoo in the eastern via Yangon.

According to country's geographical condition, most were north-south-running railroads and motors roads. So, the government has built networks of motor roads, railroads, communications lines and flights covering the every corner of the country.

As a result, Yangon-Sittway, Yangon-Kawthoung, Dawei-Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung, Pyinmana-Pinlaung, Myitkyina-Putao, Haka-Gangaw roads and many others are in operation.

In addition to Construction Ministry, Defence Ministry, Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Ministry and



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils stone plaque.—MNA

for the rail network to reach every part of the country.

Sinkhan, Yadana-theinga, Pakokku, Malun and Nyaungdon bridges are under construction to increase the number of bridges on Ayeyawady River to reach 13. Large natural watercourses are not barriers anymore at present due to efforts,

Because of the Yoma mountain range, it took 8 hours to travel over 300 miles between Pyay in the western part of Bago Division and Toungoo in the eastern via Yangon. But that was in the past. Now, the road has cut the travelling time to four hours.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets people at the opening ceremony.—MNA

But that was in the past. Now, the road has cut the travelling time to four hours in addition to helping join the two parts into one.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi road another facility passing through the Yoma is being upgraded and the new Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit road is under construction.

other institutions are also building transport facilities. The nation now has 21361 miles of roads built by Construction Ministry alone. That is 7700 more miles than in 1988. The total length of roads reaches over 70,000 if roads built by other ministries are added. Pyay-Paukaung-Toungoo road is under construction

skill and public assistance with the State's leadership.

Building of transport infrastructures with the lofty aims is to further improve socio-economy of all national races, facilitate passenger and freight transport, narrow the development gap and foster Union Spirit.

Since its assumption,

the government has been giving priority to national unity, while developing multi sectors. A nation cannot be built just with words, but only with all-round efforts. The government is bringing extra progress to metropolitans like Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and implementing long- and short-term plans for rapid and equal development of all the states and divisions of the Union. Development undertakings cover socio-economy, health, education, per capita income, social welfare and other related sectors. Twenty-four development regions have been designated for harmonious progress of the entire nation, and both eastern and western parts of Bago Division are developing now.

The nation-building task is being implemented

on self-reliant basis. There will be a better future for the nation and all will enjoy benefits only if the nation's resources have been harnessed with her own strength, technology and energy based on self-reliant endeavours.

It is imperative to give priority to regional economic development, national economic development, national unity and consolidation of internal strength for the posterity to discharge national duties peacefully and perpetuation of the nation.

The government has made systematic efforts for rapid progress of human resources, natural resources, capital, technology and stability, the five basic requirements, for emergence of a new peaceful, modern and developed nation. Hence, the nation now is on the path to smooth and systematic transition process.

Laws and rules have been issued to hold the multiparty democracy general election, the fifth step of the Road Map. Soon, the national races will have to elect people's representatives to build the future state. It is required

to choose good and able persons possessing patriotism.

The Prime Minister also stressed the need to maintain the Pyay-Paukaung-Toungoo road for its durability and to effectively use it, to protect the resources of Bago Yoma till posterity and to work in unity with the resolve to reach the goal of a peaceful, modern and developed nation without fail.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min said in his address that smooth transport performs as a base in building a developed nation. Adopting Our Three Main National Courses, the government has built infrastructures day in, day out across the country for emergence of a developed country in line with 12 political, social and economic objectives.

Due to emergence of new Pyay-Paukaung-Toungoo road, local people can travel to every part of the nation without delay, thereby contributing to development of their living standard.

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According to country's geographical condition, most were north-south-running railroads and motors roads. So, the government has built networks of motor roads, railroads, communications lines and flights covering every corner of the country.

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The commander urged the locals that they have to make all-out efforts in their bit to emerge a peaceful, modern and developed nation, utilizing the sound infrastructures effectively.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung

Myint elaborated on construction of roadwork saying that the new Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road is 124 miles and two furlongs long linking Tagwa village at milepost (182/3) of Yangon-Pyay-Magway Road and Ottwin at milepost (166/0) of Yangon-Mandalay Road. Works are underway to further upgrade the facility. In line with the guidance of the Head of State, the old Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road is extended to a wider and smoother one.

The minister also called for taking part in maintenance of the road for endurance. A local spoke words of thanks.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the attendees at the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commander, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and a local formally opened the road.

Later, the Prime Minister unveiled the stone-inscription of the road and sprinkled it with scented water. The Prime Minister cordially greeted the local people at the opening ceremony and inspected the new road in a motorcade.

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The extended embankment of new Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road seen before completion.—MNA



Construction of new Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road carried out by machinery.—MNA

Agreement on establishment of Technical Training School (Magway) inked

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— Ministry of Industry-2 and Korea International Cooperation Agency signed an agreement on establishment of Technicals Training School in Magway at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the director-general of Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning, departmental officials and responsible people of KOICA.

At the ceremony,

Signing ceremony between the Ministry of Industry-2 and KOICA in progress.

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DMIP Director-General U Myo Aung and Director/ Education Team leader of KOICA Mr Nam, Kwan-Hyoung signed the agreement and exchanged the documents.

Next, Mr Nam, Kwan-Hyoung presented teaching aids for the technical training school opened in Thagara Industrial Region with

the assistance of the Republic of Korea to the principal. Technical Training School (Magway) will be established with a donation US\$ 3 million by the Korean government within a year.

On completion, the school will conduct courses on car production.

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Tarred Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road.

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Who will be winners of 255th Aungbarlay Lottery?

YANGON, 24 March —255th Aungbarlay Lottery programme will open at Aungbarlay Lottery Hall No.348, corner of 37th Street and Mahabandoola Road, Kyauktada Township, here from 8 am to 4 pm on 1 April.

The prizes are one K 1,00 million, one K 50 million, two K 30 million, five K 20 million, 13 K 10 million, 286 K one million, three K 0.5 million, 144 K 0.3 million, 1260 K 0.2 million, 12354 K 0.1 million.

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Health Minister receives Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Australian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Ms. Michelle Chan at the ministry here today. They discussed matters on health sector

between two countries.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general from Health Departments under the ministry and responsible persons.

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Hlawga Garden opens on Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 24 March—For convenience of holiday makers, Hlawga Garden of Forest Department opens from 8 am to 5 pm on 27 March (Armed Forces Day).

Regular opening hours of the garden are from 8 am to 4 pm daily.

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Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Tatmadaw in perpetual charge of national defence duties

Kyaw Min Khaung



Junior, you fell in action in a frontline more than a couple of decades ago, but you are still deep in the heart of all of the family members of us. Your fall is, indeed, the very loss of a brave, loyal soldier for the country, as well as loss of a good son for the family. You upheld the oath "I solemnly take a vow to sacrifice my life for the country, the people and the Tatmadaw". So, your premature demise is a noble sacrifice in a holy battle to defend the mother country.

The Methawaw Battle, in which you engaged, was a decisive battle not only for the military field but also for the political field of the nation. While the unrest reigned supreme the whole nation due to the 1988 unrest, KNU insurgents waged Methawaw Battle to get the nation into military and political crises.

That day, enemies approached in bulk Methawaw military base under the control of the Tatmadaw, and opened fire with artillery and assorted small arms on the outpost where a platoon was deployed, at dawn. Enemies vastly outnumbered your platoon. Normally, no way you were able to repulse their attack. However, you showed your lion heart to confront the enemies although you were helplessly outnumbered, because you servicemen adhere to the four oaths and Our Three Main National Causes.

If they had occupied your outpost, it would have been easy for them to infiltrate the Methawaw main base. So, enemies attacked your outpost to their utmost, but in vain since you Tatmadaw members are well-trained and experienced militarily. After all, they retreated from the battlefield with heavy losses. Therefore, the State Flag remained flying on the hill of your outpost. In the battle, you showed the 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw: a patriotic Tatmadaw, a self-disciplined Tatmadaw, a loyal Tatmadaw, a harmonious Tatmadaw, an efficient Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw that makes self sacrifices, a noble-minded Tatmadaw, a brave Tatmadaw with capabilities, a Tatmadaw with tenacity, a diligent Tatmadaw, and a Tatmadaw that upholds Our Three Main National Causes. So, you were worthy of great honour. However, in the fierce battle, you made final sacrifice for the motherland together with Chin private Kyin Zakhok, Kayin private Saw Khu Maw, Mon private Naing Kyaw Tun, Kachin private Lun Khaung, Kayah private Bya Rai, Shan private Sai Lu, and Rakhine private San Shwe Maung.

Showing brilliant performance, the Tatmadaw undermined the KNU's plot to form a government and declare an independent region after occupying Methawaw, and managed to regain control of the whole Methawaw. In the historic battle, 12 officers and 245 other ranks sacrificed their lives for the country. It is a fine tradition of the Tatmadaw that Tatmadaw

members are ready to make final sacrifices if necessary for the mother country.

Junior, the Myanmar Tatmadaw is a patriotic one that came into existence according to the historical necessity and national necessity. In its very infancy, the Tatmadaw hand in hand with the people successfully accomplished a national duty of helping the mother country regain independence.

Tatmadaw members are those born of national people, so the Tatmadaw is a force of national brethren that always readies itself to defend the nation. In times of emergencies, the Tatmadaw stands by the people and defends the country. In that regard, in his speech to the Graduation Parade of the 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said, "There are so many profound evidences in the course of the nation that the Tatmadaw stood firmly by the nation in times of emergency."

Junior, multicoloured insurgency came out in the nation in 1948, following independence, such as Communist (White Flag), Communist (Red Flag), Yebaw (White), Yebaw (Yellow), and KNDO that stuck to wrong concept and narrow-minded racism. At the time, the ruling AFPFL (Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League) government could rule only one region "Yangon" due to the nationwide raging inferno of the civil war. So, foreign media named the government Yangon government. Rural folks came under tortures and massacres of the multicoloured insurgents, while urban people were in a state of panic due to the sound of guns and cannons. Gradually, the multicoloured insurgency was leading to disintegration of the Union, and the nation was on the verge of loss of recently-regained independence. Therefore, the then prime minister entrusted duties to the Tatmadaw to put an end to internal armed conflicts, and ensure community peace. At that time, the Tatmadaw had only 10 regiments, but managed to suppress the nationwide armed insurgency and put districts and townships under the rule of the government. The storm of the internal armed insurrection abated to an extent and community peace and the rule of law could be restored owing to the operations the Tatmadaw launched at risk to life. Then, the Tatmadaw handed over the entrusted duties to the prime minister, and paid full attention to its original duty or national defence duty.

The internal armed strife was still active till January 1950, and since then Kuomintang troops intruded into Mongmao in Shan State, then Kachin, Kokang, Wa, Tangyan, Kengtung and Tachilek. Then, they infiltrated Mongmao, Mongyu, Muse, Kyugok and Pungpahkyem. Kuomintang troops posed grave dangers to the entire people by harming sovereignty of the nation.

So, the Tatmadaw had to open another front to suppress the attack by the Kuomintang troops. It launched operations "Kengtung", "Pharok", "Maw" and "Panlon" in 1950; Operation "Mogyo" in 1952; operations "Maha" and "Naganaing" in 1953; operations "Yuzana", "Bayintnaung" and "Hsinbyushin" in 1954, Operation "Yangyi Aung" in 1955; and Operation "Mekong" in 1960 to drive the intruders out of the nation's soil. In the operations, a large number of Tatmadaw members had to sacrifice their lives.

While the situations were running high, the ruling AFPFL government split into two factions namely Stable AFPFL and Clean AFPFL, vying each other for power. The ruling government was not capable of restoring stability and peace due to intra-party disunity, thus leading to group-wise clashes. Political parties founded pocket armies in order to

gain power, and leading role in the government. Taking full advantage of the terrible mess in the ruling government, insurgents accelerated their insurgency. Therefore, the people were going through the hell of stresses and strains sparked by political parties and pocket armies and insurgent groups. In consequence, the nation was again on the edge of collapse. Being incapable of restoring the nation's conditions, Prime Minister U Nu of the AFPFL government asked the Tatmadaw to restore State stability and peace as a caretaker government. On 28 October 1958, he handed over State power to the Tatmadaw. As the Caretaker Government, the Tatmadaw tried to restore stability and community peace, and then held a secure, free and fair election on 6 February 1960. Then, the Tatmadaw systematically handed over State power to the winning Pa-Hta-Sa government.

In 1962, the nation encountered the danger of Federal Policy that posed greater danger to the nation. Some chieftains who were unwilling to relinquish Feudal power and some faithless political

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POEM:

When summer comes

- * Mist vanished with wild wind
New leaves taking the place of fallen ones
The summer song bird cuckoo
In a sentimental song
So sweet was the melody
Already awakened was the world
- * In the summer heat the yellow leaves
Falling charmingly in the wind
In green coming out the buds
Early summer they are decorating
Ushering in a new season
- * In air the aroma of blooming flowers
Painting a beautiful picture
Of that early summer
- * In that summer
Hand in hand with amity
Unity between Tatmadaw and people
Having the same conviction
Loyalty they had in hearts
Rooting out the colonialists
And also the Fascists
Celebrating a grand victory
Glory to that summer
- * Every year summer comes
Ever fresh and new
The story of that summer
Our courage and zeal we showed
Still energetic and bright
Like all happened yesterday

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
Maung Maung Moe Aung

Tatmadaw in perpetual charge of national defence duties

(from page 8)

parties secretly contacted SEATO (South-East Asia Treaty Organization) under the influence of the West Bloc. And they flagrantly submitted Federal Policy and coerced the Pa-Hta-Sa government with the intention of seceding from the Union and joining SEATO. Their scheme was to secede from the Union whether the government gave green light or not. Again the nation was standing on the point of collapse into pieces. The then government was in no position to tackle the situation. In the end, the Tatmadaw saved the Union from disintegration by restoring the State's sovereign powers on 2 March 1962.

In 1988, the people took to the streets because of general crises and discontent with the ruling Myanmar Socialist Programme Party. Internal and external subversive elements fueled the situations and generated public outrage into a wholesale unrest that dragged the image of the nation through the mire. The then government was completely unable to control anarchic disturbances that were strife across the nation. In addition, the government's whole administrative machinery came to a halt. So-called protest leaders, demonstration union leaders, public leaders and even the person, who claimed himself to be forever legal prime minister could do nothing to control and prevent the anarchic demonstrations. Old and neo-colonialists were waiting and seeing what sorts of changes would happen to seek their interest. A fleet of naval vessels of a power had intruded into the nation's waters. The entire people were totally helpless. The nation was to fall into the abyss. On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw saved the nation from the collapse by assuming State responsibilities.

According to the historic events I have said to you, no one can deny that the Tatmadaw stood firmly by the people and safeguarded the country in times of emergency that posed dangers to sovereignty and integration of the Union.

Junior, since 18 September 1988, on which it unavoidably took State duties, the Tatmadaw has been upholding Our Three Main National Causes and carrying out nation-building tasks the length and breadth of the nation. As a result of the Tatmadaw's earnest efforts, the whole nation, hilly and plain, enjoyed rapid development. The whole nation has seen networks of roads and railroads, and bridges spanning rivers and creeks one after another. That ensured smooth transport and swift commodity flow. The government has been implementing the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Regions Special Development Project, and the Rural Development Project for equitable development of all parts of the Union. It took measures to wipe out poppy farming in hilly border areas, home to national races, and helped local farmers grow poppy-substitute crops. Now, it is in pursuance of the 15-year drug elimination plan (1999-2014) to ensure that the nation will be a drug free land. The Tatmadaw government managed to achieve national reconsolidation for which successive governments worked in vain. So far, 17 major national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. And they have been working hard joining hands with the government for development of their regions. It is very encouraging to learn that some of the peace groups have transformed themselves into Tatmadaw members to shoulder national defence duties as border guard forces.

Junior, despite a variety of disruptions caused by internal and external elements, the nation has enjoyed all-round development with stability and

peace in two decades due to the Tatmadaw government's all-out efforts. In its time, the Tatmadaw government has improved infrastructures to a certain degree for a better future of the nation. It has been implementing the State's seven-step Road Map to shape the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one. Free and fair elections will soon take place to complete the fifth step of the Road Map. The people will have the right to freely elect people's representatives who are capable of serving the national interest faithfully. After that, as the sixth step, parliamentary sessions will be held with the elected members of parliaments. Then, as the final step, a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation will be built with State leaders elected by the hluttaw, and governing bodies and administrative bodies formed by the hluttaw. The Tatmadaw government will continue to see to the seven-step Road Map one step after another for successful completion of the democratization process.

Junior, as a result of the hard work the

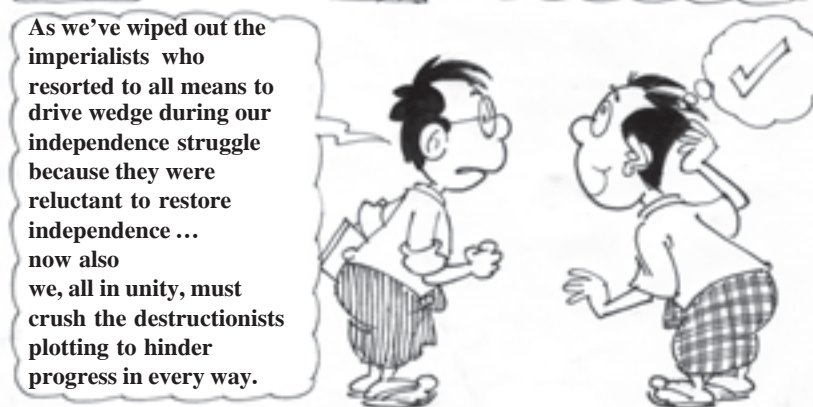
Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day:

Tatmadaw government has exerted with a strong sense of bounden duty, there have been numerous infrastructural buildings to generate a prosperous future of the new nation. The regions of national races that were once reverberated with the sound of gun fire are now covered with traditional songs and music of local national races. Now, the whole Union has witnessed stability, peace and development at the unprecedented level, along with the vast, peaceful new capital "Nay Pyi Taw", which is the pride of the nation. May the fallen Tatmadaw members see the signs of the nation's significant development from the heaven! The Tatmadaw will continue to defend and guard the Union of Myanmar as long as the world exists.

I write this article in honour of the Tatmadaw members who sacrificed their lives in action and as a gesture of hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Translation: MS

It's time we all united.

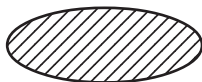


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**HAILING THE
65TH ANNIVERSARY
ARMED FORCES DAY**

*Tatmadawmen,
Myanmar Police
Force members and
local people
destroying poppy
plantation in
Wengtapon village-
tract of Kengtung
Township.*

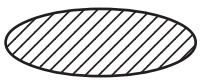


*Tatmadawmen, Myanmar Police Force members and local people
join hands to destroy poppy plantation in Mongping Township.*

**Nationwide destroyed poppy
plantations after 1988**

Sr No.	Year	Destroyed (Acreage)
1.	1988-1989	211.35
2.	1989-1990	287.36
3.	1990-1991	2157.74
4.	1991-1992	10446.14
5.	1992-1993	396.45
6.	1993-1994	2571.92
7.	1994-1995	8179.50
8.	1995-1996	4787.94
9.	1996-1997	7643.83
10.	1997-1998	44479.35
11.	1998-1999	9824.67

*Tatmadawmen,
Myanmar Police
Force members
and locals
destroying poppy
plantation in
Panhai village,
Mongman village-
tract, Mongping
Township.*



*A total of 25 acres
of poppy
plantation in Shan
State (East)
destroyed by
combined efforts of
Tatmadawmen and
local people.*

*Tatmadawmen and
local residents
destroy 61-acre
poppy plantation in
Shan State.*

Sr No.	Year	Destroyed (Acreage)
12.	1999-2000	10987.76
13.	2000-2001	26113.47
14.	2001-2002	25862.33
15.	2002-2003	1559.85
16.	2003-2004	7610.05
17.	2004-2005	9840.31
18.	2005-2006	10348.39
19.	2006-2007	8925.96
20.	2007-2008	11948.86
21.	2008-2009	10100.65
22.	2009-2010	13390.09
Total		227673.97

Remark: Poppy plantations were destroyed in Shan State (North, South and East), Chin State, Kachin State, Kayah State, Rakhine State, Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Mandalay Division.

British aircraft crashes at Crete acrobatics show with no casualty

ATHENS, 24 March—A British aircraft which took part in an acrobatics show by the Red Arrows group of the Royal Air Force crashed around 2 pm local time on Tuesday near the airport of Kasteli at Herakleion in Greece's Crete Island.

Both pilots survived and are in good health, according to Greek authorities, after they ejected from the airplane using the automatic system.

There was also no re-

port of injuries among people on the ground.

The rest of the eight British aircraft in the show are now grounded on the air force base of Kasteli, as experts already started investigating the accident.

According to earlier information, the aircraft that crashed had touched slightly the wing of another aircraft, thus losing its balance and control.

The second aircraft landed safely with only minor damage.

Xinhua



Experts search around debris from a Red Arrows jet at military Kasteli airport on the island of Crete on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

S Korea to develop DMZ into eco-tourism area

SEOUL, 24 March—South Korea is planning to develop the demilitarized zone (DMZ) that separates South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) into an eco-tourism area, according to local media.

The plan was unveiled by the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness on Tuesday. In cooperation with nine government agencies such as the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the Ministry of Unification, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Environment, it will create an ecological peace belt along the southern part of the four kilometre-wide, 248 kilometre-long zone, extending from the western island of Ganghwa to the east coast city of Goseong, Seoul's state-run broadcaster KBS reported.

Under the plan, bike roads, an ecological peace park and a vacation centre will be built in the area. Ten villages near the inter-Korean land border will be turned into cultural tourism villages open to visitors.

Xinhua

14 militants killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 March—At least 14 militants were killed and 17 others injured on Wednesday in a ground and air assault by security forces in lower Orakzai agency, Pakistan's northwest tribal area, private TV channels reported.

Security forces backed by helicopters shelled militants hideouts in lower Orakzai agency and destroyed five compounds in the bombardment.

A security personnel also was injured, according to the private TV Express. Military sources said

that the army faced no tough resistance and have secured important positions in the area, while the militants are escaping.

Pakistani military after ending its successful offensive in South Waziristan tribal agency last year shifted its focus to Orakzai agency, which is believed to be a global hub for militants.

The United States authorities have publicly praised Pakistan efforts to take on Taleban in the tribal region, which America considers as the center of Taleban and al-Qaeda remnants, from where they plot attacks against US and NATO troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Besides, US drones on Tuesday night fired two missiles at militants hideouts in North Waziristan tribal agency, killing at least six people, security officials said.

Xinhua

Uganda to host AU summit in July to discuss maternal health and child mortality

KAMPALA, 24 March—Uganda is to host the 15th African Union (AU) summit in July to discuss how to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on maternal health and reducing child mortality in the continent, an official said

here on Tuesday.

The 15th ordinary session of the assembly of African heads of state to be held here from 19 to 27 July will also discuss peace and security, infrastructure, energy, agriculture and food security in the region, Isaac

Musumba, Uganda's state minister for regional cooperation told a Press briefing.

The theme of the summit will be "Maternal, infant and child health and development in Africa."

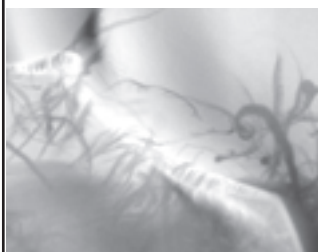
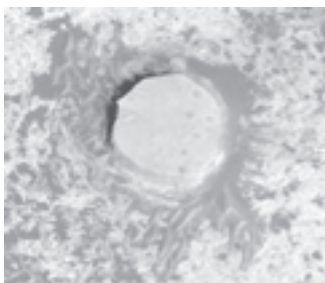
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HiRISE uncovers mystery of Mars

The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has finished its 4-year-long deep space mission. Following are pictures of Mars surface presented by NASA.

These stunning photos were shot by Mars-orbiting HiRISE camera.

Sand dunes, with graceful blue-gray swirls caused by dust devils, which are like mini-tornadoes.



This image shows dark sand dunes and inverted craters in the Arabia Terra region of Mars. The sand is dark because it was probably derived from basalt. The 'inverted' shape is found on Mars and Earth where erosion has stripped away surrounding topography.

Men set record in veggie-oil-powered van

Two Canadians said their record-setting drive in a vegetable-oil-powered van reached 23,697 miles in New York.

Tyson Jerry, 26, and Cloe Whittaker, 24, said they reached the mark — enough to surpass the alternative-fuel driving record set two years ago by a German team using natural gas power — Monday at New York's Robert F Wagner Middle School, and they are expecting the drive home to Victoria, British Columbia, the *New York Daily News* reported.

NEWS ALBUM

Burglar cooks meal, passes on the cash

Police in New Jersey said a burglar who broke into a restaurant to cook and eat dinner was apparently not hungry for cash.

Hillsdale police said someone entered the Matsu Sushi Grill by breaking an exhaust fan in the back of the eatery early Saturday morning and made a meal. The Record of Bergen County (NJ) reported Tuesday.

No school bus? Then ride a zip line to school

More than 1,300ft above the roaring Rio Negro in Colombia, nine-year-old Daisy Mora prepares to throw herself over the abyss.

Attaching herself to an old and rusted pulley system she drops over the edge before plummeting at 40mph along a zip wire to the opposite bank half a mile away — a vertigo-inducing journey she has to take every day to get to school.

For the handful of families living in the area, 40 miles southeast of the capital Bogota, the 12 steel cables that connect one side of the valley to the other are their only access to the outside world.

German explorer Alexander von Humboldt was the first Westerner to

observe the unusual rope system in 1804.

They were traditionally made of hemp, but steel cables were installed with the advent of logging in the surrounding rainforest. When this was made illegal settlers turned their hand to farming and cattle raising.

Today, the cables are still the only transport available to those living in the area. Farmers use them to transport goods to and from the closest town and, for children like Daisy and her five-year-old brother Jamid, it is how they get to school.

Jamid is too young to safely ride the wire on his own, so she has to carry him with her in a jute bag, controlling their speed with a wooden fork.

Photographer and author Christoph Otto, who took these amazing pictures, suspended himself above the valley on one of the cables to capture people making the remarkable journey.



Hair-raising commute: Villagers hook themselves to steel wires and slide half a mile at 40mph to get to the nearest town.

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Lectures, Exam for B.Ed Correspondence Courses Announced

The lectures and exams for the trainee teachers of B.Ed correspondence course for 2009-2010 academic year will be held at Yangon Institute of Education. Lectures will be given for the first year of course No-28 and the second year of course No-27 from 24 April to 15 May. Trainees are to report not later than 23 April and will not be allowed to report three days beyond the target date. The examinations for the courses will be held from 18 to 22 May.

Noscapine use for prostate cancer studied

SAN DIEGO, 24 March—US medical investigators say they have discovered noscapine, a cough medicine ingredient, can be used as a prophylactic treatment for prostate cancer.

The researchers from the University of California-San Diego, the Prostate Cancer Research and Education Foundation, also in San Diego, and the MedInsight Research Institute in Baltimore concluded noscapine administered as a preventive

measure might offer significant benefits in the management of prostate cancer, a disease that kills more than 28,000 men in the United States each year.

The latest research focused on pre-treating mice with noscapine before injecting them with prostate cancer cells. That, said the scientists, resulted in the tumor growth rate being two-thirds smaller in the noscapine group than the non-noscapine group.

At least 35 die in avalanche

KABUL, 24 March—The bodies of 30 people were recovered on Tuesday from the site of avalanche in a remote area of north-eastern Afghanistan, a police official said.

The remains of five other people lost in the snow slide that occurred two weeks ago have not yet been located, said police chief Aja Noor Kemtuz in Badakhshan Province. Police and rescue workers spent four days getting to the scene, he said.

Five houses were destroyed in the avalanche,

which occurred in the Arghang Khzakhka district north of Faizabad — about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of the Tajikistan border. An estimated 500 cattle and other animals also were killed, he said.

Local residents reported the avalanche in the village of Dood Daood. The road to the village is blocked by snow for several months of the year.

"They are very poor

people living in a very remote area," the police chief said. "From this village to another village is a three days walk."

In February, at least 171 people died in an avalanche at the 12,700-foot (3,800-metre)-high Salang Pass, the major route through the Hindu Kush mountains that connects the Afghan capital of Kabul to the north of the country.

Internet

Three zoo tigers escape in Spain, killed by police

MADRID, 24 March—A zoo in Spain's Canary Islands says three tigers escaped from their cage after a mistake by an employee and were later shot by police.

Cocodrilo Park on the island of Gran Canaria says a zoo employee cleaning outside the cage before opening time on Tuesday mistakenly pushed a button that opened the door of the cage.

The park says in a statement that four of the seven tigers inside the cage stayed put but three escaped. Civil Guard police later shot and killed them. No one was injured, and there were no visitors in the zoo at the time.

The park said the cleaning employee was the only person near the cage when the animals got out.

Internet

Macao police nab man for online bombing, death threats

MACAO, 24 March—Judiciary Police (PJ) of the Macao Special Administrative Region arrested a man for his alleged involvement in online extortion and threats, including threat of killing the SAR chief executive, the local *Macao Post Daily* reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper quoted a PJ spokesman as saying that the 38-year-old local suspect posted three threats in the online forum in January 2008, saying he would blow up the Judiciary Police Headquarters, Macao Tower, the office of the chief executive and the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation, unless the government pays him 10 million patacas (1.26 million US dollars).

In May 2008, the suspect posted a threat in the forum again, saying that he would give 100,000 patacas (12,658 US dollars) to anyone who grabbed the Beijing Olympic torch on its tour of the nation, the spokesman said.

The suspect then issued another online threat in October 2008 that he would set the Judiciary Police Headquarters and a downtown bank alight.

According to PJ, the suspect also indicated in the forum between late last month and last Sunday that he would try to kill the chief executive and the director of Judiciary Police with an incendiary device.

The suspect was taken into custody at his flat in Taipa on Monday, following a year-long investigation which was hampered by the suspect's technical expertise when covering his digital tracks.

Xinhua



Volunteer Cara Broun holds a ten-day-old baby Sykes Monkey being taken care of at the Colobus Trust rescue centre near Mombasa after its' mother was electrocuted, on 23 March, 2010. According to the Trust, the population of Sykes Monkeys have gone down from 800 three years ago to 600.—XINHUA

Four killed in chemical plant accident in NW China

LANZHOU, 24 March—At least four workers died and three others were injured after molten ore spewed from a furnace of a chemical plant in Gansu Province on Tuesday, the local authority said on Wednesday.

Ore being smelted in a huge furnace of the privately-run Huize Chemical Co Ltd gushed out at 4:20 pm on Tuesday as the top layer of materials collapsed, said an official with the work safety supervision administration of Jingyuan County in Baiyin City, the site of the accident.

A stream of molten ore quickly spread out, leaving seven workers at the site seriously scalded.

Four of the workers died in hospital and three are still being treated.

An investigation team headed by the director of the provincial work safety watchdog was heading to the site, said Gou Xiaodi, an officer in charge of chemical products control with the bureau. —Xinhua



Computer generated image handed out by Airbus shows an Airbus A350-900. The World Trade Organization issued a landmark ruling on Tuesday a six-year-old clash pitting US aerospace giant Boeing against its arch rival Airbus over an alleged 200 billion dollars of state aid.—INTERNET

Japan's export jumps 45.3% in Feb

TOKYO, 24 March—Japan's exports surged 45.3 percent from a year earlier to 5,128.67 billion yen (56.99 billion US dollars) in February, Financial Ministry data showed on Wednesday.

The rise is the third straight monthly expansion, confirming the export-oriented economy is recovering from the worst economic downturn in decades.

The overall trade surplus came to 651.0 billion yen (7.2 billion dollars) in the month, soaring from the year-before surplus of 70.8 billion yen. The surplus was bigger than market expectation.

By region, exports to China expanded for the fourth consecutive month, up 47.7 percent to 902.42 billion yen, with demand for passenger cars, auto parts and high-tech devices strengthening.

Imports from China, Japan's No 1 trading partner, grew for the first time in 16 months, up 54.3 percent to 926.98 billion yen.

With the rest of Asia, Japan's exports rose 55.7 percent to 2,775.59 billion yen.

With the United States, exports increased for the second month running, up 50.4 percent to 837.07 billion yen, as shipments of cars in terms of value ballooned a record 129.9 percent from a year ago.

Shipments to the European Union rose for the third straight month, up 19.7 percent to 588.02 billion yen.—Xinhua

Macedonia claims out of economic recession

TIRANA, 24 March—Macedonia's economy registered 1.2 percent growth in the last quarter of 2009, which indicates the country is officially out of recession, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Finance Minister Zoran Stavreski also told a press conference that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted an overall 0.7 percent in 2009, news reaching here from Skopje said.

"These results, combined with reduction of unemployment, show that Macedonia has generally managed to overcome the crisis with the lowest possible impact," Stavreski said.—Xinhua

WTO issues final ruling on US-EU dispute over Airbus subsidies

GENEVA, 24 March—The World Trade Organization (WTO) confirmed on Tuesday that it had issued its final ruling on the US-EU dispute over alleged illegal subsidies provided to the latter's aviation giant Airbus.

In a brief statement, the WTO said the expert panel responsible for the Airbus case had issued its final report to the two concerned parties, but the contents of the report re-

mained confidential.

According to some trade sources, the WTO ruling backed parts of the US allegations that European governments had unfairly subsidized Airbus. Airbus said, however, that some 70 percent of the US claims had been rejected.

Both sides can appeal the case.

The United States first brought the case to the WTO in 2004, alleging that

the EU had provided billions of Euros in various forms of subsidies to Airbus, including so-called "launch aid" to its A380 and other major aircraft models, which violated WTO regulations.

In the same year, the EU also brought a case against Airbus' American rival, Boeing, alleging that the US government had funded the company illegally.

Xinhua

Southern Sudanese children ride a bicycle in the town of Abiemnom in Unity state on 12 March. The oil-rich but underdeveloped southern Sudanese region borders former civil war enemies in north Sudan, and is suffering from attacks blamed on northern nomadic Misseriya people.—INTERNET



Nepal targets China second largest tourism market

KATHMANDU, 24 March—Nepal has targeted northern neighbour China as a second largest significant market for its tourism industry after southern neighbour India.

Nepal has projected China as its second largest market, at the time when country has launched a national tourism campaign "Nepal Tourism Year-2011 (NTY)" to attract more than one million tourists in an international level.

Officials at Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) said that they have outlined India and China a significant market due to their booming economy and closeness with Nepal.

At the time Nepal is preparing to greet one

million international tourists in the country, it is also mulling plans to allure 101,324 Chinese outbound tourists whereas it has estimated to welcome 262,588 tourists from India in the year 2011.

Xinhua

Financial regulator shuts GunnAllen; 400 lose jobs

NEW YORK, 24 March—The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's move on Monday to close Tampa, Florida-based broker-dealer

GunnAllen Financial Inc has left more than 400 financial advisers searching for a new firm.

FINRA warned GunnAllen on Friday that it had fallen below its mandatory net capital requirements, a person familiar with the situation said. The firm is no longer permitted to trade in its client accounts and the assets continue to be held by the firm's third party custodian.

A FINRA spokesman declined to comment. As a matter of course, when a firm is shuttered by FINRA, the regulator launches an investigation.

According to Investment News, which broke

the story early on Monday, GunnAllen is facing a raft of investor lawsuits related to the activities of former GunnAllen adviser Frank Bluestein, who allegedly operated a \$250 million Ponzi scheme. Mindy Diamond, a Chester, New Jersey-based industry recruiter, said her firm has received a number of calls from GunnAllen advisers looking for a new home. But she said most have low production figures and their options are limited.

"Most of them aren't going to end up at a Wells Fargo or Raymond James. They're looking at second tier firms or lower," she said.—Internet



Budget airline easyJet is poised to appoint Carolyn McCall as its new chief executive, in a surprise move for the veteran media boss, reports said on Wednesday.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Xerez draw piles pressure on underfire Jimenez

MADRID, 24 March—Under-fire Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez could not get the win he craved to alleviate the mounting pressure on his job with a last minute equaliser from Leandro Goida canceling out Frederic Kanoute's penalty as Sevilla drew 1-1 at home to bottom side Xerez on Tuesday.



Xerez's Argentinian defender Leandro Goida (down) celebrates after scoring against Sevilla during a Spanish league football match against at Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville. The match ended 1-1.—INTERNET

The 32-year-old Kanoute came off the substitutes bench to score a second half penalty for Sevilla but Goida equalised in the dying seconds of the game for Xerez meaning Sevilla have failed to win any of their last seven matches in all competitions and sit a

point behind fourth-placed Real Mallorca having played one game more.—Internet

Wolves on the rampage against West Ham

LONDON, 24 March—Wolves took a huge step towards securing their Premier League status with a 3-1 win away to fellow strugglers West Ham at Upton Park here on Tuesday.

Victory left Mick McCarthy's men seven points clear of the bottom three with seven games left but this defeat left the Hammers just three points above the relegation zone.

Kevin Doyle sent Wolves on their way before two goals in three second-half minutes from Ronald Zubar and Matthew Jarvis sealed victory.

Guillermo Franco came off the bench to score for West Ham in injury time but the result had long since ceased to be an issue.

"We played well," Wolves manager



Wolverhampton Wanderers manager Mick McCarthy reacts at the final whistle during their Premier League match against West Ham United at Upton Park in London.—INTERNET

McCarthy told Sky Sports. "I think the pressure was on them at home. It's a game they expected to win.

Internet

City's Lescott out for up to five weeks

MANCHESTER, 24 March—Manchester City defender Joleon Lescott was ruled out Tuesday for "four to five weeks" with a hamstring tendon problem, according to manager Roberto Mancini.

City had hoped to have the 24 million pounds Lescott back for next Monday's home clash with Wigan after he limped out of the warm-up at Fulham ahead of a 2-1 win last weekend with hamstring trouble.

But a scan has revealed the full extent of Lescott's injury and Mancini, whose side continue their quest for a Champions League place at home to Everton on Wednesday, said on Tuesday: "Joleon, I think, is out for at least four weeks with a problem with the muscle tendon.

"He went to see a doctor in London and he said it will be four or five weeks before he can come back.

"We are unlucky because Joleon is an important player for us."

City play Everton, the club from which they signed Lescott in controversial fashion in August, on Wednesday.—Internet



Manchester City's English defender Joleon Lescott

Ancelotti sets Chelsea title points target

LONDON, 24 March—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has set his side a target of 86 points to win the English Premier League title this season.

The Blues are currently third, on 65 points, but a victory away to bottom of the table Portsmouth on Wednesday would leave them just a point behind leaders and reigning champions Manchester United with seven league games of the season to play.

Chelsea, however, will first be looking to bounce back quickly from the disappointment of dropping two points in a 1-1 draw away to Blackburn Rovers last weekend when they take the field at Fratton Park on Wednesday.

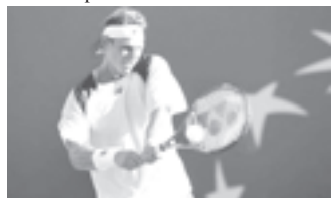
"I like statistics and I

think that, in the past, with 86 points every team has won the title," Ancelotti said on Tuesday. "I think that we need to get 86 points to win.

Internet

Nalbandian says Nations Cup experiment worth a try

MIAMI, 24 March—David Nalbandian crawled off the canvas from an abdominal injury this month and flew to Stockholm to help Argentina defeat Sweden 3-2 in the first round of the Davis Cup.



David Nalbandian

But the one-time Wimbledon finalist said Tuesday at the start of the ATP Miami Masters that the proposal for a Nations Cup event that could replace a multi-week Davis Cup commitment would be worth seriously considering.

"You have to try something," Nalbandian said. "I like a lot what you feel on the court during Davis Cup — it's much difference than the ATP or Grand Slams. "But Davis Cup is tough on our schedule. Those should be weeks off for us, time to prepare for the clay season or the hardcourt season or just to rest.—Internet

Golfer's son died from alcohol, drugs

DALLAS, 24 March—The Dallas County medical examiner's office says Hunter Green, the son of professional golfer Ken Green, died as a result of a combination of alcohol and prescription drugs.

An autopsy reported obtained by the Dailias Morning News on Tuesday says Green's January death was accidental. It also says the drugs in Green's system were muscle relaxants and painkillers.

The 21-year-old Southern Methodist University sophomore was found dead in his dorm room on 22 Jan.

His sister, Brooke Baker, says her brother was prescribed the medications after suffering an injury.

Internet

Brazilian soccer player Love denies relation to drug traffickers

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 March—The striker of Brazilian Flamengo's soccer team, Vagner Love, denied his relation to drug traffickers when he appeared on Tuesday at the 15th district of the Rio de Janeiro police department.

The athlete was summoned in order to clarify his activity inside of the Rocinha slum after photos were displayed of him alongside heavily armed men.

On February 27, Love was photographed inside of the slum, escorted by a fleet of armed men on motorcycles. For nearly 40 minutes, the athlete gave his testimony to officers Alexandre Estelita and Rodrigo Martesiano.

The authorities questioned his awareness of criminal behavior inside of the slum and his relationship with drug traffickers.

"I told them everything I knew and did not lie. I told them that I was in the slum to go to a funk party. But, I don't know any drug traffickers and am not connected to them in any way. Looking back, I can see how it was not the best idea at the time," said Love.—Xinhua

Hungry Jankovic ready to take a big bite at Miami

MIAMI, 24 March—Jelena Jankovic is on the prowl for further prey after taking the WTA title at Indian Wells, with the Serbian star vowing Tuesday to take a bite out of the Miami Masters.

"I'm still hungry, I still want to do well," said the bubbly Jankovic, who defeated Dane Caroline Wozniacki in the final.

"I'm kind of like an animal."

Jankovic finished number one on the WTA Tour in 2008 then lost all form by over-training and bulking up to her detriment, but she has worked her way back to fighting-fit form.

"I will win a Grand Slam. I believe in myself," Jankovic said. "I'm thinking that I can do it. If

I can win Indian Wells, I think I can win a Slam also. It's just a matter of time and doing the right things."

The 25-year-old enjoys a bye into the second round at Miami, with the seventh seed saying that her confidence is back to top level.

Internet



Jelena Jankovic of Serbia



Miniature generators (such as the one above next to a typical AA battery), developed at U-M's Engineering Research Center for Wireless Integrated Microsystems, run on the random vibrations all around us.

INTERNET

Mini Generators Make Energy from Random Ambient Vibrations

SCIENTIFIC DAILY, 24 March — Tiny generators developed at the University of Michigan could produce enough electricity from random, ambient vibrations to power a wristwatch, pacemaker or wireless sensor.

The energy-harvesting devices, created at U-M's Engineering Research Center for Wireless Integrated Microsystems, are highly efficient at providing renewable electrical power from arbitrary, non-periodic vibrations. This type of vibration is a byproduct of traffic driving on bridges, machinery operating in factories and humans moving their limbs, for example.

Internet



WEATHER

Wednesday, 24th 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 and Rakhine States, Sagaing, 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, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Tanintayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa, Kalay, Myingyan, Chauk, Minbu and Magway (42°C), each, Mawlaik and Monywa (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.08) inch and Machanbaw (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 24-3-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-3-2010 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 23-3-2010 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-3-2010 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) m.p.h from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 23-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin 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 slight 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 25-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-3-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-3-2010: Generally fair weather.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (25-3-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (25-3-10 11:30 am ~ 26-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Tar Tet Pwe... from Shan Midlands Region
- * News
- * Victories of the State the People and the Tatmadaw "Information Sector"
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Maungmagan, The Seaside Village
- * Development of Rural Areas... Benefits of Milch Cow Breeding
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- * Poem Garden "My body"
- * 100 Shuttle Traditional Weaving Industry
- * News
- * Thihathana Throne
- * Invaluable heritage of the Pyu
- * Myanmar's Jade Wonderland
- * The Art of Aesthetic Mosaic
- * News
- * Treasure Trove of Myanmar Art and Handicrafts
- * Medicinal Orchids
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Welcome to Bagan
- * Sightseeing Around Taunggyi, Inlay (Part-1)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



Thursday, 25
March

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:20 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. အပန်းဖြေလေ့လာအမျိုးသား တန်ဆောင်ကြီးဥယျာဉ်မှာ

7:45 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

7. Dance Variety

8:05 am

8. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. "ချစ်လွန်းလို့"

8:30 am

10. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Songs

4:10 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm

3. Songs Of National Races

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

4:45 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဗုဒ္ဓိယနွှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု/မြန်မာစာ)

5:00 pm

7. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

8. "ဝါသီကရွှေသီဖြစ်ပြီ"

5:35 pm

9. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

10. "ရောင်စုံရောင်သီတေးပန်းချီ"

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. အသံဆန်းထွေလူများကို သိပ္ပံမြင်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

6:40 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ပွဲမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

7:30 pm

15. "ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော်" (ကူးလူးယက်နွယ်ကွန်ရက် သဖွယ်ပြည်သူ့အကျိုး သယ်ပိုးကြိုးစားလမ်းတော်)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု ဇာတ်လမ်း"အလင်းရောင်"

- (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

- (ကျော်ရဲအောင်ရဲအောင်)

- မြတ်ဦး၊ မြင့်မြတ်၊

- ဟိန်းတေးမင်းတက်ကျော်လေး၊

- ထူးခန့်ကျော်၊ စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ၊

- မိုးတေကို၊ မိုးလွတ်၊

- စန္ဒီမြင့်လွင်မေသွာဦး၊

- (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

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Tatmadaw in perpetual charge of national defence duties

Tatmadaw members are those born of national people, so the Tatmadaw is a force of national brethren that always readies itself to defend nation.

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KYAW MIN KHAUNG

Nationwide destroyed poppy plantations after 1988



Poem

When summer comes

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Mist vanished with wild wind
New leaves taking the place of fallen ones
The summer song bird cuckoo
In a sentimental song
So sweet was the melody
Already awakened was the world

Cartoon

It's time we all united.

