

Render assistance to promote political and economic capability

Among the three capabilities required of a country such as political capability, economic capability and defence capability, the main of the Tatmadaw, as well as, that of the citizens is the high defence capability. In order to enjoy higher political and economic capabilities, the patriotic Tatmadaw must render its assistance through its participation.

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

(From address delivered at the parade of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day)



Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing bid farewell to Laos President and wife before departure for Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing bade farewell to the goodwill delegation led by President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone at Nay Pyi Taw Airport here this morning.

The Laos President, wife and party will continue their goodwill visit in Mandalay.

Also present at the airport to see off the



Senior General Than Shwe sees off Lao People's Democratic Republic President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — 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

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 23 March, 2007

Myanmar, Laos to promote good neighbourly relations, cooperation

Myanmar and the Lao People's Democratic Republic share the same border and have established good neighbourly relations.

The two nations have preserved a fine tradition that they have upheld in amity since the time before the establishment of diplomatic ties. They became members of the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) on 23 July 1997. Reciprocal State visits of heads of state of the two nations have fortified friendly relations and bilateral cooperation.

At the invitation of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Lao-tian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone on 21 March arrived at Nay Pyi Taw to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The Laotian President paid a call on Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw the same day. The meeting focused on promotion of bilateral friendly relations and cooperation.

Myanmar and Laos are good neighbours with similar culture and customs, and so peace and stability are restored in the border areas between the two nations and bilateral cooperation is on the increase.

Therefore, the goodwill visit of Laotian delegation led by President Choummaly Sayasone to Myanmar will cement the good neighbourly relations. The peoples of the two States will benefit much from the promotion of bilateral cooperation.

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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

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Pakistan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — On the occasion of the Pakistan Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which falls on 23 March 2007, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.— MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversees construction of Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Hsadon Road in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on his inspection tour of Myitkyina, Kachin State, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, officials concerned of the SPDC Office and departmental heads arrived at Waingmaw on 19 March.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected progress in building of Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Bhamo-Chipwe-Hsadon road and left necessary instructions.

Upon arrival at 230-acre summer paddy field of Washaung region, police captain Thaung Pe briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on cultivation of 702 acres of summer paddy in 2005-2006 and 2118 acres of summer and monsoon paddy in 2006-2007.

At the briefing hall of Washaung dam, Director U Khin Maung Chit of Irrigation Department briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on background history of the dam and maintenance of the dam. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on measures to be taken for extension of irrigated area.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into Washaung dam, Myaungmagyi sluice gate, reservoir, construction of Namhmyinkha Bridge and tarring of Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Hsadon road.

Upon arrival at the junction of Chipwe and Hsadon towns, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw construction of road and retaining walls and tarring of road. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into Namhmyinkha and Nanmali concrete bridges. Afterwards, they inspected stockpile of

tar, gravel and sand and concrete mixture in Hsadom.

At the hall of Hsadon Basic Education High School, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with departmental heads, members of social organizations and local people and discussed regional development affairs with them. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented exercise books and clothings to officials and made a speech on the occasion. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Hsadon hospital and gave instructions on construction of the hospital and returned to Myitkyina.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence donates exercise books to Hsadon Basic Education High School.— MNA

Fires destroy eight houses in Taninthayi, Bago Divs

YANGON, 22 March — A total of four houses were gutted by a fire in Dawei at 1.30 am today. The fire broke out in Wekyan Nyaungyan ward in Dawei, Taninthayi Division. Likewise, fire destroyed a house on Minyekutoe street in Kyatsapyin ward, Dawei at 3 am today.

Three houses were destroyed by fire that broke out in Baingda village, Nyaunlaybin Township, Bago Division at 1 am today and the fire left 14 people homeless.

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Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Pakistan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — On the occasion of the Pakistan Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which falls on 23 March 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

National Smoking Control Campaign kicks off in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 March —Singapore's annual National Smoking Control Campaign kicked off Tuesday.

The three-month campaign includes introducing revised graphic television advertisements to get smokers to think about quitting, local television *Channel News-Asia* reported.

Other ads will be stationed at the Central

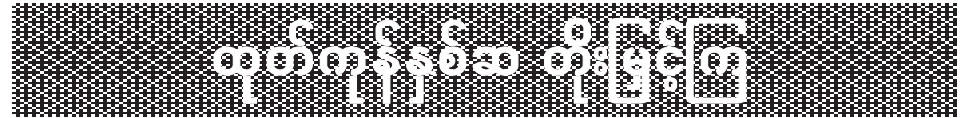
Business District and the business street Orchard Road to inform smokers on the pains of suffering from smoking related diseases.

According to the National Health Survey, the smoking rate among Singaporeans between the age of 18 and 69 years old dropped from some 15 per cent in 1998 to about 13 per cent in 2004.

But more effort is

needed to bring down the figure further, said Choo Lin, deputy director of Health Promotion Board's Smoking Control Programme. "For countries with a low smoking rate, we do face a very resistant population. We really have to come up with messages to jolt them and to get them to take action," the television quoted him as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists dressed like local farmers visit the torrential Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River, China's second largest waterfall, near Yichuan, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 20 March, 2007.— XINHUA



US soldier draws 10-year sentence in Iraq slaying

CHICAGO, 21 March —A US soldier was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Monday after a court-martial found him guilty of killing three Iraqi detainees who were freed and told to run before being shot, officials at Fort Campbell in Kentucky said.

Sergeant Raymond Girouard, 24, of

Sweetwater, Tennessee, had been charged with premeditated murder and other offences that could have drawn a life sentence; but the military jury hearing his case convicted him on Friday of negligent homicide, a lesser offence.

Monday's sentence is subject to review by the commanding general at the post, and he could be

paroled after serving about a third of the 10-year sentence, a spokesman said.

Girouard led a squad in May 2006 during a raid on a suspected guerilla camp near Thar Thar Lake, southwest of Tikrit, when the killings occurred.

Three other soldiers under his command who were also charged with the deaths made plea agreements earlier and have been sentenced. Two received 18-year prison sentences and a third got nine months in jail.

The three had said

Girouard ordered them to shoot the men. He had said he was under orders to kill all men of military age but denied ordering the slayings.

During an August hearing in Iraq that led to the charges, a witness testified he saw the prisoners trying to run away at full sprint, some with their blindfolds down, when they were shot. The case is one of a number from the Iraq war in which US military personnel were accused of crimes against Iraqi civilians.

MNA/Reuters

Hong Kong actor Andy Lau poses with his trophy after winning the award of "Box Office Star of Asia" at the Asian Film Awards, a part of Entertainment Expo Hong Kong, in Hong Kong on 20 March, 2007.— XINHUA

Cyclone killed 21 in Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO, 21 March —The cyclone and following rainstorm that swept northeast Madagascar last week have killed 21 people, according to statistics published by the National Committee for Risks and Catastrophe Council.

Two were injured and five were missing in the cyclone, codenamed Indlala, which have affected 23,750 people, according to the council under the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

However, local newspapers said 36 were killed and 12 others were missing in the disaster which hit northeast parts of the Indian Ocean island country from 14 to 16

March. President Marc Ravalomanana have flown to Iharana, a coastal town about 1,300 kilometres northeast of the capital, on Tuesday with senior government officials to

organize relief work and assess the loss in the area, relief officials here said.

The Indian Ocean island country of Madagascar has already seen seven cyclones in the

current cyclone season, which normally lasts from November to March, inflicting heavy losses to the poor country with a population of some 19 million.—MNA/Xinhua



Kyrgyzstan demands US hand over airman for trial

BISHKEK, 21 March —Kyrgyzstan demanded on Monday the United States hand over for trial a US serviceman who shot dead a Kyrgyz truck driver in December at a US military airbase in the Central Asian state.

Kyrgyzstan has threatened to review its agreement with the United States on the use of the Manas airbase, set up in 2001 to support operations in nearby Afghanistan, over the killing.

"The General Prosecutor's Office has sent the US authorities a demand to hand over (the airman) to Kyrgyz justice officials to start criminal proceedings," the office said in a statement.— MNA/Reuters

An electric vehicle is seen parked at a recharging bay in central London, on 21 March, 2007. Britain raised taxes on the most polluting cars on Wednesday in an effort to entice drivers away from gas-guzzling vehicles which damage the environment. —INTERNET



Chinese exhibition unit attracts lots of visitors during the 40th Cairo International Fair in Cairo, capital of Egypt on 21 March, 2007. The ten-day fair, which opened on Wednesday, welcomed over 2,000 enterprises from 24 countries, including some 50 Chinese exhibitors. —XINHUA

Death toll of bird flu reaches 66 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 21 March — A 20-year-old Indonesian woman died of bird flu on Monday, bringing the country’s death toll from the disease to 66 out of 86 confirmed cases, a doctor said.

Siti Nuraini has been hospitalized for two weeks in a hospital in East Java Province before she died Monday, Dr Tegus Sylvaranto was quoted as saying by a leading website detik.com.

The number of bird flu cases in Indonesia has increased recently after months of absence of new cases.

Indonesian health authorities have imposed a firm policy separating fowls from human beings and intensified surveillance on the virus. In addition, the authorities have banned raising fowls in residential areas.

Over 32 million families in Indonesia’s vast archipelago raise chickens in backyard, according to Indonesian Agriculture Minister Anton Apriantono. — MNA/Xinhua

Disc pirates put out contract on dogs

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 March—The two sniffer dogs instrumental in the seizure of fake optical discs worth RM10 million now carry a price on their heads.

It is learnt that an undisclosed bounty has been put up by syndicate bosses.

“Following the successful raid at a shopping complex in Johor Baru on Tuesday, sources informed the Ministry



Two female black Labrator sniffer dogs “Lucky and Flo” sniff out DVDs hidden in a box at a storage centre at Malaysian Airlines Cargo during a demonstration in Sepang on 13 March, 2007.

INTERNET

of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs that syndicate members are looking for the dogs,” the ministry’s enforcement assistant director, Firdaus Zakaria, said yesterday.

“The dogs are a genuine threat to the pirated disc syndicates, thus the instruction to eliminate them.”

The ministry has stepped up security for the canines, Lucky and Flo. They have also been moved to different safe houses.

The raid by the ministry’s officers netted more than one million fake discs, 20 computers, 12 CD burners and fax machines. The discs were intended for Singapore, Britain, Hong Kong and Japan.

The dogs, trained to sniff out optical discs, were taken to a car park of a building which had been under surveillance for two months.

Shortly after, one of them started chasing a car being driven out, and thousands of pirated DVDs and VCDs were found in the boot of the vehicle.

The driver and passenger of the car led the raiding party to the shopping complex on the third floor.

Internet

Chinese, Lao DMs hold talks, vowing to enhance exchanges

BEIJING, 21 March — Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan held talks with Douangchay Phichit, Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, exchanging views on bilateral military ties, regional and inter-

national security situation and other issues of common concern.

Cao, who is also vice-chairman of China’s Central Military Commission (CMC) and state councillor, said the relationship between China and Laos has

developed in an all-around way in recent years, with fruitful cooperation in various fields.

China would like to maintain and further enhance high-level exchanges between the two Armed Forces as well as cooperation on technical sphere, said Cao.

Douangchay said to develop the relations between China and Laos and their Armed Forces accords with the interests of the two peoples and the peace and security of the region and the world.

He reaffirmed Laos will adhere to the one China policy and supports China’s reunification.

MNA/Xinhua



(L-R)Nikesh Aurora, Google European Vice-President, with Richard Lambert, Confederation of British Industry (CBI) director general, at a photocall in London, to launch a report on how the Internet is changing business practice.—INTERNET

Two Chinese workers kidnapped in Nigeria

BEIJING, 21 March — Two workers from a Chinese company have been kidnapped in Nigeria, a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry confirmed on Tuesday.

“Two workers of a Chinese company were abducted on Saturday in the southern Nigerian state of Anambra by unidentified kidnappers carrying weapons,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said on Tuesday.

He did not identify the workers or the company that employed them.

The incident follows the separate kidnappings in January of nine Chinese oil workers and five telecommunications workers

in Nigeria. All were later released unharmed.

“Chinese officials are trying to clarify the situation, and have urged the Nigerian side to exert all efforts to secure their safe return,” Liu said.

He urged Chinese

citizens in Nigeria to pay attention to their safety and to remain cautious.

The Foreign Ministry also posted safety advisories on its website for Chinese travelling to Nigeria, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese actress Miki Nakatani poses for a photo after winning the best actress for “Memories of Matsuko” on 20 March, 2007. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Malaysian Proton targets 10 centres in Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 March — Malaysia's national carmaker Proton plans to open up to 10 sales and service centres in Indonesia by March 2008, local Press reported Monday.

This is to facilitate Proton's target of capturing a 1.7 per cent share of all vehicles sold in the neighbouring country in five years, directors of Proton's Indonesian marketing arm was quoted as saying by the *New Straits Times*.

Three outlets were opened in Jakarta last Saturday and the other ones will be located in Samarang, Surabaya, Bali, Makasar, Medan, Jogjakarta and

Bandung.

Proton will directly operate two outlets and the balance of eight are to be run by independent dealers, directors Norhisham Kamal and Dwi Sasetia told Malaysian reporters in Jakarta.

Savvy and Gen. 2 are the first Proton models sold in Indonesia as passenger cars starting from last Saturday, while the Wira model has been on the road there as a taxi since last August.

Earlier media reports said Proton has managed to position itself in the top three spot in Indonesia's taxi market since last year. — *MNA/Xinhua*



McDonald's employee serves French fries. Fast food giant McDonald's is set to begin a campaign to redefine "McJob" entries in British dictionaries, which it believes are both incorrect and insulting to its workers, the Financial Times reported on 20 March, 2007.—INTERNET

US, Vietnam to promote trade relations

WASHINGTON, 21 March — The United States and Vietnam vowed on Monday to launch negotiations to conclude a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), a platform on which the two countries will work to further strengthen their trade and investment ties. "I am enthusiastic about our joint vision for the future of this relationship," said US Trade Representative Susan Schwab when meeting with visiting Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Pham Gia Khiem.

"Vietnam is a dynamic and rapidly growing economy, and we see a TIFA as an important vehicle for promoting continuation of the impressive expansion in our trade

and investment relationship that we have witnessed over the past few years," Schwab said.

The TIFA will establish a formal dialogue under which the two countries could discuss new initiatives to deepen their trade and investment ties, according to US officials.

Vietnam, which be-

came the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 150th member in January, is currently the US 43rd largest goods trading partner with 9.7 billion dollars in total goods trade during 2006.

The United States exported 1.1 billion dollars' worth of goods to Vietnam last year.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese folk artist Yang Yudong paints the flour made sculpture during the International Trade Fair for Travel & Tourism in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 19 March, 2007.—INTERNET



The Skywalk at Grand Canyon West on the Hualapai Indian Reservation in Arizona, on 20 March, 2007.—INTERNET

Kenya sets world first with money transfers by mobile

LONDON, 20 March — The ping of a text message has never sounded so sweet. In what is being touted as a world first, Kenya's biggest mobile operator is allowing subscribers to send cash to other phone users by

SMS.

Known as M-Pesa, or mobile money, the service is expected to revolutionise banking in a country where more than 80% of people are excluded from the formal financial sector.

Apart from transferring cash — a service much in demand among urban Kenyans supporting relatives in rural areas — customers of the Safaricom network will be able to keep up to 50,000 shillings (£370) in a "virtual account" on their handsets.

Developed by Vodafone, which holds a 35% share in Safaricom, M-

Pesa was formally launched in Kenya two weeks ago. More than 10,000 people have signed up for the service, with around 8m shillings transferred so far, mostly in tiny denominations.

Safaricom's executives are confident that growth will be strong in Kenya, and later across Africa. "We are effectively giving people ATM cards without them ever having to open a real bank account," said Michael Joseph, chief executive of Safaricom, who called the money transfer concept the "next big thing" in mobile telephony.

— *Internet*

Warhol bought for \$250 in 1962 may fetch \$15m

LONDON, 20 March — A US collector who bought an Andy Warhol portrait of Marilyn Monroe in 1962 for 250 US dollars is offering the painting for sale in May and can expect to fetch over 15 million US dollars auctioneers Christie's said on Monday.

"Lemon Marilyn" was one of 13 portraits the celebrity-obsessed artist made of Monroe after she committed suicide in August, 1962. "Orange Marilyn", another painting in the series, was sold for 16.3 million US dollars in 2006.

Christie's did not reveal the identity of the private collector, who bought the painting at Eleanor Ward's Stable Gallery in New York where Warhol held his first one-man exhibition that included eight paintings in the series.

The work will be on public display at Christie's in London from Monday until Wednesday, and will go on sale at auction on 16 May in New York. — *MNA/Reuters*

HAILING THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY:

Tatmadaw: serving national interest with pleasure

Thukhamein Hmu (Yadanasi-Loilem)

Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong



Tatmadaw means a combined force of Army, Navy and Air Force for national defence. The Myanmar dictionary defines the Tatmadaw as the major force safeguarding the nation and the people against dangers from inside and outside the country.

The strength of Myanmar Tatmadaw decreased in the late Konboun era. Myanmar was defeated in the three Anglo-Myanmar wars and fell under enslavement. With the leadership of patriotic leaders, the Burma Independence Army was formed with a strength of 3000 men on 26 December 1941.

On 27 March 1945, the Tatmadaw with the participation of the people launched the armed resistance against the Fascists as the Patriotic Forces. It won

a great victory.

The strength of the Tatmadaw continued to grow after the World War II. The colonialists were afraid of the Tatmadaw's growing strength. The colonialists tried to reduce the Tatmadaw's strength. Due to such circumstances, the Tatmadaw was reorganized in October 1945.

The Tatmadaw born of the independence struggle has been striving to stand as a powerful Armed Forces, while resolutely discharging the historic duty of ensuring peace and stability in the entire nation and serving the interest of the national races. This year marks the 62nd anniversary of the Tatmadaw.

"Shan State lagged behind in development in health, education and economic sectors in the past because of the absence of regional peace

and security resulting from insurgency. We have been striving for achieving peace and regional development as soon as possible. As Shan State is bordering some neighbouring nations, it is required for the region to stand shoulder to shoulder with the neighbours in health, education and economy. The region will see a bright future only if we can promote our national character and strength", said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his inspection of development undertakings in Shan State in April 2002.

The government always keeps its words. With goodwill, the government has been building infrastructures in all states and divisions. National unity is the base of its endeavours. Its goodwill is to develop and

modernize the whole nation with the participation of national races.

For about half a century, the nation was burning with conflicts and armed insurgency. The government worked with much patience and goodwill to end all those dreadful problems. It has brought rays of peace to the nation. The return to the legal fold of 17 major armed groups stands witness to the fact.

Due to lack of peace and security and poor roads, it took three days to travel from Loilem to Kehsi before 1988. Because of those problems the region could not free itself from the quagmire of health, education and economic decline. Now the trip between the two towns takes a few hours drive. Mountains and forests posing as natural barriers had divided national brethren.

The Tatmadaw is able to end the conflicts between the national races who were instigated by the colonialists for nearly half a century. It has brought those national people back to the legal fold, and is joining hands with them in developing their regions.

Till 1988 there were only Mandalay-Nawgnhkio-Kyaukme-Lashio road and Meiktila-Thazi-Shwenyaung road to travel to Shan State. Trade and passenger transport services had to depend on the two motor roads and railroads. The government built Hsipaw-Namlan-Panketu road and Yaksauk-Kyaukgu-Nawgnhkio road linking northern and southern Shan State. Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywagnan road and Pinlaung-Pyinmana road connecting Mandalay and Shan State and inter-town roads within the state emerged.

Better transport has

led to development of the education sector with greater momentum. In the past, students of Loilem District who passed the matriculation examination had only Taunggyi University to attend. But only the children of the parents who could afford to send their children to the university were able to pursue higher studies. Now the district has the Panglong University.

My elder first cousin was able to get a degree from Panglong University although he passed the matriculation examination in 1999. I still hear him saying at the convocation ceremony that he is so happy to get a degree as he has never thought of pursuing higher studies in his life.

In addition to institutions of higher learning, schools have

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***From the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, may the Tatmadaw be able to continue to serve the interest of the nation, race and religion with pleasure.**

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been opened even in villages and more teachers have been assigned to open the eyes of the new generation local youths. It is an encouraging sign for the nation.

In the past, boys and girls had to tend cows

instead of attending classes.

The Tatmadaw government has brought light to them. Education is an invaluable gift for local youths.

My native town Kehsi is included in Loilem District. It was just a big village in the past. Every

time I went back to my village, I was sad to see it unchanged. But now it is developing annually with greater acceleration.

Living standard of the native people is improving daily. Towns are busy with cars and people who own houses. The people of

villages have corrugated iron roof houses, trolley cars, bicycles and motorcycles.

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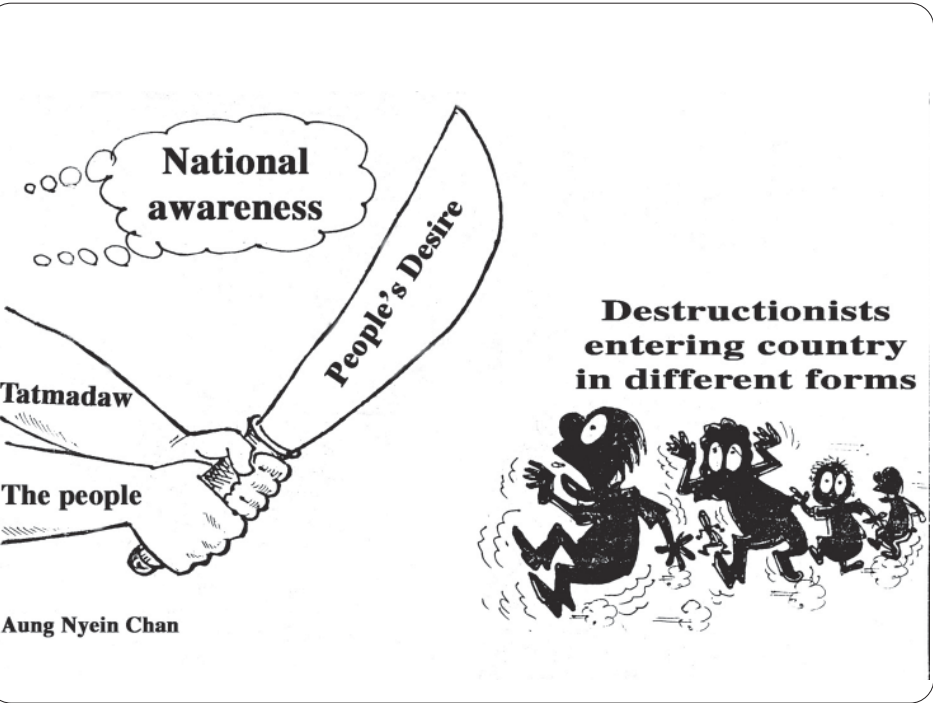
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(Translation: TMT)

Objectives of the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- * To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- * To strive for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map of the State with genuine Union Spirit
- * To crush every danger posed to stability and development of the State hand in hand with the people
- * To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes



L & F Minister inspects chicken, cow, pig farms in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visited chicken farms of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise in Nawnghkio Township on 17 March and called for bio-security at the farm.

On his inspection tour of Shan State (North), the minister and Deputy Commander of the North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint also inspected a chicken

farm and milch cow farm of the North-East Command in the township.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visited the pig farms of LFDPE and called on officials to expand the farming and to produce natural fertilizer and to take measures for bio-security. The minister and the deputy commander also visited the 4,000-acre rubber cultivation in Lashio. — MNA

Fourth qualify round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf C'ship kicks off

YANGON, 22 March — The fourth qualify round of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship

kicked off at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) this morning.

President of Myanmar Golf Federa-

tion Maj-Gen Win Hlaing, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Managing Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MPGA and MGF teed off to open the first day 18-hole event.

Derek Htet Doe, Yan Naing Phyo and Win Tun Thein led the first day event with 68 strokes each, followed by Yan Myo Aye, Soe Thein, Saing Tun Oo and Win Myint Chin with 69 strokes.



The main sponsor is International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and co-sponsors Air Mandalay, Hotel Nikko, Srixon and Alpine.

The fourth round is organized by Han Event Management.

The second day event takes place at the golf club tomorrow.

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U Aung Moe Kyaw, Managing Director of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, tees off in Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship — MGF

POEM

The Brave Ancestry

- * Far out in frontline, with immense forests
Tiger as impediment, spike as mat
Thorn as mattress, remembering that
Let bones be crushed, let fluids be sapped
No shrinking, no turning back
Sacrificing life, like befallen flower
There are those countable by the million.
- * The wound that is tortuously red
Feel no pain, and battle continues
Like being ever-born, nobleness not dying
Comrades-in-arms, the brave ones
They live on, in history
- * In defence of our land, community
With inborn duty that is
To be fulfilled just as dutifully
Exert all strength, and be reliable
Because of our brave and patriotic
Fully fragrant, nation-loved ones
Blossom forth as they should.
- * Patriotism, love for nation
And patriotic soldiers
Our Tatmadaw has
Unmatched by all other armed forces
The World over have
- * Not crushed, not faded, the nation-loved flowers
Keeps on blossoming as they should
In defence of our nation, our land
Keeping our resolve, marching forward
The brave face, not to lose its pride
Handing down through passage of history
One good son, one good jewel
Good heritage to ensure that
With bravery, as true Myanmar sons
Chronicling history in unison
May the sun shine forth brightly
May the earth and the sky bear witness.

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

(Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day)

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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goodwill delegation were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and their wives.
At 9.45 am, the visiting Laos President and wife arrived at the VIP lounge of Nay Pyi Taw Airport. Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cordially greeted them.
Next, the Senior General presented documentary photo album on the delegation's goodwill visit to the Laos President.
The Senior General, wife and party bade farewell to the Laos President,

wife and party and cordially shook hands with them.
When the special flight carrying the Laos President, wife and goodwill delegation members left Nay Pyi Taw Airport for Mandalay at 11.10 am, Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party waved them from the VIP Lounge.
The visiting goodwill delegation was accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to the LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Minis-



Senior General Than Shwe presents documentary photo album to Laos President Mr Choummaly Sayasone. — MNA

try of Foreign Affairs and Laos Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet.
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Senior General Than Shwe, ...

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The visiting President and wife were accompanied by Laos Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, ministers, senior officials, Laos Ambassador Mr Kouily A Souphakhet, wife and officials.
The State Band played the national anthems of the Lao PDR and the Union of Myanmar.
Before and during the dinner, vocalists sang the songs to the accompaniment of the Myanma Athan Modern Music Troupe. After the dinner, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing gave the Laos President and wife their portraits and gifts. Next, the Senior General and wife presented a jade Buddha image as Dhamma gift to the visiting President and wife.
The Laos President and wife also presented gifts to Senior General Than Shwe and wife. Afterwards, the Laos President and wife gave the flower basket to the artistes. Later, the Senior General and wife and the visiting President and wife posed for documentary photo together with the artistes. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe sees off Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Lao PDR President and wife plant...

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Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, Laos President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone left the hotel zone in Nay Pyi Taw and arrived at the City Hall at 8 am.
They were welcomed by Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, the secretary, the joint secretary and members of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.
Mayor Col Thein Nyunt explained the loca-

tion and area of Nay Pyi Taw, construction of the Hluttaw Building and offices, staff quarters, modern markets, the hotel zone and the open-air theatre, progress of roundabouts, bridges, golf courses and roads, and replied to the questions raised by mem-

bers of the goodwill delegation.
The Mayor and the visiting President exchanged souvenirs.
The Laos President, wife and party visited the herbal garden of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. The visiting President and wife planted a star-flower tree to mark

the Myanmar-Laos friendly ties, and they had the documentary photo taken in front of the star-flower tree.
Next, they viewed completion of the staff quarters and Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market in a motorcade and left for Nay Pyi Taw Airport to continue their goodwill visit to Mandalay. — MNA



Health Minister receives officials of UNOPS

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint met with Executive Director Mr Jan Mattsson of UNOPS in New York, and Director Mr Sunil Bhargava of Asia-Pacific region in Bangkok, Thailand, at the ministry here today.
At the meeting, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint explained the achievements in fighting against AIDS, TB and malaria. Next, officials concerned reported on their respective tasks to

fight the three diseases.
The UNOPS Executive Director and the Director of Asia-Pacific region said they arrived here to study the implementation of tasks for fighting the diseases. They were glad to see that the implementation of the prevention tasks for the three diseases met with success. The projects for combating HIV/AIDS have shown the good results, they added. They also said that they would like to continue close cooperation between UNOPS and the Ministry of Health in the future.
Also present on the occasion were Health Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, the director-general and the deputy director-general of the Health Department and officials. — MNA

Laos President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone pose for documentary photo in front of star-flower tree planted to mark Myanmar-Laos friendship. — MNA

Laotian delegation visits Mandalay Maha Muni Buddha Image, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—The visiting Laotian goodwill delegation led by President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone, accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for

the pagoda board of trustees. The delegation members offered flowers, water, and incensed sticks to the image.

The Laotian President and members offered gold foils and Shwethingan (robe) to the image.

The Laotian President signed the visitors' book and made cash donations

luncheon, the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture entertained the delegation.

After lunch, the commander and wife and the Laotian President and wife exchanged gifts.

The Laotian President and wife presented a bouquet to the entertainers.

In the afternoon, they visited the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon). At the briefing hall, Deputy Managing Director of

President and wife and goodwill delegation members arrived at Mandalay International Airport. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife welcomed them and presented a documentary album on the delegation's Mandalay trip to the guests.

The delegation members were seen off at the airport by the commander and wife, the mayor and wife, senior military officers and



A member of the Board of Trustees of Maha Muni Buddha Image presents a bronze gong as a present to Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone. — MNA

Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and wife, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw and officials, left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 11 am today.

They were welcomed at the airport by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife Daw Khin Pyone Win, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thidar, senior military officers and departmental officials.

The delegation visited the Maha Muni Buddha Image, where they were welcomed by members of

to the image through the members of the pagoda board of trustees, who then presented a gift to him.

They observed documentary photos about the background history of the pagoda, bronze statues, bronze gong and Dabindaing bronze bell in the bronze artifact museum.

The mayor and wife hosted lunch in honour of the delegation at Mandalay Sedona Hotel.

Before and during the



Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw welcomes Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at Mandalay International Airport. — MNA

Public Works U Soe Nyunt briefed them on the bridges built across the rivers in Myanmar, deputy superintending engineers U Htay Myint and U Hsan Win, on facts about the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon). The delegation members observed the bridge.

The Laotian

departmental officials.

They left Mandalay by air at 4.30 pm and arrived at Yangon International Airport at 6 pm. They were welcomed at the airport by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar



Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone applies gold foils to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay. — MNA

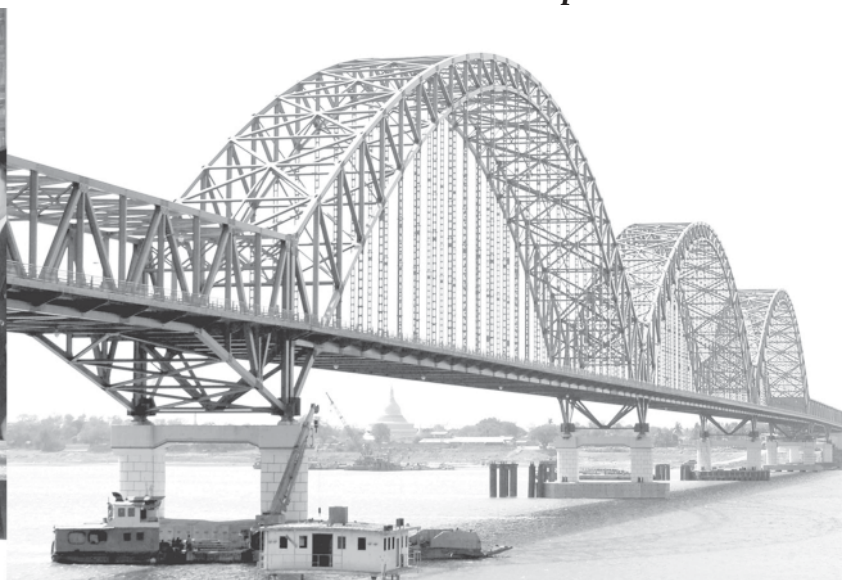
Wai, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials. — MNA



Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win welcomes Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife at Yangon International Airport. — MNA



Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife visit Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) project. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint goes on inspection tour of Myitkyina, Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on his inspection tour of Myitkyina, Kachin State, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, officials concerned of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, held a meeting with departmental officials at state level, members of social organizations and local people and discussed regional development affairs with them at Myitkyina Town Hall on 20 March.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint on a wide range of regional development works and so

did departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

After Lt-Gen Ye Myint had presented clothing, exercise books and medicines to officials concerned, he made a speech during the meeting.

He urged officials concerned to make all-out efforts in the regional development drive joining hands with the local people through full Union spirit.

Upon arrival at Dhammayathikya Wuntho monastery in Myitkyina, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Silavamsa and members of the Sangha and donated alms to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Thida Ward in Myitkyina. Manager U Ohn Shwe of Myanmar Agriculture Service of Kachin State briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on efforts made in cultivation of physic nut plants.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions on extraction of more bio-diesel in the region.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party then proceeded to Kachin State People's Hospital in Myitkyina where they were welcomed by Head of Kachin State Health Department Dr Khin Maung Win and medical superintendent Dr Win Ko Ko and specialists and health staff. Next, they looked into construction tasks of the hospital and made arrangements to fulfill the needs of the



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence visits People's Hospital in Myitkyina. — MNA

tasks.

After inspecting 250,000 rubber saplings in No 2 model plantation near the Dhammayon of Northern Command Headquarters, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

The following day, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met senior military officers, other ranks and their

families of Myitkyina Station and urged them to join hands with the local people in the tasks of defence and building the State. Lt-Gen Ye Myint then oversaw a newly-built gymnasium near Myitkyina Station.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with departmental officials at state level and discussed

regional development matters during his tour of Kachin State at Malikha hall of the Command.

The departmental officials briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint on sector-wise performance.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party left for Nay Pyi Taw by air.

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Medical fund set up at YGH for emergency cases of patients

YANGON, 22 March — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to donate cash to the medical fund for emergency cases of patients, organized by Yangon Division Health

Committee, at the hall of Yangon General Hospital, here, this afternoon.

In his address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that some people arrived at the emergency unit of the hospital due to suffering various kinds of inju-

ries. Doctors and nurses saved their lives by providing health care. Hence, the medical fund was set up to give treatment to those needy emergency case patients. In uplifting health, fitness and education stan-

dards of the entire nation, the government formed the National Health Committee for providing health care services to the people throughout the nation including rural areas. In doing so, the government is carrying out the tasks to open and upgrade hospitals and dispensaries, supplies hospital equipment and medicines to the hospitals, appoint more doctors, nurses and health staff and set up medical funds.

Furthermore, the government is taking preventive measures against diseases, uplifting health standard of the people and undertaking medical treatment and rehabilitation. A total of 3,969 injured patients were treated at Yangon General Hospital in 2006. Hence, officials con-

cerned of the hospitals are to efficiently use the funds donated by wellwishers.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 1 million donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council; K 2.5 million by USDA CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin; K 1 million by U Win Thein-A-1 Daw Tin Tin Hla; K 513,000 by Chairman U Zaw Zaw Naing of Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation; K 500,000 each by U Nay Win (Lashio Hotel), Shwe Ethei Bus Line, All Private Bus Lines Control Committee (Downtown), Chairman U Aye Lwin of Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, U Zeya Thura Mon-Daw Khaing Khaing Myint and APBCC (South District);

and other wellwishers.

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Today's donations to medical funds of YGH, North Okkalapa General Hospital, Insein General Hospital and Thingangyun Sanpya General Hospital totalled K 20,680,000.

Acting Medical Superintendent Professor Dr U Khin Maung Aye expressed gratitude for the donations. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the emergency ward of YGH and comforted the patients.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donated by a wellwisher for providing treatment to emergency patients. — MNA



Residents eat from hot pots at dragon shaped tables during a promotional event for a hot pot company in southwest China's Chongqing municipality on 20 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Over 160,000 Kuwaiti civil servants benefit from pay rise

KUWAIT CTY, 21 March — A Kuwaiti Parliamentary committee has approved a proposal to raise salaries of the civil servants who are paid lower than 750 Kuwaiti dinars (about 2550 US dollars) monthly, the official KUNA news agency reported on Tuesday.

According to the newly passed proposal by the Kuwaiti National Assembly (parliament) Financial and Economic Committee, more than 168,000 Kuwaiti civil servants will soon enjoy a 50-Kuwaiti-dinar (170 dollars) pay rise per month, KUNA said.

It added that the beneficiaries from the pay rise will be those working at Cabinet ministries, state departments, oil sector,

policy and army staff.

The pay raise will cost the state 391 million dollars annually, the committee was quoted by KUNA as saying.

An earlier proposal

called for raising the salaries of all civil servants in the country by 50 dinars following economic recovery thanks to hiking oil revenues.

MNA/Xinhua



Students dance during a religious festival at Camotes Island, Cebu, central Philippines on 18 March, 2007. —INTERNET

Fatty diet link to breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 21 March — A major study appears to provide hard evidence that eating a high-fat diet increases a postmenopausal woman's risk of breast cancer.

Animal research has found a high fat intake boosts cancer risk, but other studies in humans were inconclusive. This work, by the National Cancer Institute, asked 188,700 women about their diets, and found a link between breast cancer and eating more fat.

UK breast cancer campaigners said women should eat a healthy diet.

A high fat diet can lead to weight gain and it is widely accepted that being overweight, particularly after the menopause, does increase the risk of breast cancer. Emma Pennery, Breast Cancer Care.

All the women in the US study were aged between 50 and 71 when they became involved in the research.

The US researchers asked the women, who were all postmenopausal, how often they ate 124 different foods, ranging from never to up to six times a day, and about the portion size. —Internet

China, Russia to set up third Confucius Institute

CHANGSHA, 21 March — China and Russia have agreed to establish a Confucius Institute in Russia's Kazanian State University, Chinese education authorities said on Tuesday.

Approved by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, the Normal University of central China's Hunan Province will be in charge of Chinese language and culture programmes for the institute.

According to officials of the Hunan University, the agreement will make Kazanian State University, an 203-year old institution, the host of the country's third Confucius Institute.

There are a total of 10,000 people in Russia currently enrolled in Chinese-language training programmes.

The Confucius Institute in Kazanian State University, once set up, will offer a series of Chinese-language programmes and training to Chinese-language teachers for primary and middle schools as well as colleges.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran makes psychological war accusation over film

TEHERAN, 21 March — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused some major powers on Wednesday of waging a psychological war to try and hinder Iran's progress, saying they wanted to portray Iranians through a film as being savage.

Ahmadinejad did not name the film but his comments appeared to be directed at a Hollywood

blockbuster called "300" that depicts a 480 BC battle between Greeks and Persians that Iranian officials and the public say seeks to vilify Iran.

The film is seen in Iran as part of a broader effort to undermine the Islamic Republic, which is locked in a standoff with the West over its nuclear programme. The West accuses Iran of trying to

make nuclear weapons. Teheran denies the charge.

"Today they are trying to tamper with history by making a film and by making Iran's image look savage," Ahmadinejad said in a televised address to mark the start of the Iranian New Year. He said the campaign against Iran would not succeed.

MNA/Reuters

Crocodile, lizards stolen from Irwin centre

SYDNEY, 20 March — More than 50 reptiles, including a crocodile, were stolen from an Australian animal education centre established to continue the work of

wildlife crusader Steve Irwin.

The haul from the Wildlife Wonderland near Melbourne, included a 60-centimetre (2 feet) freshwater crocodile, two pythons and three bearded dragons, all requiring an owner's licence, the centre's owner said.

Also reported stolen were the centre's entire stock of 47 blue-tongue lizards.

"These animals were used to educate children

and to keep Steve Irwin's legacy alive. I feel sick over this," the centre's proprietor Darren Tilley told Reuters.

He said the animals were discovered missing on Sunday morning, suggesting a late-night or early morning break in.

"We don't know how they transported all these animals. I'm very concerned, these reptiles need special care, lighting and food." Tilley said.

MNA/Reuters



South Korea's actress Lim Su-jeong (R) and actor Jung Ji-Hoon, also known as Rain, attend the gala premiere of their movie "I am a Cyborg, but that's OK", as a part of the programme for the Hong Kong International Film Festival, in Hong Kong. —INTERNET

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Many of world's major rivers in danger of drying out

GENEVA, 21 March — Many major rivers in the world are at risk of drying out because of climate change and dam construction, which could affect fresh water supplies and marine life, the global nature protection body WWF said on Tuesday.

In a report ahead of the 22 March "World Water Day", the Swiss-based group identified 10 rivers, including the Nile, the Rio Grande and the Danube, as some of the worst victims of poor planning and inadequate protection.

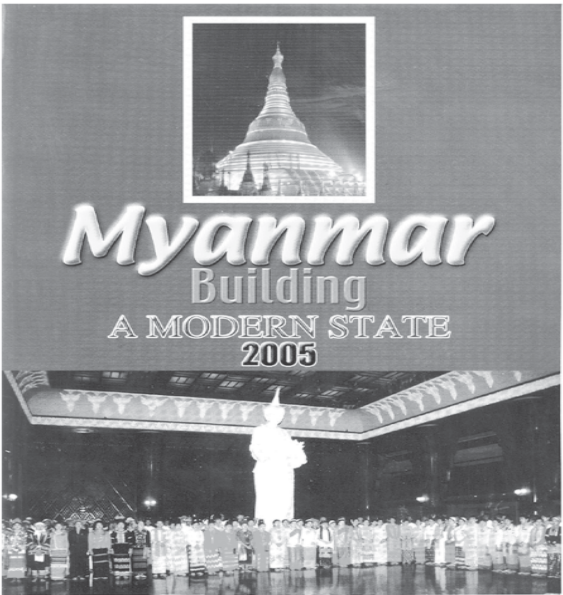
"Rivers regularly no longer reach the sea, like the Indus in Pakistan, the Nile in Africa and the Rio Grande ... There are millions of people whose livelihoods are at risk," said Jamie Pittock, director of WWF's global freshwater programme.

Rivers are the world's main source of fresh water, and about half of the available supply is already being used up, he said.

Dams have destroyed habitats and cut rivers off from their flood plains, while climate change could alter the rules by which rivers have lived by for thousands of years, the report said.

Fish populations, the top source of protein and overall life support for hundreds of thousands of communities worldwide, are also being threatened, the report found.

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China plans to cut domestic mobile phone roaming fees

BEIJING, 21 March — China plans to set price caps and cut domestic mobile roaming fees this year, said an official of the Ministry of Information Industry (MII) on Tuesday.

Zhu Jun, an official in charge of regulating the cost of telecommunications services, said this at a development plan and policy briefing session in Beijing.

The high roaming fees, two-way charging mechanism and high monthly rental charges have all drawn complaints from Chinese consumers.

"Since cross-province calls have to be transferred from one local operator to another, roaming fees are reasonable," Zeng Jianqiu, a professor with Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, said.

"As technology improvement has lowered operational costs, cutting domestic roaming prices has become a worldwide trend," he said, "and developed countries in Europe, North America and Asia have already started the process".

Some technology experts argue that roaming calls actually incur almost no extra cost for operators.

"China cannot eliminate roaming fees immediately," Zeng said, "as it will put fixed-line companies in a tight corner since mobile calls cost even less than fixed-lines". Data from the MII show that while the domestic revenue share of major fixed-line players China Telecom and China Netcom has fallen, China Mobiles share shot up to hit 42.4 per cent last April.

MNA/Xinhua

Burning Thai bus accident kills 29, injures 35

BANGKOK, 21 March — A bus heading to Bangkok caught fire and overturned on a Thai highway, killing 29 people and injuring 35, most of them suffering severe burns, police said on Tuesday.

Passengers heading from the northeastern province of Yasothorn were aware of the fire in the engine at the back, but the brakes failed and the driver could not stop the bus, they said.

"We have a lot of casualties because the bus could not be stopped," said police Colonel Nisakorn Boonyatanont of Muak Lek, a dairy farm town 130 kilometres (80 miles) northeast of Bangkok where the bus crashed.

Rescue workers covered charred bodies stuck to the seats with white cloth, television footage showed.

An average of three people an hour are killed on Thailand's roads, but Tuesday's accident was one of the worst in recent years. — MNA/Reuters

Malaysian King says national unity key to country's success

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 March—Malaysian Supreme Head Mizan Zainal Abidin said here on Monday that national unity was the key to success of the country and society, local media reported.

Without unity and harmony among the people, Malaysia's achievements and prosperity would be shattered, he said in his first royal address to the Parliament which opened a new session here.

He also said that discussions and the exchanging of views on the future direction and identity of the country were normal in today's era of information and communication technology.

The Fourth Session of the 11th Parliament of Malaysia opened here on Monday. A total of 1,447 questions and 11 bills are expected to be discussed or reviewed by the Parliament members during the gathering until 26 April.— MNA/Xinhua

Fire in Russian old people's home kills 63

MOSCOW, 21 March—A fire swept through a Russian home for the elderly on Tuesday, killing at least 63 people, the Emergencies Ministry said.

One person was still missing out of 97 people who were at the home in the Kuban Region near the Black Sea when the fire broke out, said a regional spokeswoman for the ministry, Tatiana Kobzarenko.

"Sixty-three people perished," said Kobzarenko. Twenty-seven other people had been taken to hospital.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known but it broke out at 1:11 am (2211 GMT on Monday) when many of the residents were likely to be sleeping.

Kobzarenko said the fire had been put out. The home is situated more than 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the nearest fire station.—MNA/Reuters

Thunder storm kills four, destroys hundreds of homes in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 21 March— A thunder storm hit two western provinces of Cambodia near the Thailand border, killing four people and destroying hundreds of homes, officials said on Tuesday.

The storm destroyed many trees and the thunder strike killed three women separately on Sunday, including one in a rice paddy field, said Touch Sonana, Governor of Banan district in Battambang Province.

"Cambodia has just been hit by a rare rain in this season," the governor said, adding that the storm was so strong and cruel this year.— MNA/Xinhua

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Workers inside the No 1 tunnel of the Wuhan-Yangtze River Highway Tunnel on 20 March, 2007. Construction of the Wuhan-Yangtze River Highway Tunnel has been accelerated. The tunnel lies between the Wuhan-Yangtze River Bridge and the second Yangtze River Bridge in Wuhan and will be the first to cross the Yangtze River. The tunnel is 3,630 meters long and will be open to traffic by the end of 2008. —XINHUA

Construction starts on last China section of Trans-Asia railway

BAOSHAN, Yunnan Province, 21 March — Construction on the last section of the proposed Trans-Asia railway within China, connecting the southwest of the country with Myanmar, began on Tuesday.

The Dali-Ruili railway will stretch from Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, in three different routes through Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia before terminating in Singapore.

The 350-kilometres section on the westernmost route will cost an estimated 14.7 billion yuan (1.9 billion US dollars). The planned capacity is 12

trains a day and it is expected to handle 12 million tons of cargo a year.

"The railway will turn Yunnan into a transportation terminal and promote the province's economic status," said Yunnan provincial governor Qin Guangrong.

Construction of the 142-kilometres Yuxi-Mengzi section on the eastern line from Yunnan to Vietnam, and the 599-kilometres

Yuxi-Mohan central section to Laos are both under way.

The Trans-Asia railway was initiated by former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in 1995 at an ASEAN summit and is expected to be completed by 2015. With a population of 40 million, Yunnan neighbours Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua

Bay City Rollers suing former label for millions

LOS ANGELES, 21 March — The members of the Bay City Rollers, a Scottish teeny-bopper band that briefly enjoyed worldwide stardom in the 1970s, sued their former record label on Tuesday, seeking millions of dollars in unpaid royalties.

According to the suit against Arista Records, filed in the US District Court in New York, the group said they sold at least 70 million albums worldwide but received only a single royalty payment of about 254,000 US dollars in more than 25 years.

The suit does not estimate how much the band is owed, in part because of incomplete royalty statements, but "we know it's in the millions," Joshua Krumholz, one of their attorneys, said in an interview. A spokesman for Arista Records, a unit of Sony BMG Music Entertainment, declined comment. Sony BMG is a unit of Sony Corp. and Bertelsmann AG.

The suit lists the five members who were in the band during its mid-70s heyday — singer Les McKeown, guitarists Eric Faulkner and Stuart Wood, bass player Alan Longmuir and his brother, Derek. Also listed is Duncan Faure, who replaced McKeown in 1978 after the band's fortunes had faded.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members of the film "Reign Over Me" (L-R) Don Cheadle, Jada Pinkett Smith, Saffron Burrows, Liv Tyler and Adam Sandler arrive to attend the film's premiere in New York, on 20 March, 2007. —XINHUA

Nepali Govt sends experts to treat mysterious disease

KATHMANDU, 21 March — The Nepali Ministry of Health and Population has sent a team of gastroenterologist and laboratory technicians to two far western districts after the death of a woman due to "a mysterious disease", local leading media group's website THT Online reported on Tuesday.

The expert team was assigned to treat the disease in neighbouring Kailashmadaun of Daddeldhura District in Mahakali zone and Jijadamaduan of Doti District in Seti zone, some 700 kilometres west of capital Kathmandu.

A 32-year-old woman died Monday on her way to the Seti Zonal hospital, while hundreds of villagers are suffering from the disease with symptoms of diarrhea, swollen feet and hands. The patients have also

been suffering from shortage of blood and kidney failure. Dr Manas Banerjee, acting director at the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD), said that the disease could be a result of bacterial infection along with toxins. He said that nothing could be said unless the laboratory results were out.

"We will take all precautionary measures as soon as the lab results are out in the next few days," said Dr Banerjee.

MNA/Xinhua

US toddler improving on experimental smallpox drug

CHICAGO, 21 March — An experimental pill appears to be helping a toddler who had a near-fatal skin reaction to his father's smallpox shot, doctors said on Monday.

The drug, an anti-viral made by Siga Technologies called ST-246, worked when more conventional treatment failed, the doctors said.

The child, still in critical condition at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital, developed the rare, serious,

reaction eczema vaccinatum after being with his father, a soldier vaccinated for deployment in Iraq.

"He's making slow improvement every day. He's still in the pediatric intensive care unit," said Dr John Marcinak, pediatric infectious disease specialist at the hospital. "His

skin lesions appear to be slowly healing." The two-year-old Indiana native was admitted to the hospital on 3 March, and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed he was infected with the virus used in the smallpox vaccine.

MNA/Reuters



A man removes snow from a car in Burgos, northern Spain, on 21 March, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Carragher accepts position



Jamie Carragher.

LONDON, 21 March— Jamie Carragher accepts he must bide his time for a chance to play in the heart of England's defence.

The Liverpool stopper's outstanding form for his club will not result in him playing in his favoured position for Steve McClaren's men in upcoming internationals, with John Terry and Rio Ferdinand, two of the world's best, ahead of him.

Carragher is expected to start against Israel in

Saturday's Euro 2008 qualifier, but at left-back, due to Ashley Cole's suspension and an injury to Wayne Bridge.

"I'd love to play at centre-half for England but John Terry and Rio Ferdinand were probably two of our best players in the World Cup last summer," he said.

"You can't really argue with that. For me, John Terry is the best centre-back in the world. Over the last three or four years, I wouldn't have anyone ahead of him.

"Then you've got Rio who was as good as anyone at the World Cup, a £30million defender, so I am in no position to complain about not playing at centre-back. You are talking about world-class players.

Internet

Real deny Robinho exit talk

REAL MADRID, 21 March — Real Madrid president Ramon Calderon has dismissed suggestions that Robinho



Robinho.

could be sold in the summer.

The Brazilian's agent Wagner Ribeiro revealed last month Real would be willing to sell for a £18million (£12.2million).

However, Calderon maintains there are no plans to cash in on Robinho, who has not been able to establish himself as a regular starter under Fabio Capello.

"We want Robinho to stay here for many years and we are not looking to

sell," he explained.

"Robinho is the future of this club because he is 23 and people have confidence in him."

Calderon has also insisted there will be no decision on Capello's future until the end of the season. Capello has failed to win over the Real faithful this season and his job is under increasing pressure following Real's UEFA Champions League exit to Bayern Munich.

But Calderon does not believe there is any need to be hasty and is waiting to see how the rest of the season unfolds.

He confirmed: "The coach will stay with us for the rest of the season.

"In June we will study the situation and decide the best option for Real Madrid. "I accept that people criticise our game but with eight new players it is not easy to play well in every match."

Internet

Birmingham clinch Cole capture

LONDON, 21 March — Birmingham have clinched the loan signing of Portsmouth striker Andy Cole.

Cole arrives on loan at St Andrews until the end of the season.

The former England international has failed to hold down a place in Pompey's starting XI and he was keen to secure a move away for regular first-team action.

Blues boss Steve Bruce was delighted to land his former Manchester United teammate and believes his goals can aid their promotion bid.

"We are absolutely delighted to bring Andy in for our Championship run in because he is an exceptional player with a phenomenal goal-scoring record," Bruce told



Andy Cole.

the club's official website.

"We feel that his experience will prove to be very beneficial to the team, particularly as we have so many young players.

"Despite his age he has always looked after himself, which is why he is still playing at the highest level of the game.

"We hope that with his extra quality up front he can help us to secure the promotion that we are so desperate for." — *Internet*

Russia, China share World Championships golds

MELBOURNE, 22 March — Russia and China shared the four gold medals on offer on day five of the world swimming championships in Melbourne on Wednesday.

Vladimir Dyatchin secured Russia's third open water gold with victory in the 10-km race while 14-year-old schoolgirl Wang Xin continued China's clean sweep in the diving.

After four circuits of the 2.5-km course in the calm waters off St. Kilda, Dyatchin touched home just six hundredths of a second ahead of Germa-

ny's defending champion Thomas Lurz.

Dyatchin, the 2003 champion, made a surge in the last kilometre that Lurz, Sunday's 5-km champion, could not quite reel in. Russian Evgeny Drattsev completed the podium placings.

China maintained their stranglehold in the diving with two more golds, secured by Luo Yutong in the men's 1-metre springboard and Wang in the women's 10-metre platform at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre. — *MNA/Reuters*

Kalou scores in Ivory Coast win against Mauritius

PORT LOUIS, 22 March — Chelsea striker Salomon Kalou scored his first international goal and defender Steve Gohouri hit two when Ivory Coast beat Mauritius 3-0 in a friendly international at Pamplemousse on Wednesday.

Kalou opened the scoring in the 60th minute and was followed by two in the last 15 minutes from Borussia Moenchengladbach defender Gohouri.

Captain Didier Drogba missed the game, a warm-up for Ivory Coast's African Nations Cup qualifier in nearby Madagascar on Sunday, after arriving in Mauritius on Wednesday morning. — *MNA/Reuters*



Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal reacts after defeating Meghann Shaughnessy of the US in the first round of the Sony Ericsson Open at the Tennis Centre at Crandon Park, in Miami. Brito won 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7/3). — INTERNET

ATP ends round-robin format experiment

MIAMI, 22 March — The ATP on Wednesday announced the end of an experiment with round-robin tournaments and the return of all men's events to the traditional knockout format.

Only five tournaments were held as round-robins with the season-long plan being curtailed after less than three months.

The ATP board voted to discontinue the limited trial after controversy three weeks ago at Las Vegas

over a confusing interpretation of complex rules governing the format.

Despite apparently losing in final group play, James Blake advanced to the quarterfinals of the Las Vegas Open after a telephone decision from ATP Chairman Etienne de Villiers.

That decision was reversed less than 24 hours later and Russian Evgeny Korolev was restored to the last-eight.

MNA/Reuters

Argentina beats Ecuador 2-0 in Under-17 S American C'ships

QUITO, 22 March — Ecuador's national Under-17 soccer team lost 2-0 to Argentina on Tuesday in the sport's South American Championship, reducing its chances of qualifying for the sport's World Cup, due later this year in South Korea. It was the host team's third consecutive defeat in the final phase of the six-way competition.

During the first half Argentina was more dominant, with Vissio and Godoy also creating scoring opportunities that ended without goals thanks to Ecuador keeper Francisco Mendoza.

Ecuador forwards Marin and Pablo Ochoa were close to scoring in minute 22, but the play was disallowed by Bolivian referee Oscar Maldonado.

In minute 38, Eduardo Bone was left unmarked, and seemed ready to sink his ball in the net, but he decided instead to centre a pass for Pablo Ochoa, which was stolen by Argentina.

It was the second half that settled the game however, with Argentina's Nicolas Massola, in minute 48, and Eduardo Salvio, in minute 57, scoring the goals that gave Argentina the victory. The team now has six championship points. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Japan's third Mari Motohashi delivers a stone during their first round curling game against the United States at the World Women's Curling Championships in Aomori, northern Japan, on 22 March, 2007. — INTERNET

Russia accuses US of using missile shield with Cold War tactics

Moscow, 22 March — Russia accused the United States on Wednesday of using Cold War methods to persuade Europe to host an anti-missile shield that Moscow says is a threat to its national security.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Washington had failed to respect its European partners because it had devised the scheme unilaterally and then tried to impose it on them.

"This is an old

approach," Lavrov told the State Duma (Parliament) in televised remarks.

"This is how they acted in past times, during the Cold War, when they scared everyone with the Soviet threat and persuaded everybody to group

together in a disciplined bloc."

Responding for the United States, US Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Fried said he did not understand Lavrov's comments and Washington wanted the maximum

possible cooperation with Moscow on its defence shield plans.

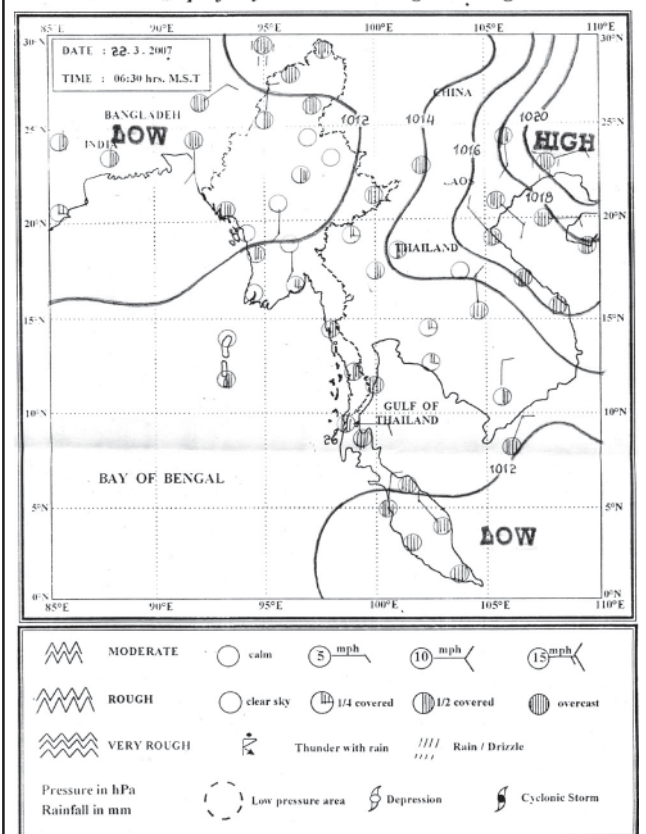
"Slogans in this case are not terribly useful. We are not trying to scare anyone," Fried told reporters in Warsaw.

Washington plans to install warning radars and missile batteries in Poland and the Czech Republic as part of a scheme it is designing to counter future long-range rocket attacks by hostile states such as Iran or North Korea.

Moscow has strongly attacked the plan, saying Iran does not have long-range missiles and charging that the shield threatens Russia's security. It has pledged to develop counter-measures.

President Vladimir Putin says the shield exemplifies a unilateralist approach by the United States to global security, a policy he says has made the world a more dangerous place. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 22 March, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (40°C) each and Nay Pyi Taw, Nyaung U Chauk and Aungmye (39°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.02) inches, Taunggyi (0.28) inch and Bago (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-3-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 22-3-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-3-2007 was 57%. Total sunshine hours on 21-3-2007 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-3-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:40) hours MST on 21-3-2007.

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 23-3-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-3-2007: Partly cloudy.

"Untimely Rainfall Warning"

Issued at (11:30) hours MST on 22nd March, 2007
According to the observation at (9:30) hrs MST today, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Kayah, Mon and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Division within next (48) hours commencing noon today.



People watch as a crane lifts the grounded ship "Sierra Nava" near Algeciras in southern Spain, on 21 March, 2007. The ship ran aground on a Spanish beach in stormy seas on 28 January, 2007, breaching the hull and spilling engine fuel over protected coasts near Gibraltar, Spanish media reported environmental groups as saying. — INTERNET



Friday, 23 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကဏ္ဍနည်း

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:25 am

8. (၆) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (အထူးပြုအာလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:45 pm

4. Song of national races

5:00 pm

5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:15 pm

6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်)

5:25 pm

7. Song of yesteryears

5:35 pm

8. "ကုသမနွေးတိဘိဘေး" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ သုမောင်၊ ညီရော်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီရိုးရိုး)

5:45 pm

9. (၆) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

5:55 pm

10. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုအဖွဲ့မှ စံပြကျေးရွာဝန်အင်္ဂမိလုံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၉)

7:45 pm

15. ပြည်သူ့အတွက်တပ်မတော် (လွှတ်စစ်စွမ်းအား၊ ဟိုတယ်ခရီး၊ ဝို.ဆောင်ရေး၊ မီးရထား)

8:00 pm

16. News

8:00 pm

17. International news

8:00 pm

18. Weather report

9:00 pm

19. (၆) နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုဇာတ်လမ်း "အဖေတူသား" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဇင်ဝိုင်းလှမင်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez)၊ ပန်းဖြူ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး)

9:00 pm

20. The next day's programme



Friday, 23 March

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Holding on

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Around the world

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-Absolutely

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-What about

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:

-She's my girl

-The way she loves me

9:00 pm WOM

-Chinese, Korean, Brunei, Malaysian songs

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request

-To love you more

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host dinner in honour of LPDR President and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a dinner in honour of the goodwill delegation led by President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay Sayasone at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 7 pm yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC members Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan

Win and wife, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Im-

eral of the SPDC Office and departmental heads. (See page 8)



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host dinner in honour of President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

migration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and wife, the director-gen-

Lao PDR President and wife plant star-flower tree marking Myanmar-Laos friendly relationship

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March — Visiting President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and Madam Keosaychay

Sayasone planted a star-flower tree to mark the Myanmar-Laos friendly relationship after viewing progress of construction tasks in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, (See page 8)



Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and wife Madam Keosaychay Sayasone water a tree planted to mark Myanmar-Laos friendship. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Pakistan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — On the occasion of the Pakistan Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which falls on 23 March 2007, 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 General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. —MNA

Hailing the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Article



Living standard of the native people is improving daily. Towns are busy with cars and people who own houses.

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Poem

* Patriotism, love for nation
And patriotic soldiers
Our Tatmadaw has
Unmatched by all other
armed forces...

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