

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

Invitation sent to Sayadaws to attend religious meetings

YANGON, 5 March — The Religious Affairs Department sent invitation to the Sayadaws to attend the 4th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee to be held on 14 and 15 March and to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill, not later than 10 March.

The invitation has been sent to State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws and members of the SCWCS

to attend the 2nd Meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha to be held from 17 to 19 March and to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill, not later than 16 March.

The ceremony to offer religious titles to the recipient Sayadaws will be held on 21 March. Title recipient Sayadaws and nuns are to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill, not later than 19 March. — MNA



Global warming may wipe out King penguins

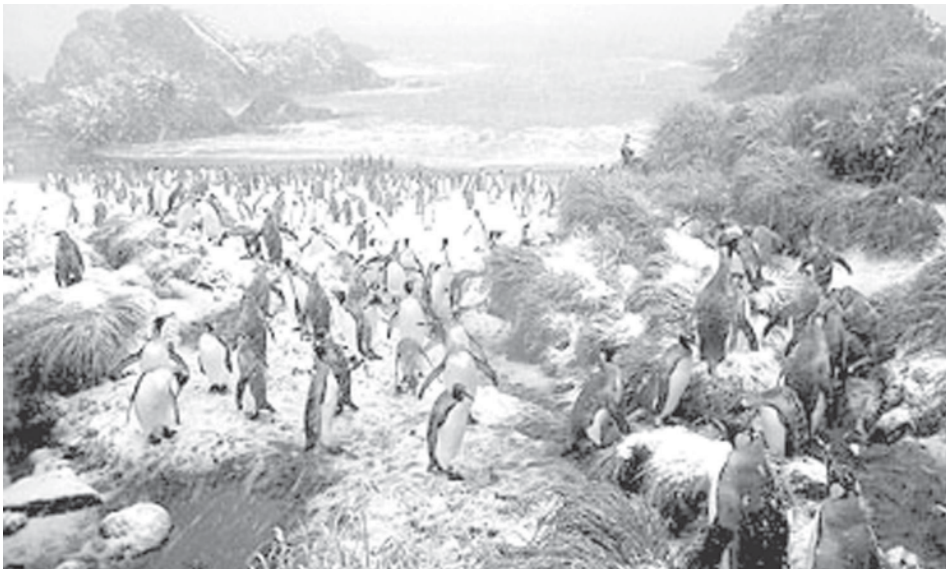
PARIS, 5 March — Natural Academy of Sciences finds that king penguins could be wiped out over the coming decades due to global warming. Led by Yvon Le Maho, a physiologist at

French National Center for Scientific Research, the team of researchers followed 456 adult birds with radio transponders implanted beneath their skin. Over an eight-year period,

the researchers correlated survival rate to changes in sea surface temperatures, and found that in warm years, penguin chicks were less likely to survive the lean months of winter, be-

cause there wasn't sufficient fish to feed them.

(Warmer temperatures seem to lower fish populations in the Southern Ocean, off Antarctica.) Adult survival rates dropped as well in warmer years. Ultimately, the scientists report that a 0.47 degree F increase in the temperature of the Southern Ocean — considerably below current forecasts for the next several decades — would reduce penguin numbers by 9%, enough to touch off a population collapse. "Our findings suggest that king penguin populations are at heavy extinction risk under the current global warming predictions," the study's authors wrote. — Internet



King penguins

Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meet local farmers in Bawaing Village, Pantanaw Township. —A & I

Commander, Minister view thriving mung, sunflower plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 24 February inspected thriving mung and sunflower plantations near Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township and gave instructions to local farmers on boosting edible oil crops production.

The commander urged them to make concerted efforts for thriving of the plantations.

The commander and the minister viewed quality strains of edible oil crops and beans and pulses. The minister provided necessary assistance for growing high-yield strain crops. Later, they looked into thriving mung and sunflower plantations of farmer U Sein Win.

MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 6 March, 2008

MRCS at the service of nation and people

The government is building national forces to build better foundations for education, health, preservation of national culture and spiritual development while laying down plans for raising the living standard of the people.

The government encourages the national forces and Myanmar Red Cross Society is one of them. It is a volunteer humanitarian organization in the country. In undertaking the activities with the aim of primary health care of the people, MRCS is working under the direction of the Ministry of Health while keeping in line with the National Health Policy.

Moreover, MRCS has also been working closely with related ministries, the UN agencies and other social organizations in carrying out disaster preparedness and rescue work.

The government has encouraged MRCS and created opportunities for cooperation with other national forces in making efforts for development of the country. MRCS has been taking part in humanitarian activities for over 70 years.

Health and fitness is related to everybody. MRCS will continue to serve the interest of the nation and the people while participating in public health care services, uplift of health standard and humanitarian activities in accord with the noble traditions.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu meeting with Nepalese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mrs Sahana Pradhan. — MOFA



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



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meeting with departmental officials, townselders and social organizations in Namma. — MNA

Minister inspects communication services in Moenyin, Namma

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected communication services of the digital auto-exchanges in Moenyin and Namma on 2 March.

Before his inspection tour, the minister paid homage to the Chairman of Moenyin Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha at the Dhammayon of Pariyatti Monastery in Moenyin Township and offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaws.

At the Basic Education High School in Namma, the minister met with departmental officials,

townselders and social organization members.

MNA

Refresher Course No 23 for Law Officers concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — A ceremony to conclude Refresher Course No 23 for Law Officers conducted by Attorney-General's Office was held at the meeting hall of the Office, here, this afternoon.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung delivered an address and presented awards to outstanding trainees.

MNA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after visiting Nepal from 28 February

to 2 March at the invitation of Foreign Secretary of Nepal Mr Gyan Chandra Acharya.

On 28 February, the Deputy Minister met with Foreign Secretary of Nepal Mr Gyan Chandra Acharya at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kathmandu and discussed mutual interest to further strengthen friendly relationship and cooperation between the two countries.

The Deputy Minister also met with staff of the Myanmar Embassy in Kathmandu and explained functions of the embassy. In the evening, Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal U Aung Khin Soe hosted a

dinner in honour of the Deputy Minister at the ambassador's residence.

On 29 February afternoon, the Deputy Minister and party attended the luncheon hosted by Nepalese Foreign Secretary Mrs Gyan Chandra Acharya at Shangri-La Hotel.

Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Khin Soe, the Deputy Minister called on Nepalese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mrs Sahana Pradhan at her office. The Deputy Minister also met Nepalese Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Mr Prithvi Subba Gurung at his office and discussed promotion of religious

tourism between the two countries.

On 1 March, the Myanmar delegation visited Lumbini Park and religious buildings in southern Nepal.

On 2 March, the Deputy Minister received members of Nepal - Myanmar Friendship Association led by President Mr Rudra Man Pradhan at Yat & Yeti Hotel in Kathmandu.

Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tin of the Political Department and Deputy Director U Kyaw Soe of the Ministry who accompanied the Deputy Minister arrived back on the same flight.

MNA

Clinton wins Ohio, Texas



Democratic presidential candidate Senator Hillary Clinton waves to supporters at her Ohio primary election night rally in Columbus, Ohio, on 4 March, 2008. —XINHUA

WASHINGTON, 4 March — U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton won three of the four primaries Tuesday, pulling her campaign back from a supposed dead end.

The New York Senator beat Barack Obama in Texas by only 4 percentage points with 76 percent of the precincts counted.

In Ohio, a “must-win” state for Clinton’s campaign, she led Obama by 55 percent to 43 percent, according to the results of 88 percent of the precincts, a much wider lead than indicated by pre-primary polls.

“For everyone here in Ohio and across America who has ever been counted out but refused to be knocked out, for everyone who has stumbled but stood right back up, and for everyone who works hard and never gives up,” she told a rally in Ohio.

Her popularity in the state was buttressed by a large number of blue-collar workers, Catholics, elderly and white women voters, political analysts said.

According to CNN exit polls, Clinton gained 54 percent of female votes in Ohio while Illinois Senator Obama took a lead among male voters at 52 percent.

Among voters without college degrees, who account for 63 percent of the total, Clinton was the preferred choice of 55 percent. But Obama prevailed among those who had received higher education.

Xinhua

Soldiers injured in Thai school bombing

BAGHDAD, 5 March—Two Thai soldiers were injured when a homemade bomb was triggered by insurgents in Thailand’s southernmost province of Narathiwat on Tuesday afternoon.

The explosion occurred inside the compound of Ban Koh Sri Phangan School in Tak Bai District at 3:10 pm (0810 GMT), local news network *The Nation* said on its website.

The soldiers, deployed to protect teachers, were taking a rest at the spot when the explosion occurred. After the blast, both the two injured were taken to a nearby hospital.—MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani lawyers protest against detention of judges

ISLAMABAD, 5 March—Some lawyers and members of the civil society on Monday gathered in front of houses of the deposed judges here in protest, local TV channel DAWN NEWS reported.

The police fired tear gas shells at the protestors as they tried to move towards judges colony and remove the barbed wires, said the report.

The police managed to disperse the protestors but later they started to regroup and chanted slogans in favour of the deposed chief justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry.

Chaudhry has been under house arrest along with his family since President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency on 3 November last year and sacked him and some other judges.—MNA/Xinhua

Iraqis inspect the damage to a house caused by an explosion at a checkpoint in Baghdad.
INTERNET



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somalis protest after US missile attack

MOGADISHU, 5 March —Hundreds of residents of a remote town in southern Somalia staged an anti-American demonstration on Tuesday after the United States launched an airstrike against “a known al-Qaeda terrorist” there.

The town of Doble was hit by two missiles on Monday in the fourth US

strike in 14 months against Somalia, where Washington says local Islamists are sheltering wanted al-Qaeda leaders.

Demonstrators in the small town on the Somali-Kenyan border said 600 people took part.

“We don’t want the Americans because they are against our religion and

culture. Down with America,” shouted Mohamed Deq, one of the protesters.

District commissioner Ali Hussein Nur told *Reuters* by telephone “Since the American Government admitted bombing our town, where people and livestock were killed and properties damaged, it must pay compensation”.

The exact toll from Monday’s attack was unclear. Nur said on Monday that six people were killed, but a local resident, Fatuma Omar, said on Tuesday that only four were wounded.

Residents of Doble said they believed the missiles were targeting senior Islamist leaders meeting nearby.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi helicopter crashes, 8 killed

BAGHDAD, 5 March—An Iraqi military helicopter crashed and all eight people on board were killed, the US military said on Tuesday, the worst crash suffered by Iraq as it rebuilds its Air Force.

“Recovery operations have been completed and there were no survivors,” the US military said in a statement.

One US service

member was among those on board the Russian-made *Mi-17* aircraft, it said, adding that the cause of the crash in northern Iraq was under investigation.

An Iraqi Defence Ministry statement said the helicopter had gone missing in a dust storm and the weather was the most likely cause of the crash.—MNA/Reuters

Israel reopens Gaza crossing for humanitarian goods

JERUSALEM, 5 March — Israel on Tuesday reopened the Kerem Shalom terminal in the southern Gaza Strip to allow the entry of humanitarian aid after a six-week close, *Xinhua* has learnt.

The crossing was opened at 10:00 am (0800 GMT) to allow the pass of trucks loaded with humanitarian aid to the Palestinians, the spokeswoman of Israel Defence Forces (IDF) told *Xinhua*.

Israeli daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* reported on its website that Kerem Shalom Crossing would give green light to 20 trucks while Sufa Crossing would also open for 60 trucks with equipment and donations from Jordan and Turkey.

MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft computer scientist Patrick Baudisch demonstrates LucidTouch, a touch screen for mobile devices on display at Microsoft TechFest 2008 in Redmond, Washington, on 4 March, 2008.

INTERNET



Palestinian youths run from advancing Israeli troops during clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on 5 March, 2008.—INTERNET

China condemns Pentagon's "Cold War thinking"

BEIJING, 5 March — China on Tuesday condemned the annual Pentagon report to the US Congress on Chinese military power, saying it was a distortion of the facts, interfered in the country's internal affairs and showed "Cold War thinking". Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang added that Beijing had made "solemn representations" to Washington about the report and also denied Beijing was engaged in cyberwarfare.

"This US report advocates the China threat theory and is seriously not in accordance with the facts and interferes in China's internal affairs," Qin told a news conference.

"We demand the US

abandons Cold War thinking and correctly recognizes China and China's development and revises the mistaken ways of the report," he added. "We are extremely dissatisfied." The Pentagon report, released on Monday, said China was developing weapons that could disable its enemies' space technology, such as satellites. It added that "numerous" intrusions into computer networks around the world, including some owned by the US Government, in the past year seem to have originated in China.

Qin denied China was involved, saying his country was also a victim of hackers.

"We hope related

countries can work together to tackle this problem. If the US has an accusation to make, it should produce the evidence," he said. Earlier on Tuesday, China unveiled another double-digit rise in its defence budget, but stressed once more it adhered to a path of peaceful development and posed a no threat.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq bombs kill 19 despite Iran visit security

BAGHDAD, 5 March — Two bomb blasts killed 19 people in Baghdad on Monday, police and Iraqi security forces said, despite increased security across the capital for a historic visit by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Iraqi officials said the attacks were not related to the state visit by Ahmadinejad, the first by a regional leader since the US-led invasion to topple Iran's old foe Saddam Hussein in 2003.

In the worst incident, 15 people were killed and 20 wounded when an Iraqi Army patrol was hit by a suicide car bomb in central Baghdad's Bab al-Muadham area, said Major-General Qassim Moussawi, spokesman for security operations in Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters



People walk during heavy snow in central Seoul on 4 March, 2008.

INTERNET

"Yellow dust" closes South Korean schools

SEOUL, 4 March — South Korea closed schools, and factories producing memory chips stepped up safeguards on Monday, as a choking pall of sand mixed with toxic dust from China covered most of the country.

The annual "yellow dust" spring storms, which originate in China's Gobi Desert before enveloping the Korean peninsula and parts of Japan, are blamed for scores of deaths and billions of dollars in damage every year in South Korea.

South Korea issued a yellow dust warning at the weekend and on Monday major schools districts in southeastern regions urged parents to keep kindergarten and elementary school children at home.

"We advised the closure because kindergarten, primary school students have weaker immune systems," said Min Eyu-gi, an education official in Busan.

An official with the Meteorological Administration said the first major storm of the season, which

has also hit parts of Japan, was dissipating.

The dust picks up heavy metals and carcinogens such as dioxin as it passes over Chinese industrial regions, before hitting North and South Korea and Japan, meteorologists say.

Dry weather and seasonal winds in China hurl millions of tonnes of sand at the Korean peninsula and Japan from late February through April or May, turning the skies to a jaundiced hue.

MNA/Reuters

Ahmadinejad tells US to get out of Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 March — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad used a visit to Baghdad on Monday to tell the United States to get out of Iraq and the region, saying its presence there had brought only destruction and division.

"Iraq throughout history has been against foreigners and occupiers," Ahmadinejad said at a

news conference on the second day of his state visit to Iraq, the first by an Iranian leader since the two neighbours fought an eight-year war in the 1980s.

During his two-day trip, Iran and Iraq signed seven agreements on Customs, transportation links and improving cooperation in industrial development, highlight-

ing the new, closer relations between the former arch-foes.

"We believe the powers that came over the seas travelling thousands of kilometres, these powers should leave this region and hand over the affairs to the people and governments in the region," Ahmadinejad said in translated remarks.

"The power that is far from our region must allow countries of the region to manage their own affairs.

MNA/Reuters



Ethnic deputies to the First Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) walk to attend the opening of the NPC session at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 March, 2008. —XINHUA

Sulphur fumes kill four in Italian work accident

BARI (Italy), 4 March — Four workers were killed on Monday when they breathed in toxic sulphur fumes from the tank of a truck near the southern Italian city of Bari, police said.

The local police said a worker was overcome by the fumes while cleaning the inside of the tank. Three other workers died when they entered the tank to help him, and a fifth worker is in a critical condition.

The high number of workplace deaths is considered by many to be a national scandal in Italy, where recent draft government legislation aimed at tightening safety conditions has not been approved by Parliament.

MNA/Reuters



A view of Singapore skyscrapers along the river. Singapore is the best city globally for Asian expatriates to live in due mainly to its quality of life and low crime rate, a survey released on 4 March, 2008 by ECA International showed.

INTERNET

Bangkok to join “Earth Hour” activity

BANGKOK, 4 March—Bangkok, Thailand’s capital, will join major cities around the world in switching off their electric lights for one hour on 29 March, to observe “Earth Hour”, a World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) event to raise awareness about climate change, the Bangkok governor Apirak Kosayodhin said on Monday.

The governor urged the public to join the activity by switching off the lights at their homes for one hour from 8 to 9 pm on 29 March, with the goal of cutting greenhouse gas emission by 30 per cent, according to the state-run *Thai News Agency*.

Persons at home can also take advantage of the hour by replacing their standard light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

The event is intended to symbolize that by working together the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against climate change.

The Bangkok Governor said the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) had coordinated with 40 public and private organizations to participate in the event.— *Xinhua*

Two killed, three wounded in US restaurant shooting

WASHINGTON, 4 March—A gunman killed one person and injured at least three others before committing suicide in a Florida fast food restaurant on Monday, a local TV report said.

Police told the WPBF TV 25 that the shooter entered a Wendy’s restaurant in West Palm Beach and opened fire at several individuals around lunchtime. At least three have been reported injured and sent to hospital, and two others have been killed, including shooter himself, said Palm Beach county Fire Rescue spokesman Don Delucia.

Xinhua

Four killed in plane crash in downtown Rio de Janeiro

BRASILIA, 4 March—A small plane carrying four people crashed on Sunday morning in downtown Rio de Janeiro, killing all aboard, confirmed Brazil’s National Agency of Civil Aviation (NACA).

According to the NACA, the plane crashed in the district of Barra da Tijuca, between the Woods of Barra da Tijuca and the condominium of Mandala. After the crash, the plane exploded and killed one pilot and three passengers. —*Xinhua*

Six killed in bomb attacks in N-E Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 March—Six people were killed and five others injured, including policemen, in two attacks in the volatile province of Diyala on Sunday, a provincial police source said.

“A roadside bomb detonated near a mini-van carrying passengers close to a checkpoint manned by fighters affiliated to a local Awakening Councils group which fights al-Qaeda militants in the town of Wajihya, some 40 kilometres northeast the provincial capital of Baquba,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Xinhua



Villagers crowd near the crash site at a hill in Ramechhap, near Kathmandu, on 4 March, 2008.—XINHUA

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Limiting TV, PC time makes kids slimmer

BEIJING, 4 March—Cutting TV and computer time in half helped young, overweight children eat less and lose weight, said Leonard Epstein of the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, whose study appears in the March issue of the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

“Television viewing is related to consumption of fast food and foods and

beverages that are advertised on television,” the study said.

Researchers followed 70 children aged between four and seven years old who were in the heaviest quarter of their age group on the body mass index (BMI).

All those selected regularly watched television or played computer games for at least 14 hours a week. During the study

half the group were allowed to continue in their old habits, while the other half spent 50 percent of their normal time in front of a screen.

However, at the end of the two years scientists found that the limited group weighed on average 10 percent less than those who could view as much television as they wanted.

Xinhua

China leading shipbuilder expects to enter world top 500

BEIJING, 4 March—China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC), one of the country’s largest shipbuilders, said it strives to rank among the global top 500 by 2015.

Li Changyin, general manager of CSIS, said the company now held shipbuilding orders with more than 260 million tons, up 84 per cent year-on-year. Major ship factories had been fully scheduled until 2010.

Latest statistics showed

that the company’s total revenue reached 87.1 billion yuan (12.2 billion US dollars) in 2007, while the revenue from main business and the profit stood at 80.6 billion yuan and five billion yuan, respectively, all sharply increased.

Xinhua

Russian ruling party ready to approve Putin as PM

MOSCOW, 5 March—Russia’s ruling United Russia Party is ready to name Vladimir Putin as prime minister, a top Parliament leader said Monday.

“The Parliament’s majority, United Russia, will doubtless agree on the candidacy (of Vladimir Putin) after submission of it,” Boris Gryzlov, Speaker of the State Duma, the Lower House of Parliament, was quoted by *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

“This procedure will take place in the middle of May,” Gryzlov added.

Xinhua



Ethnic Mongolian women sing and dance to welcome the upcoming International Women’s Day in Qobuqsar County, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 2 March, 2008. XINHUA



A necklace is displayed at the Hong Kong International Jewelry Show on 4 March, 2008. The show is the world's third-largest jewelry fair, opened on Tuesday with 2,306 exhibitors from around the world.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

OPEC rethinks oil output cuts as US economy lags

WASHINGTON, 4 March—With high oil prices weighing on a struggling economy, the OPEC oil cartel is reconsidering its plans to cut production, a move that could push prices above their current record levels, *The New York Times* reported Monday.

Instead, OPEC is likely to keep output unchanged when its members meet Wednesday, the report said.

When the Organization

of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries gathered in Vienna last month, the group suggested that it might curb production soon to make up for a seasonal decline in oil demand. Since then, however, oil prices have risen above 100 dollars a barrel and the economic picture in the United States, the world's leading oil consumer, has darkened significantly.

The report said that oil prices usually fall between the peak winter and summer seasons. Typically, refineries prepare to shut down for annual maintenance and oil consumption is lower.

But while recent data indicates that oil inventories are increasing and Americans are curbing their energy use, the price of oil has been reaching new records.

MNA/Xinhua

WTO industry talks fail to narrow gaps

GENEVA, 4 March — Talks on industrial goods at the World Trade Organization (WTO) last week have failed to narrow any gaps, and time is running out to reach a new trade deal, a senior mediator said on Monday.

Canada's WTO Ambassador Don Stephenson, who chairs the negotiations on industry, known in trade jargon as NAMA, told WTO members that there was no sense of urgency in the talks.

"I think a deal is possible in NAMA," Stephenson told a meeting of the WTO's 151 members. "My central fear is this — that there is a deal but we don't find it," he said, according to a participant in the meeting.

His comments echo those by the chairman of talks on agriculture, New Zealand's WTO Ambas-

sador Crawford Falconer, who said on Friday the farm talks were not moving fast enough.

Trade ministers are hoping to meet this month or next to agree the outlines of a deal in the long-running Doha Round, which would then be wrapped up by the end of

this year.

But prospects for that meeting have dimmed as negotiators review the revised negotiating texts issued early last month by Falconer and Stephenson and intended to prepare the way for the ministers and the necessary trade-offs.

MNA/Reuters



Sri Lankan workers packing tea for export in Colombo in February 2008. The tea industry in Sri Lanka, the world's second biggest exporter of the crop, is looking forward to good times again as prices soar on a global commodities boom.—INTERNET

China targets economic growth of 8% in 2008

BEIJING, 4 March—China has set an economic growth target of about eight percent in 2008, according to the text of a speech by Premier Wen Jiabao to deliver to the national legislature later Wednesday.

Wen will also tell the roughly 3,000 members of the National People's Congress that government will aim for an inflation

rate of about 4.8 percent this year, the same level as the 11-year high posted in 2007.

"Our goal is to maintain both steady and fast economic growth and guide all sectors of society to concentrate on changing the pattern of development, deepening reform and accelerating social development," Wen's speech said.

China's economy expanded by 11.4 percent last year, the fifth consecutive year of double-digit growth. "The primary task for macroeconomic regulation this year is to prevent fast economic growth from becoming overheated growth and keep structural price increases from turning into significant inflation," he said.—Internet



Samsung Electronics' LCD (liquid crystal display) screens and television sets are displayed at a shop in Seoul on 4 March, 2008. Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Sony Corp are likely to invest about \$1.9 billion jointly in a new flat screen production line, a source at Samsung said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

China vows better control over quality of exports

BEIJING, 5 March—China will step up efforts to stop sub-standard goods from reaching export markets, a senior official said on Tuesday, following a series of quality

breaches that have brought its safety regulations under scrutiny.

China had increased supervision over producers and introduced more quarantine tests, said Jiang Enzhu, spokesman for the National People's Congress, or Parliament, which opens its annual session on Wednesday.

But some unscrupulous companies were still flouting standards, he said. "There are indeed a small number of Chinese producers who ignore domestic laws, regulations and quality standards, evade supervision, inspection and quarantine efforts and export products through illegal channels," Jiang told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

Gazprom cuts gas supply to Ukraine

MOSCOW, 4 March — Russia's natural gas monopoly Gazprom cut gas supplies to Ukraine by one fourth Monday, after talks on debt disputes ended in failure, Russian media reported.

The company reduced gas deliveries to Ukraine by 25 per cent at 10:00 am Moscow Time (0700 GMT), Monday as it warned earlier.

"Gazprom reduced gas deliveries by 25 per cent today."

This did not affect European gas importers, to whom gas is being delivered in full amount," Gazprom spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov was quoted by ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



CASH DONATED: Donors present K 10 million to Board of Trustees of Hna-Kyeik-shit-su Pagoda constructed near Hlawga Tawya Monastery on Hlawga Garden Street in Hmawby on 1 March, 2008. Donors U San Maung and wife Daw Hla Hla and family of Annawa Min Salt Mill and Annawa Min Construction presented cash to the board in the presence of Sayadaw of Hlawga Tawya Monastery Ashin Gandhasara. — H

USDA CEC Member on inspection tour of Kyunhla, Kawlin

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint visited Kyunhla and Kawlin townships and presented membership certificates of USDA, uniforms and sports equipment to USDA members on 1 March.

He also provided 100 bags of cement to construct an intake channel for generation of hydro power at Mansilay

Village, Pinlebu Township.

Afterwards, the minister met with local residents in Thekaw Village, Kawlin Township, and presented exercise books and sports equipment to them.

Before his tour of Kyunhla and Kawlin, the minister also inspected the stadium in Kanbalu and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint visited Maha Shwesigyi Pariyatti and

Shwetheindaw monasteries and donated offertories to the Sayadaws of the monasteries.

The minister also went to Kanbalu Township Peace and Development Council Office and presented K 500,000 to a responsible official to be spent on building a Dhammayon at Pinngotgyi Village, Kanbalu Township, and K 200,000 and sarongs and sports equipment to the township USDA.

MNA

Deputy Minister inspects development tasks in Sagaing, PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe on 24 February called on officials of Sagaing Township Development Affairs Department for completion of construction of roads and bridges in the township in the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

At the Development Affairs Department of Sagaing Township, the deputy minister stressed the need for completion of water supply facilities and roads and bridges meeting the set standard.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected construction of a macadam road linking Sartaung and Linyin, and Sartaung-Tharzin-Nyaungbinshae road, water supply facilities including tube-well and water supply station in Shweminwun Ward in Sagaing. During his tour of Sagaing Division, the deputy minister also inspected beatifying tasks along the road to Monywa.

On arrival at PyinOoLwin, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe inspected Pyinsa-Pauktaw

gravel road.

The deputy minister also met with officials of PyinOoLwin Township Development Affairs Department. During his tour of PyinOoLwin, the deputy minister inspected the tube-well at Ngayantchaung Village and the water supply station which irrigates PyinOoLwin and instructed officials concerned to maintain the water supply facilities. Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected paving Ayegayhar road with asphalt concrete in PyinOoLwin.

MNA

USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min undertakes regional development tasks in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Union Solidarity and Development Association Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe met with departmental officials, members of USDA and local people of Twinma village, Myaing Township in Magway Division on 2 March.

Next they met with departmental officials, members of USDAs, townselders and members of social organizations at Kanma village Basic

Education High School in Pakokku township.

Similarly, they met with departmental officials, members of USDA, townselders and members of social organizations at Myitchay Public Hall of Myitchay village in Pakokku township.

During the meetings, they discussed regional development tasks, fire prevention and security and economic matters.

Regarding the reports, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and Col Phone Maw Shwe fulfilled the requirements and donated one set of

computer to Myitchay BEHS.

Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe then proceeded to Seikpyu Township of Magway Division. At Ngwe The Phyu Hall, they met with departmental officials, townselders and members of social organizations and gave speeches on the occasion. After hearing the reports presented by the doctor of Seikpyu Township, the schoolhead and departmental officials, they fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Five shot dead on Seinle Kantha Street, Kamayut Township

Investigation under way to expose the case

Anyone with relevant information about the case may inform authorities

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Four women and one man were shot dead at No 126 on Seinle Kantha Street, Ward 9, Kamayut Township, Yangon, on 3 March evening.

At about 7 pm, officials rushed to the scene and found that the victims were U Charlie (a) U Saw Kyi Pha, 60, son of U Khun Pan Sein with bullet wounds in the

right wrist, in the left side back of the head, and under the right eye; Daw San San Myint, 58, daughter of U Mya Maung, with bullet wounds behind the left ear through under the left eyebrow and in the right temple; Ma Mya Sandar, 36, daughter of U Saw Kyi Hpa, in the right temple through the left cheek and in the right wrist; Ma Hnin Pwint Aye, 27, daughter of U Saw Kyi

Pha, in the right temple through the right eyebrow; and Ma Ei Phaw, 15, in the left temple.

The Myanmar Police Force and security members are trying to expose the cases and arrest the culprits.

If there is anyone who can inform about the case, he is invited to the authorities concerned.

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Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 continues

YANGON, 5 March — Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 organized by Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association continued attracting visitors at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here today evening.

A total of 167 booths including forest conservation educative booths showcased value-added wood products and machinery and spare parts for producing wood-based products at the fair.

National Literary Award winner Win Chit (Forest) Rector (Retd) of University of Forestry (Yezin) U Win Kyi gave talks on timber production at the fair.

Sarpay Beikman

Manuscript Award winner Honorary Principal U Kaung Yin will give educative talks on value-added wood products tomorrow. The fair continues till 7 March.

MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 5 March — Maj Aung Win (Retd) scored an ace at hole No 6 (Par 3) at Northern Star Golf Course in Myitkyina Township on 24 February while striking Reygrande ball with Apaehe No 6. His team mates were Brig-Gen Bo Kyi (Retd), Lt-Col Myo Swe (Retd) and U Maung Ko (Pa-Sa-Nga).

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Good nature of democracy

A Pensioner

Multi-party democracy general elections will be held in 2010 to transform the nation from the rule of the Tatmadaw government into the democratic rule system. That means the Tatmadaw government will hand over State's power to the elected civilian government.

State's power is sovereign power, which are of three forms, namely legislative, executive and judicial powers. Today, the Tatmadaw is governing the State, so it is exercising the three powers on behalf of the people.

When the democratic rule is introduced, the people's representatives will have to exercise the three powers on behalf of the people.

Is it encouraging in that regard? The multi-party democracy system aspired by the public will be practised in the near future, won't it? In order to practise this system, there needed a constitution that serves as an agreement between the people and the people's representatives, didn't there?

So, the people will have to approve the draft of the constitution adopted by the people's representatives to transform the Tatmadaw's rule into democratic rule. It is known to all that the government has issued announcements to approve the draft through a referendum due to be held in coming May.

The programmes include a time frame. However, local and foreign subversive elements have launched another tactic with the accusation that the Tatmadaw government is intentionally delaying the processes because it is not willing to hand over power.

The tactic is designed by some politicians who are dishonest and always try to avoid responsibility through all possible forms of tricks and excuses. In fact, what they really want is to gain domination of one party, not democratic rule.

What they are focusing on is power. They are trying to seize power through a shortcut. And they do not want the process of handing over power democratically. They deceive the people in a clever

way to achieve their aims. In addition, they often drive a wedge to mislead the people into misunderstanding the government. They are very tactful and clever in plotting conspiracies.

One of the wedges driven by internal and external destructive elements and those who seek political gains was to point out some principles of the constitution that they alleged enable the Tatmadaw to hold on power. With such methods, they may deceive those without much knowledge about the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention.

However, those who have studied well the principles know that the principles are intended to enable the Tatmadaw to control the delegation of powers on behalf of the people, not to hold on to power. That is just a common method applied in almost all the countries that are in the process of introducing democracy. And the principles are designed to help avert possible undesirable consequences.

The politicians who are well-versed in this point do not want to accept the point as what it really is, so they are constantly making objections. Here, I would like to present some points for the people to find out whether their accusations are correct or not.

Tatmadaw member representatives are among the representatives in the hluttaws that share the legislative power. But, the ratio of representatives to Tatmadaw member representatives is 3 to 1. An adopted principle says, "Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives". In order to meet the number of 440 representatives, Pyithu Hluttaw will be formed with not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population and not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.

According to the democratic procedures, the

minority have to yield to the wishes of the majority. So, it is impossible that the Tatmadaw will be in a position to gain influence.

Similarly, an adopted principle says that Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives—168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state. Of them 56 seats are for Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. It is not possible, either that the Tatmadaw will gain influence in the Amyotha Hluttaw.

And in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed with the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, there will be three representatives-elect to every one Tatmadaw member representative. The ratio is the same, as that in the Region/State hluttaws, self-administered division and zone hluttaws.

The appointment of Tatmadaw member representatives is just to ensure that the processes of sharing the legislative power in accordance with the provisions prescribed in the constitution are correct. In this regard, I would like to present some processes.

According to the democratic system, cases to promulgate laws in respective hluttaws are to be decided under the voting system. And the side that gets more votes wins. Suppose, the representatives-elect of a political party constitute the majority in a hluttaw. And the party submits a bill to allow a foreign military base to be stationed in a territory of Myanmar, and uses various means for approval of the bill, the Tatmadaw members will not accept the attempts so as to safeguard the interests of the nation. Nor will the remaining representatives and the people.

In such a time, the Tatmadaw member representatives and the representatives who stand firmly on the side of safeguarding national interests will object to the bill. I think all understand that in such a case, the Tatmadaw members are needed for a certain period to prevent the ruling party from serving its own interests.

There is a prescribed right to amend the constitution when the people have become mature in practising democracy.

I would remind that the draft of the constitution should not be assessed with a shopkeeper's calculating methods. Therefore, it is required to appoint Tatmadaw member representatives to control the bodies and the representatives in a body each in exercising the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

Myanmar has scrapped the one-party Socialism and now in transition to the multi-party democracy system. So, it is needed to nurture the people to become mature in practising democracy.

In nearly 30 countries including Myanmar, there are MPs who are directly-appointed and are not elected ones according to the prevailing situations of and in the interests of the nation concerned.

Therefore, I would like to urge the people to try to be prudent and to have a heart of gold.

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Micro-Credit Scheme explained

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March— Clarification on accomplishments of Micro-Credit Scheme of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations were made at the city hall here this afternoon.

Present were Daw Khin Khin Win, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Vice-Presidents, CEC members, intellectuals and intelligentsia, Patrons of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations and delegates.

Professor Dr Daw Khin San Yi of Management Department of Yangon Institute of Economics and member of intellectuals and intelligentsia recounted the experiences of ASEAN Micro-Credit Meeting and work done by members of State and Division WAOs under the supervision of MWAF.

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Minister inspects power stations in Kyaukme

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan power grid and construction projects of sub-power stations and No 321 Goakdwin tower of Kyaukme District on 1 March.

During his tour in Kyaukme, the minister also inspected construction tasks of Mansan main sub-power station and fulfilled the requirements of the tasks.— MNA

Military Band Competition continues

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — The 16th Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Competition continued at the parade ground (Thittat), here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competition Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and members of the panel of judges.

The military bands took part in the competition. MNA

ICT exhibition to be held in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 5 March— Under the arrangement of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association and Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, ICT exhibition will be held at Ngwe Moe hotel on Strand Road in Mawlamyine, Mon State from 6 to 8 March. Computer entrepreneurs in Yangon and Mawlamyine and companies will display computers and accessories, electronic devices and programmes for computer technology courses. Interested persons may visit the exhibition. Mon State Computer Professionals Association and Mon State Computer Entrepreneurs Association will be formed. Arrangements have been made to open Public Access Center for the first time.—MNA

Non-Intoxication

Non-intoxication is the way to immortality; intoxication is the way to death; those who are not intoxicated do not die; they who are intoxicated are as the dead.

Dhammapada 21

Wildlife Management Diploma Course to be conducted

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March —Forest Department, University of Forestry under the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Society, today held a workshop on opening Post-graduate Wildlife Management Diploma Course at Forest Research hall in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Director of WCS Dr Alan Rabinowitz delivered addresses.

Officials of the University of Forestry, University of Agriculture, and University of Veterinary Science, WCS, BANCA and Myanmar Bird Watchers' Association participated in the workshop.

The workshop continues tomorrow, and Wildlife Management Diploma Course will be opened at University of Forestry and experts from foreign countries are expected to give lectures at the course.

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Deputy Minister inspects construction tasks of Kyangin-Ushitpin railroad section

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than together with Managing Director of Myanma Railways U Min Swe inspected progress of constructing Kyangin-Ushitpin railroad section that is included in Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project, progress in constructing bridges large and small, railway station buildings and service quarters and fulfilled the requirements on 20 February.

Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project is focused on improvement of the west bank of

Ayeyawady River. Kyangin-Ushitpin railroad section. A part of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project, is 40 miles long and it comprises three bridges with above 500 feet long and 120 small bridges. It links with Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division and Rakhine State.

Kyangin-Ushitpin railroad section ensuring convenience of commodities flow and travelling in the divisions and states will be opened soon.

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Annual Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs...

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President Daw Khin Khin Win presided over the meeting and member of the Information Department Daw Lein Mong Pan acted as MC.

Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint discussed carrying out of the tasks for development of women and security of their life. Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay reviewed progress of the micro credit scheme.

The meeting continued in the afternoon, attended by President Daw Khin Khin Win. Member of the Information Department Daw Khin Moe Oo acted as MC.

General Secretary Dr Daw Myint Kyi announced that the annual general meeting approved nine future tasks and passed four decisions.

After giving necessary instructions, President Daw Khin Khin Win made concluding remarks, saying that as the emergence of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is the duty of all citizens of the nation, the MWAF is to actively participate in the tasks to hold the National Referendum soon for seeking approval of the Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The annual general meeting ended in the afternoon. — MNA

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Russia warns US, NATO not to misuse Afghan mission

KABUL, 5 March — Russia has warned the United States and NATO not to use their presence in Afghanistan for any possible regional political or economic purposes other than fighting terrorism.

More than 50,000 foreign troops under the

command of NATO and the US military are stationed in Afghanistan where the US-led coalition overthrew a Taliban government in 2001.

“We see the military presence of Armed Forces of the United States of America and NATO ... in Afghanistan just in the

framework of our common campaign against terrorism,” Russia’s Ambassador to Kabul Zamir Kabulov told the BBC Persian service.

“As long as this presence goes on for this end, we have no concern. But if the military presence is for other political or

economic gains in Afghanistan and in the region, (then) this certainly and definitely will cause special concerns.”

Russia, he told the station in an interview aired on Monday, will “definitely react” if NATO and the United States were after economic and political gains in Afghanistan and in the region.

He did not elaborate further. “May it not be that our partners have other programmes ... under the pretext of war against terrorism,” he added.

MNA/Reuters



A scale-model of the Olympic Village named ‘Dream World’ is displayed in Beijing on 5 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Jack Nicholson uses movie clips to boost Clinton

WASHINGTON, 5 March — Movie star Jack Nicholson has assembled some of his more famous film roles in an Internet video endorsing US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

that has been viewed more than one million times.

The video uses clips of the three-time Oscar winner in movies like “Chinatown” and “The Shining” to praise Clinton’s health-care plan

and ability to lead the country at a time of war.

“There is nothing on this earth sexier, believe me gentlemen, than a woman you have to salute in the morning,” Nicholson says in a clip from the 1992 military drama “A Few Good Men”.

Clinton faces rival Barack Obama in a round of state primaries in Texas, Ohio, Vermont and Rhode Island on Tuesday that could decide who faces Republican John McCain in the November presidential election.

MNA/Reuters

Ten Egyptians shot dead in gunbattle over land

CAIRO, 5 March—At least 10 Egyptians were shot dead on Tuesday and up to 27 others wounded in a gunbattle following a dispute over ownership of a plot of agricultural land in rural Egypt, security sources said.

They said that the gunfight broke out between two groups of armed private security men — employed by two rival associations that both claim ownership of the plot—when one side tried to take the land by force from the other.

One security source said at least 10 private

security men had been killed in the fight in the Beheira Province in northern Egypt over a 500-acre (200-hectare) plot. Another security source put the number of dead at 14.

Land disputes are not uncommon in Egypt, where arable land is limited to a thin sliver along the Nile and the river delta in the north. But conflicts rarely lead to this many casualties. Many absentee landlords hire armed guards to drive out or prevent squatters from settling on the land.

MNA/Reuters

Armenia pressures opponents, arrests 30 for riots

YEREVAN, 5 March—Armenian police have arrested 30 opposition activists for starting a riot which killed eight people, the Prosecutor-General said on Tuesday, in a clampdown on opponents during a state of emergency.

The ex-Soviet state’s top military commander also said he needed the emergency laws to ensure stability but opposition leaders accused the authorities of abusing their powers.

“Thirty people have been detained for pro-

voking mass disturbances on 1 March, not obeying the police and violent actions against policemen,” the Prosecutor-General’s office said in a statement.

Police had already arrested a handful of prominent opposition figures — for allegedly plotting a coup or hoarding firearms — during daily mass demonstrations against a 19 February presidential election.

The protesters accuse Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan of rigging an election last month in which he officially won 53 per cent of the vote and his main rival, former president Levon Ter-Petrosyan, won 21.5 per cent.—MNA/Reuters

Palestinians fire makeshift missiles into Israel

GAZA, 5 March — Armed Palestinian groups on Tuesday continued firing home-made rockets into southern Israel, one day after the Israeli Army withdrew ground troops from northern Gaza Strip.

Saraya al-Quds, the military wing of the Islamic

Jihad (Holy War) movement, said it had fired two missiles into Sderot City in the Western Negev. Eight other rockets were fired at Kerem Shalom and Sufa crossings in the southeast Gaza Strip along the boundaries with Israel, according to a Press release by the movement.

“The shelling is part of the natural response to the occupation’s crimes in the Gaza Strip and West

Bank,” the Islamic Jihad said.

The two-day Israeli incursion in northern Gaza Strip, in addition to previous three days of continued air strikes in the Hamas-ruled Gaza, left more than 110 Palestinians dead, at least half of them civilians. Israel says the operations were meant to curb the Palestinian rocket fire.

MNA/Xinhua

Afghan blast attack kills two NATO soldiers, wounds 15

KABUL, 5 March — Two soldiers serving the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have been killed and 15 others injured during Monday’s explosion attack in eastern Afghanistan’s Khost Province, the ISAF said Tuesday.

It occurred near the district centre building in Sabari District of Khost,

Major Richelle Dowdell, an official with ISAF Press office told *Xinhua* via phone.

However, she did not identify the nationalities of the killed and injured, nor comment on the nature of the blast, saying “it is still under investigation”.

Mohammad Ayub, Khost provincial police

chief, told *Xinhua* two labours were also killed and one policeman was “slightly” injured in the explosion, which targeted the government office jointly guarded by Afghan and ISAF troops.

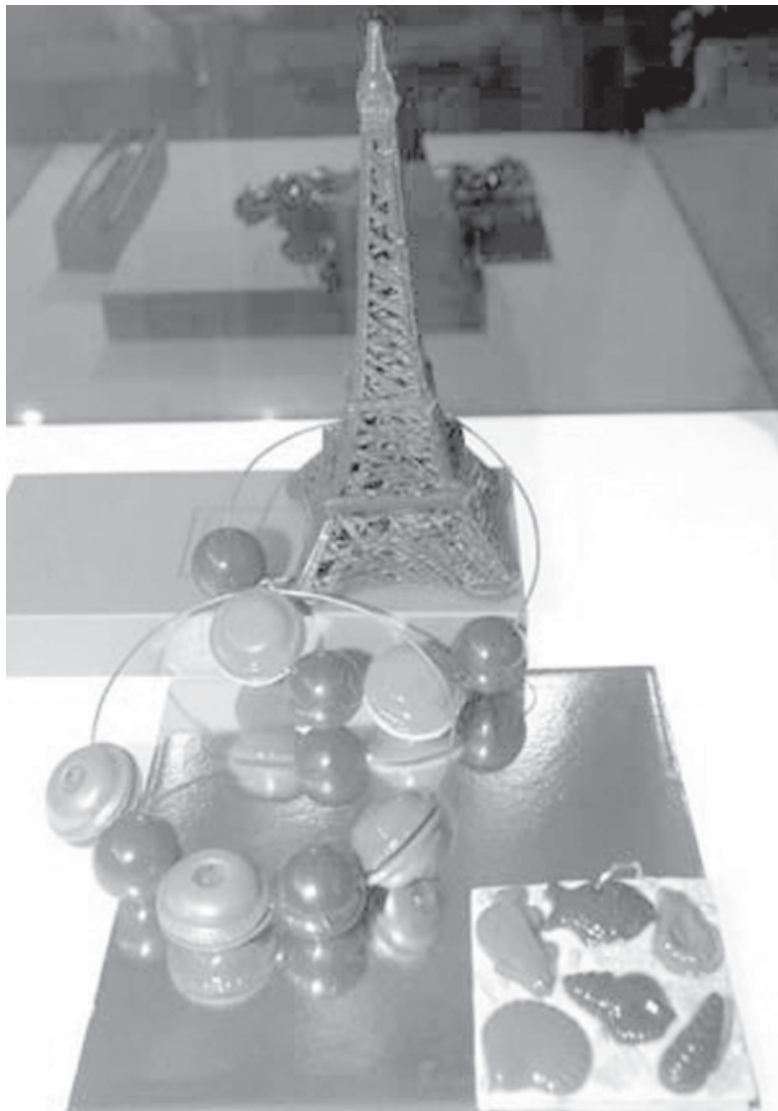
The police chief also rejected earlier reports about Afghan soldiers’ casualties.

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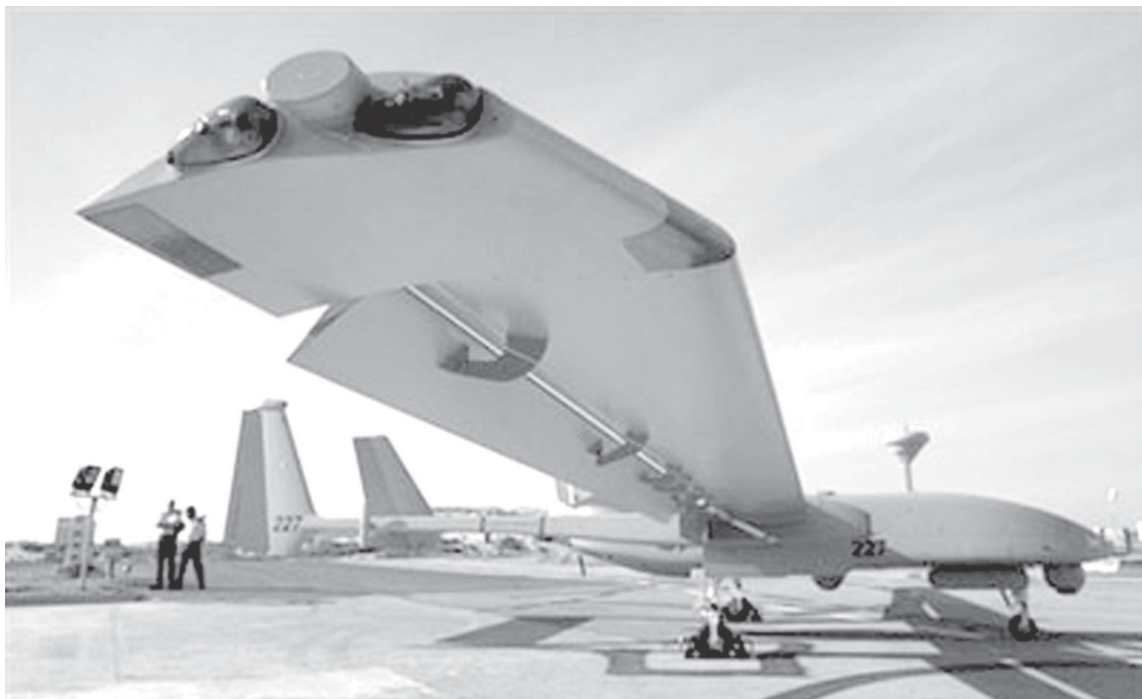
Protestors clash with security outside the US embassy in the Philippines on 4 March, as outrage pours over the rape in Okinawa of a schoolgirl.—INTERNET

Images of the Day



A model Eiffel Tower made of chocolate is exhibited with other chocolate ornaments during a promotion for the opening of a French chocolate shop in Hong Kong, China, on 27 Feb, 2008. Many chocolate ornaments exhibited here were shown to public for the first time. —XINHUA

Israeli Air Force officers stand next to the new Heron unmanned drone aircraft for surveillance missions in the Palmahim Air Force Base, Israel, in the file photo. With its 16.6 meter (54-foot) wingspan and ability to fly for as long as 30 hours at a time, at a speed of 120 knots (140 mph, 225 kph) and a height of 9,000 meters (30,000 feet), the Heron is Israel's latest and most advanced weapon in the booming field of drone technology, air force officers said.—INTERNET



Visitors tour the venue for the 'Mobile Art' exhibition, which was created by architect Zaha Hadid, in Hong Kong on 26 Feb, 2008. 'Mobile Art,' is a traveling exhibition featuring pieces by 20 contemporary artists, in which all of the works are inspired by the iconic Chanel quilt bag. The exhibition will begin in Hong Kong on 27 Feb, and will then travel around the world to Tokyo, New York, London, Moscow, and Paris.—INTERNET



Clematis vines are seen on a sculpture at the J. Cugliotta exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show in Philadelphia, on 28 Feb, 2008. 'Jazz It Up!' is the theme of this year's flower show, a week-long event that kicks off 2 March at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.—INTERNET



Photographers take pictures of Apple's new laptop "Macbook Air" during its launch in India at a function in Mumbai, on 12 Feb, 2008. "Macbook Air", which is priced from INR 96,100 (around \$2,450), is the world's thinnest notebook, according to an Apple press release.

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Elephant foot disease

widespread in Riau

Province in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 March—A mosquito-borne disease locally known as kaki gajah or elephant foot is ballooning out of control in Riau province in Indonesia recently, according to local media on Monday.

The disease gets its name for causing enlargement of the entire leg or arm of the sufferers.

The spacious peat land, rain forests and palm oil plantations in the province are safe havens for mosquitoes which transmit the tropical foot abscess disease filariasis, in addition to dengue and malaria.

According to a recent survey, of the province's all eleven regencies, only Kampar and Rokan Hulu remain free of filariasis, the major newspaper The Jakarta Post said.—Internet

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plant a tree was
20 years ago.
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Nike, Apple making iPod compatible with gym equipment

BEIJING, 5 March—Nike and Apple are working with several gym equipment manufacturers and the health clubs 24-Hour Fitness and Virgin Athletic Health Clubs to allow members to plug their iPod Nanos into cardio equipment, media reported Wednesday.

The new technology is expected to start rolling out to more than 500 gyms worldwide this summer.

It’s another major partnership for Nike Inc and Apple Inc, which created Nike+ technology more than a year ago. The wireless system allows some Nike running shoes embedded with a sensor to communicate with Apple's iPod Nano.

Apple and Nike said the move to the gym is the next natural step.

“People enjoy tracking themselves as a way to keep themselves motivated,” said Trevor Edwards, Nike's vice president of global brand and category management. “They want to get credit.”

Internet



An iPod Nano is displayed in an Atlantic Ego waterproof speaker system during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) Unveiled event in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

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Gates:Microsoft to offer more online business services

BEIJING, 4 March — The world's largest software maker Microsoft will begin offering its online business services including Exchange Online and SharePoint Online, to companies of all sizes, no longer limiting them to those with more than 5,000 users.

"We expect by the end of this year, if this all goes well, we'll have a general availability of a subscription type service for both SharePoint and Exchange," said Microsoft chairman Bill Gates as quoted by media reports Tuesday.

Gates also said the company's Search Serve Express is available now as a free download.

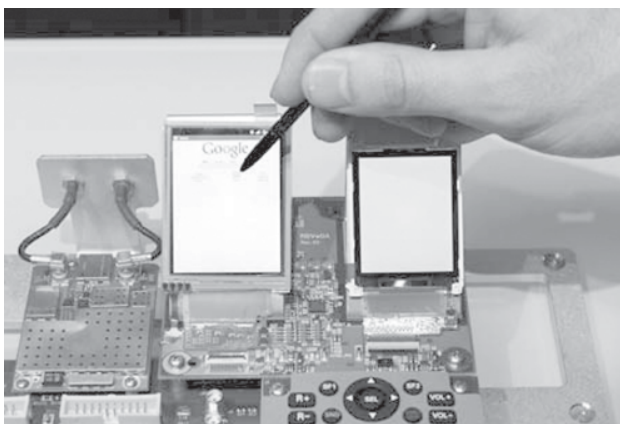
The services let businesses access software through a subscription service or onsite servers or both.



Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates makes a point while speaking to students at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California—INTERNET

Gates said competitor Google Inc — which recently unveiled free service that serves as a challenge to SharePoint — doesn't "understand the special needs of business." —*Internet*

Google Gears comes out for mobile phones



A prototype of the Google Android mobile by Qualcomm is on display at the Mobile World Congress (formerly 3GSM World Congress) in Barcelona. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 5 March — Google's quest to keep browser-based applications running while offline is expanding to where it may be needed most: mobile devices, media reported Wednesday.

Smartphones and 3G data services are changing the way some people work, allowing them to access documents and applications from anywhere. But when their wireless connection

is interrupted or not available at all, they're cut off. Google Gears for mobile helps solve this problem so mobile workaholics can even get stuff done on airplanes or when they're supposed to be on vacation in some far-off

destination with no wireless access.

Google Gears is an open-source browser extension that lets developers create Web applications that can run offline. Google has been developing the software for PC users, but now it is extending it for mobile users too. Google Gears is still in its early days.

The mobile version right now supports Internet Explorer on Windows Mobile 5 and 6 phones. This means that other smartphone users, such as those using Apple's iPhone, or people using other popular mobile browsers, such as Opera, won't be able to use Google Gears. —*Internet*

A woman operates a computer which consumes no electricity when it is at standby at the CeBIT trade fair in Hanover, Germany, on 14 March, 2008. Green IT is the dominant theme of this year's CeBIT trade fair, the world's largest tech show, which was officially launched in the northern German city of Hanover. —INTERNET



Scientists find how stomach expands

LONDON, 4 March — Scientists have identified two cell proteins that relax the stomach and help accommodate a big meal, according to a BBC report on Monday.

The two proteins identified by researchers at the University College London are P2Y1 and P2Y11, embedded in muscle cells and also in the gut wall and the proteins control both fast and slow relaxations of the gut. The human stomach, which has a "resting" internal volume of 75 milliliters, can expand to an internal volume of two

liters of more by relaxing its muscular wall and this expansion is controlled by nerves inside the stomach wall which release molecules that stimulate P2Y1 and P2Y11, according to the researchers.

"The mechanism of slow relaxation of the stomach might represent

a future drug target in the fight to control weight gain and reverse obesity. We are looking to identify drugs that would block the P2Y11 receptor and, therefore, prevent slow relaxation of the stomach," Brian King who led the research was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



A child watches a frog crawling on a window at an aquarium in Seoul, South Korea, on 4 March, 2008, during an event marking the upcoming end of insect hibernation, close to Spring. —INTERNET

Egypt confirms new human bird flu case

CAIRO, 4 March — Egypt on Saturday confirmed that a 25-year-old woman was infected with bird flu virus, which was the 45th human infection case in the populous Arab country, the official MENA news agency reported.

The woman had been transferred from a local hospital in Fayyum, 85 kilometres south to Cairo, to a hospital in the capital after having developed the symptom of high fever and been treated with the antiviral drug Tamiflu, Health Ministry spokesman Abdel Rahman Shaheen was quoted as saying.

This is the second human bird flu case detected in a week in Egypt after a four-year-old girl on Monday was confirmed being infected with bird flu virus in El Minya governorate, Upper Egypt, some 220 kilometres south of Cairo.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 12 killed in land clashes in Kenya

NAIROBI, 4 March — At least 12 people have been killed and dozens others injured in land clashes in western Kenya, authorities confirmed on Monday.

Police spokesman Eric Kiraithe said clashes in Trans Nzoia District also saw several houses torched when an unknown number of militiamen stormed a remote Embakasi village early Monday.

"We can confirm 12

deaths and our security offices are on the ground to arrest those responsible," Kiraithe said by telephone.

"They were armed with machetes and guns. They were knocking houses and ordering people out before they slashed them," said one of the residents. Residents who refused to open their doors were burnt alive in their homes.

MNA/Xinhua

Six villagers die fighting forest fire in China

BEIJING, 5 March — Six villagers died in central China's Hunan Province as they tried to battle a forest fire in an area ravaged by severe winter storms, state media said

on Monday.

The fire broke out on Saturday, trapping more than 200 people in the village of Xitai, Xinhua news agency reported.

"The main cause can be attributed to illegal fire set in the forests," Xinhua quoted Hu Changqing, vice head of the Hunan Forestry Department, as saying. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Fenerbahce beat Sevilla on penalties to progress

SEVILLE (Spain), 5 March — Fenerbahce beat Sevilla 3-2 on penalties to make the Champions League quarterfinals for the first time after drawing 5-5 on aggregate on Tuesday.

Goalkeeper Volkan Demirel saved three spot kicks to send the Turks through after Zico's side had survived a dreadful start at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

Sevilla, who had lost 3-2 in the first leg, stormed into a two-goal lead inside nine minutes with goals from Daniel Alves and Seydou Keita.

Fenerbahce pulled one back through Deivid midway through the first half only for Sevilla to strike again just before the break when Frederic Kanoute restored the two-goal cushion.

Deivid scored again in the 79th to force extra-time, but penalties were needed to separate the sides.

Sevilla had Fenerbahce penned back from the outset and took the lead after only five minutes when the visitors conceded a free kick 25 metres out.

Brazil full back Alves powered a swerving shot goalwards and although Volkan appeared well placed to block, he could only push it inside the post.

The Turks were still reeling four minutes later when Mali's Keita drove forward in midfield to unleash another thunderbolt from all of 30 metres which flew into the top of the net with Volkan flapping once again.

Fenerbahce won their first corner after 20 minutes. It was taken low to unmarked Brazilian forward Deivid on the edge of the area and he was able to drill a low shot through a crowded area. —MNA/Reuters



Celtic prove they can live with Europe's elite

BARCELONA, 5 March — Celtic manager Gordon Strachan said his side proved they can live with the elite of European football after making it as far as the first knockout round of the Champions League in successive seasons.

The Scots lost 4-2 on aggregate against Barcelona in the last 16 after a 1-0 defeat at the Nou Camp on Tuesday, the 2006 champions taking the lead in the third minute with a goal from midfielder Xavi.

Although disappointed about the early loss of concentration that led to the goal, Strachan said he was heartened by the way his side held firm against the Catalans.

"We had a plan and part of the deal was you had to tackle and we didn't get that part right on the first goal," Strachan told a news conference.

"But the second half we did very well. We were braver on the ball and although

we didn't have too many chances there were some."

The former Manchester United player was confident that next season his team would be able to go a step further in the competition. —MNA/Reuters

Struggling Romanian champions sack coach

BUCHAREST, 5 March — Romanian champions Dinamo Bucharest sacked coach Cornel Talnar on Tuesday and named Gigi Multescu as his replacement. "Multescu has signed a deal that runs until the summer of 2009," said club spokesman Ionel Culina.

Multescu's task is to ensure Dinamo, who are sixth in the table and 11 points behind leaders CFR Cluj, qualify for a European place. Multescu left his previous job at Universitatea Cluj in January. —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic (L) vies with Lyon's Karim Benzema.—INTERNET

Ronaldo eases United past faint-hearted Lyon

MANCHESTER (England), 5 March — Cristiano Ronaldo's 30th goal in 30 games this season saw 1999 Champions League winners Manchester United safely past six-time French champions Lyon in their last 16 second leg Champions League clash on Tuesday as they won 2-1 on aggregate. United prevailed in a poor game which saw Lyon rarely trouble United 'keeper Edwin van der Sar save for one moment in the second-half when substitute Kader Keita's shot beat the Dutchman but came back off the near post.

It left United manager Sir Alex Ferguson happy, especially as it gave United 10 home wins in their last 10 Champions League home matches, but also a little frustrated that United hadn't given the scoreline a proper reflection of the match.

"We should have made more of our chances and possession," said the Scotsman.

"We made it difficult for ourselves," he growled.

Ferguson, who could emulate the 1999 win with a treble trophy haul as United are still in contention for the domestic double with the title and FA Cup in their sights, lauded Ronaldo for his scoring achievement.

Internet

Britain's Ashley Jackson (L) fights for the ball with Chile's Cristobal Rodriguez (back) during their men's World Hockey Beijing Olympics Qualifier match at the Country Club in Santiago on 4 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Brazil' Santos player Domingos Filho (L) kicks the ball past Edgar Solis of Mexico's team Guadalajara Chivas during their Copa Libertadores soccer match in Santos on 4 March, 2008. INTERNET



Arsenal knock AC Milan out of Champions League

MILAN (Italy), 5 March — Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas scored six minutes from time and Emmanuel Adebayor added an injury-time second to knock defending champions AC Milan out of the Champions League as Arsenal won 2-0 at the San Siro on Tuesday.

It was no less than the Premier League leaders - who became the first English side to beat AC Milan at the San Siro - deserved for a dominant display that until that moment had lacked only a cutting edge, just as they had done two weeks earlier when drawing the first leg 0-0 in London.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, who guided the Gunners to the 2006 final where they lost to Barcelona, was justifiably proud of his side.

"We produced the match we wanted to," said the Frenchman, who had seen his side go four matches without a win. —Internet



Arsenal midfielder Aleksandr Hleb is tackled by AC Milan defender Alessandro Nesta during a Champions League, Round of 16, return-leg soccer match at the San Siro Stadium in Milan, Italy. —INTERNET

Nadal struggles to Dubai victory over Kohlschreiber

DUBAI, 5 March — Rafael Nadal was stretched to the limit by Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber at the Dubai Championships on Tuesday, taking two hours 22 minutes to earn a 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory.

At one stage it appeared as if the second seeded Spaniard was in danger of following top seed and defending champion Roger Federer out of the tournament. Federer was beaten in three sets by Britain's Andy Murray on Monday.

Although Nadal broke

in the opening game and led 2-0, he then dropped five consecutive games, salvaging just four of 20 points.

That was enough to give Kohlschreiber the first set, and he also held break points in Nadal's first service game of the second set. However, Nadal repulsed that challenge, broke for 2-0 after his opponent held a game point, and fought off another break point.

Although the games remained closely contested and Kohlschreiber often tested Nadal by pulling him wide, Nadal maintained his advantage and broke again at 4-1 before serving out the set to love.

Nadal kept the upper hand at the beginning of the deciding set, holding two break points in Kohlschreiber's first two service games before breaking for 3-2.

MNA/Reuters

Ex-Philippine officials urge Arroyo to come clean

MANILA, 5 March — About 60 former top Philippine Government officials urged President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Tuesday to lift restrictions on information about a multi-million-dollar telecoms deal tainted by corruption allegations.

The former state officials also called on her to suspend two Cabinet members, the head of the national police and four others for trying to stop a witness from testifying at a Senate inquiry into accusations of 130 million US dollars paid in kick-backs on the deal.

"The President should act immediately and decisively to enable the truth to emerge," read a statement signed by the ex-

officials, including former central bank governor Jose Cuisia and four one-time finance chiefs.

The intervention came on the same day as Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, formally denied wrongdoing at an inquiry into the deal by the anti-graft Ombudsman.

The ex-officials want Arroyo to allow her former Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri to

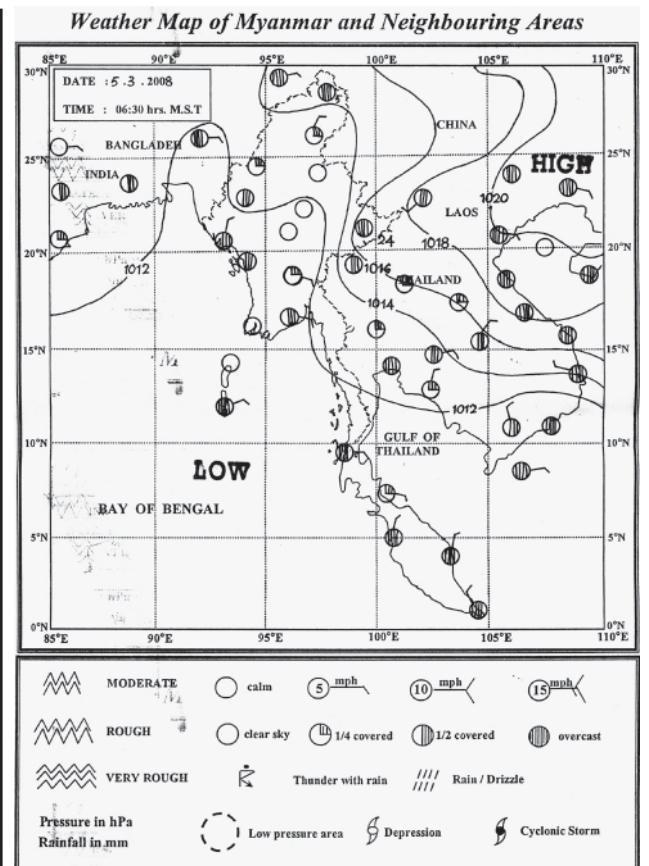
resume his testimony before the Senate and release all public documents about the telecoms deal.

They also wanted her to stop state agencies from harassing a witness in the Senate inquiry, Rodolfo Lozada, to prevent him from giving information about irregularities in the 329-million-US-dollar contract.

"This is the best way to get to the truth," Cuisia

said as he and 20 former senior officials in the government faced reporters at a clubhouse in Manila.

Arroyo's husband and golfing buddy Benjamin Abalos, who was forced to resign as head of the elections commission, are among those accused of asking 130 million US dollars from China's ZTE Corp to secure the telecoms deal. — MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 5 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kayin and Mon States and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Hpa-an (38°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Kengtung (1.02) inches, Machanbaw (0.28) inch and Putao (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2008 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2008 was 57%. Total sunshine hours on 4-3-2008 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-3-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 4-3-2008.

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 6-3-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Six killed in suicide bombing attack in E Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 March — Interior Ministry Spokesman of Pakistan Javed Iqbal Cheema said Tuesday that a suicide bomber exploded his explosive-laden car in the eastern Punjab Province, leaving six people dead.

Speaking at the weekly news briefing here, Cheema said the bomber followed the bus of the Naval College in Lahore,

capital city of Punjab Province, up to the gate and exploded his Suzuki car near the gate and at the empty transport shed of the college.

A total of six people including the suicide bomber were killed and 19 others suffered injuries in the attack, he said, adding that all officers including trainee officers were safe and sound.

MNA/Xinhua

UK forces say may have killed woman in Iraq's Basra

BASRA, 5 March — The British military said on Monday it was investigating whether a woman had been killed and three children wounded by a defective artillery shell it had fired in defence of its base in the Iraqi city of Basra.

Iraqi police and a hospital source said one other child had been killed in the incident, which came three days after a British

airman was killed in a rocket attack on the Basra base. The British military made no reference to a second death.

MNA/Reuters



**Thursday, 6 March
Tune in today**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music
-Do it
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music
-Get back
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music
-I like it
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music
-I want you
- 1:30 pm** News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-Please be the one
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
-Myanmar music & instruments
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Topics pot-pourri
-Chewing too much gum may cause weight loss
- 9:20 pm** Favourite song chosen by music lovers
-Words
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



**Thursday, 6 March
View on today**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:10 am**
- 6. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**
- 7. (6:30) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့, ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm**
- 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm**
- 5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်)
- 5:10 pm**
- 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:20 pm**
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:25 pm**
- 8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့, ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm**
- 9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:50 pm**
- 10. ရွယ်ယံစုံညီမြန်မာပြည်(အပိုင်း-၃)
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
- 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
- 13. “သူနဲ့ပဲနေတော့မယ်” (ငှက်ပျောကြွေ၊ ကြူကြူသင်း၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရွှေဦး) (MRTV)
- 6:45 pm**
- 14. မိတ္ထီလာဝါကြွတ်စက်ရုံနှင့် ဝမ်းမွေးနှင့်ချည်အရည်အသွေး စမ်းသပ်ခြင်း
- 7:00 pm**
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း” (အပိုင်း - ၁၃)
- 7:45 pm**
- 16. ပြည်ထောင်စုကြံ့ခိုင်ရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအသင်း လူငယ်ရေးရာ စဉ်တိုက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု “မိုးယမုကြယ်အမှတ်စဉ်(၂)” နာဂဒေသနှင့် လေရီးဒေသသို့ စည်းရုံးရေးနှင့် ခရီးကြမ်းလမ်းလျှောက်ခရီးစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 22. The next day's programme

People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

Annual Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation concludes successfully



President of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win delivers concluding address at the annual meeting of MWAFF. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — The second-day session of the Annual Meeting of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at the City Hall, here, this morning.

Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay presided over the meeting, and Member of the Information Depart-

ment Daw Lein Mong Pan acted as MC.

It was attended by President of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win, vice-presidents of MWAFF and CEC members, intellectuals and intelligentsia, chairpersons of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations and representatives.

Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Than Than Win, Chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Kyemon Oo, Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu and Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung submitted their respective reports.

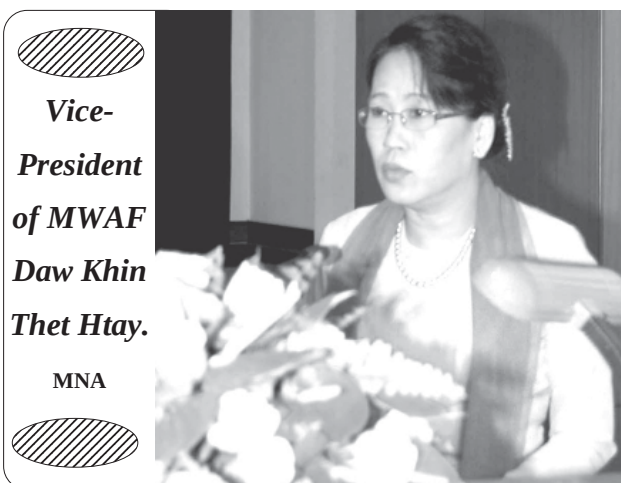
Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay took part in the discussions.

At 10 am, the meeting reviewed the accomplishments in undertaking development of women and ensuring their life security and the tasks of State and Division WAOs for micro credit scheme.

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Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint. MNA



Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay. MNA

Good nature of democracy

One of the wedges driven by internal and external destructive elements and those who seek political gains was to point out some principles of the constitution that they alleged enable the Tatmadaw to hold on power. With such methods, they may deceive those without much knowledge about the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention.