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Commander, CEC member meet executives of District, Township USDAs

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March —Patron of the Shan State (North) Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Central Executive Committee member of the USDA Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave speeches at the teaching centre for matriculation examination at Lashio Township USDA office on 1 March evening.

On 2 March morning, the Commander and the CEC member met with executives of district and township USDAs at the meeting hall of Lashio Township PDC and gave instructions on organizational matters.

The CEC member inspected progress in construction of the extension of USDA office. The minister also inspected the construction of 66/33/11 KV (20 mva) sub-power station and the installation of the transformer in Lashio.

Next, the minister inspected the Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan power grid project near Sakhantha Village in Kyaukme Township and construction of pylon No 609 near mile post No 19 on PyinOolwin-Mandalay mortar road.—*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**

Public Access Center launched in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—The opening of the Public Access Center (PAC) under Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications took place at the Division MPT on 26th Street between 80th and 81st Streets in Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay, at 8.20 am on 18 February.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe pressed the button to open the cremony.

The commander visited those using Internet at the venue.

He inspected the making of trunk calls, overseas calls, local calls, and the sending of faxes locally and to foreign nations at the post office of Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at the corner of 25th and 80th Streets. He gave instructions on the services.

The PAC is equipped with 10 computers. In Internet services, ADSL line is used at the speed of 2-MB. Rental charge is K 500 for a public member,

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***Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe unveils signboard of Public Access Center (PAC) of Mandalay Division Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.* — MNA**

INSIDE

If you want democracy ...

What they should do now is to try to enable the nation to practise democracy. Every citizen over the age of 18 has the right to vote. He will lose this right if he fails to cast a vote. What will happen if the people vote against the draft of the constitution? It has been announced that elections will be held in 2010. If the draft cannot be approved by that time, it will be impossible to hold elections in time. If so, it will take longer for the nation to exercise democracy.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Extensive cultivation of beans and pulses for boosting export

Myanmar is a nation where various species of crops thrive. At home and abroad, the prices of beans and pulses are going up and the crops are in demand. So, farmers are growing beans and pulses on a wider scale.

Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago, Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing divisions are targeted regions for achieving the goal of boosting production of beans and pulses. The total sown acreage of beans and pulses of the nation has stood at more than nine million acres, yielding the crops of over four million tons. The export of beans and pulses is on the increase, thereby improving the economy of the nation and the farmers.

In this regard, boosting export of beans and pulses calls for quantitative and qualitative improvement. Now, Myanmar is world's second largest beans and pulses exporting country, or next to Canada.

Myanmar's beans and pulses mostly go to Singapore, Bangladesh, Malaysia, China and India.

Due to increasing demand of beans and pulses, costing less to grow the crops, and strong point of being grown as mixed crops, farmers are cultivating beans and pulses of high-yield strains increasingly.

So, farmers have to place emphasis on choosing suitable high-yield species of beans and pulses to help the nation achieve the goal of standing top in the list of beans and pulses exporting countries.

Therefore, farmers should contribute towards the drive for boosting export of beans and pulses by cultivating suitable quality and high-yield strains extensively for higher incomes.

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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**

Commander meets staff posted to Cocogyun Township

YANGON, 6 March— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win met service personnel who are posted to Cocogyun Township, Yangon South District, and travellers at Thakayta jetty of Myanma Five Star Line here yesterday morning.

The commander gave instructions on tasks for development of Cocogyun Township. He gave cash assistance to the staff and travellers who would travel there by MV Myitkyina and presented 235 different sorts of religious books and 15 VCDs donated by the Religious Affairs Departmet to the officials.

Yangon Division PDC delivered by boat construction materials, foodstuff, rice and edible oil including 2200 rubber saplings, materials for construction of Jinamara Sein Pagoda, two cradles, and a grinding machine. *MNA*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

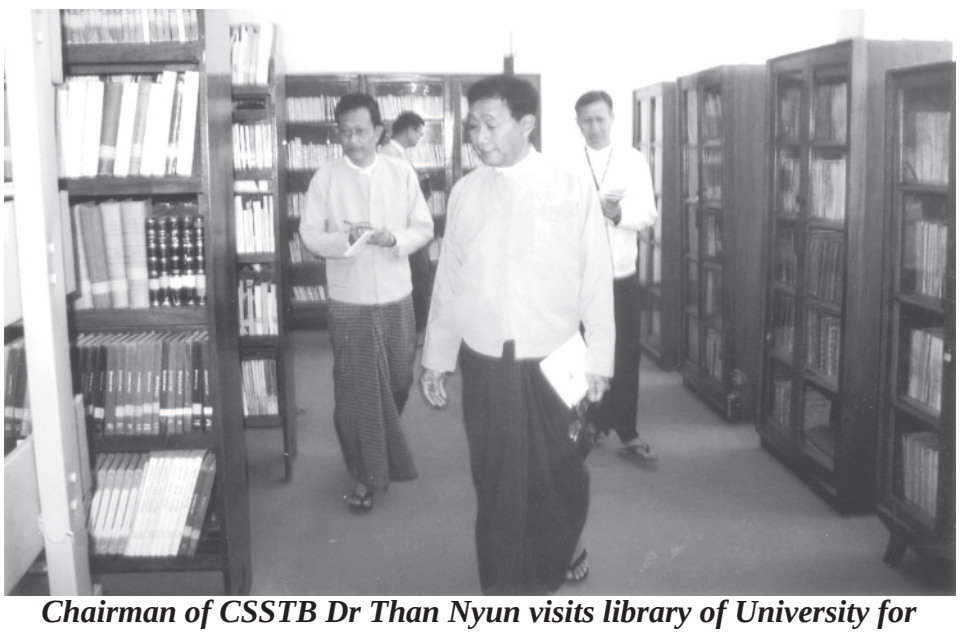
NAY PYI TAW, 6 March —The State Peace and Development Council confirmed the appointment of U Aung San Tin as Director-General of the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department under the Ministry of Labour on the expiry of the one-year probationary period. *MNA*

Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee meets

YANGON , 6 March — The 6th annual plenary meeting of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee was held at Waiponlaryama monastery in Pyay yesterday. Chairman Sayadaw of the committee Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vepulla presided over the meeting and Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Suradhaja acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Ovadacarriya of the committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paduma and the Chairman Sayadaw delivered sermons.

Next, Vice-Chairman of Bago Division PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint supplicated on the religious matters. Member Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejinda discussed Vinicchaya affairs and members Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Bhaddanta Kavidhaja and Bhaddanta Sandima reported on religious affairs and Bhaddanta Siha, on academic matters. — *MNA*



Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun visits library of University for Development of National Races. — CSSTB

Export and Import Procedure Course concludes

YANGON, 6 March — The Export and Import Procedure Course No 32 organized by Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce concluded at Directorate of Trade (Yangon branch) here on 3 March. The course was attended by 104 trainees and conducted from 21 January to 29 February. Deputy Director-General U Myo Oo delivered an address and presented completion certificates to the trainees. — *MNA*

CSSTB Chairman visits UDNR

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun accompanied by members of CSSTB U Aung Myint, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, visited University for Development of National Races in Ywathitgyi of Sagaing Township yesterday morning.

The CSSTB Chairman inspected the 40th anniversary commemorative booth at Panglong Hall of the university, the nursery, the library and museum. After hearing reports presented by Rector U Zaw Min Thein and officials, the CSSTB Chairman gave necessary instructions to them. — *MNA*

Reminder issued for new waterway

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System issued a reminder that waterways under Hline River Bridge (Shwepyitha) had to be changed as from 3 March.

A new waterway between piers No 2 and No 3 for vessels sailing upstream and another waterway between piers No 3 and No 4 for those sailing downstream.

The clearance of the waterway is 345 feet wide and 36 feet high. A green light triangle is fixed at the entrance to the waterway and a red light triangle lighted for no entry. The parallel running of two vessels is to be avoided while passing the clearance of the bridge. — *MNA*

Obama says he will push back against Clinton

CHICAGO, 6 March—Barack Obama, fresh from losses in Ohio and Texas, on Wednesday promised a more aggressive approach in his battle with Hillary Clinton for the Democratic US Presidential nomination.

The Illinois Senator vented frustration at what he called a "very negative" campaign his rival had run against him in recent days and said it seemed to be a factor in his setback.

The attacks "had some impact", Obama told reporters as he headed back to his home city of Chicago from Texas, a state that along with Ohio and Rhode Island went to the former first lady and New York Senator, breaking his monthlong winning streak and breathing new life into Clinton's campaign.

Clinton labelled Obama, a first-term senator, too inexperienced to lead US foreign policy. She pressed that charge with an ad juxtaposing sleeping children, the sound of a ringing White House phone and an ominous warning that if a world crisis were to erupt, Americans need a "tested" leader. Clinton also criticized what she called Obama's inconsistencies on hemispheric trade, an issue important in Ohio, where many voters blame trade deals for job losses.

"She made the experience argument that she has been making repeatedly, particularly around foreign policy and her ability to handle a crisis. I think it's important to examine that claim and not just allow her to assert it, which I think has been going on for quite some time," Obama said.

MNA/Reuters

Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama speaks to supporters at his Ohio and Texas primary election night rally in San Antonio, Texas on 4 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Debris can be seen scattered around the scene of a house explosion in Plum, Pa, on 5 March, 2008. An explosion flattened the house in suburban Pittsburgh, killing one person, injuring at least one other and damaging at least eight neighbouring homes, authorities said.

INTERNET

Italy prosecutors appeal US soldier's murder case

ROME, 6 March—Italian prosecutors have appealed a Rome court's decision to drop a murder case against a US soldier who killed an Italian intelligence agent in Iraq, taking the matter to the country's highest court.

"We filed the appeal," one of the prosecutors, Franco Ionta, told *Reuters*, adding the process would take "months, not weeks".

US soldier Mario Lozano had been tried in absentia in Rome for shooting Italian agent Nicola Calipari at a checkpoint outside Baghdad Airport in 2005. Calipari, seen as a hero in Italy, had been escorting a newly freed Italian hostage out of Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Man commits suicide in front of Japanese Parliament

TOKYO, 6 March—A man shot himself to death in front of the Japanese Parliament building in central Tokyo Wednesday morning.

Police said the man was about 60 years old. He arrived at the south gate of the Diet building by taxi and shot himself in the head with a pistol at about 08:15 am local time, holding letters to Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda and media in the other hand.

The letters showed the man was a right-wing activist from western Japan's Kansai Region, police said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

French soldier missing, another wounded in Sudan

PARIS, 6 March —A French soldier from the European Union force in Chad is missing and another was wounded after straying into Sudan and becoming involved in a clash with Sudanese troops, a French Army spokesman said on Tuesday.

Sudan said it had no knowledge of the missing soldier but reported firing between "white soldiers" and a Sudanese Army unit in which one civilian was killed.

French Army spokesman Christophe Prazuck told France Info radio that two French soldiers on a reconnaissance patrol accidentally strayed into Sudanese territory and came under infantry fire.

"One of the two was wounded. He managed to retrace his steps, he found other soldiers from the European force who had come to check the source of the firing," Prazuck said.—*MNA/Reuters*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China's defence budget to grow 17.6% in 2008

BEIJING, 6 March—China plans to increase its defence budget by 17.6 per cent in 2008, a Parliament spokesperson said here on Tuesday.

The planned defence budget for 2008 is 417.769 billion yuan, a rise of 62.379 billion yuan from the actual military spending last year, Jiang Enzhu, spokesman for the annual session of the National People's Congress (NPC), told a Press conference.

The budget equals 57.229 billion US dollars if converted at the exchange rate by the end of last year, Jiang said.

"The ratio it takes against this year's total fiscal expenditures is slightly lower than those of previous years," he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Spokeman says Afghan Govt controls majority of land

KABUL, 6 March — Afghan presidential spokesman Hamayon Hamidzada Tuesday said the Afghan Government has control over the vast majority of the country's land, rejecting the remarks of US intelligence chief Mike McConnell as "groundless".

McConnell in his speech to US Senate last week said that the Afghan Government controls only 30 per cent of Afghanistan, while Taleban insurgents control 10 per cent and the remaining 60 per cent is under control of former warlords and tribal leaders, according to media reports.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 22 dead in western Congo violence

KINSHASA, 6 March — Clashes between separatists and police sent to impose order in Congo's western Bas-Congo flared again on Tuesday, the official death toll rising to 22 after five days of violence. Police, bolstered by hundreds of reinforcements, began battling members of the ethnic-based political and religious movement Bundu dia Kongo (BDK) in the town of Luozi, 200 kilometres (125 miles) west of the capital Kinshasa on Friday.

Clashes continued throughout the weekend as police pursued BDK members from town to town in an effort to pacify the restless province.

MNA/Reuters

OPEC says it will not be putting more oil on the global market, despite near record-high crude prices. —INTERNET

Water levels at the Colorado River's Horseshoe Bend begin to rise along the beaches just hours after the Glen Canyon Dam jet tubes began releasing water on 5 March, 2008.
INTERNET

Latin America scrambles to defuse crisis in Andes

CARACAS, 5 March — Latin America scrambled to defuse a three-nation crisis that threatens the region's stability after Venezuela and Ecuador cut diplomatic ties with Colombia and ordered troops to their neighbour's border.

The Organization of the American States, the region's top diplomatic body, will hold a crisis session in Washington to press for a negotiated end to a dispute that erupted after a weekend Colombia raid to kill a rebel inside Ecuador.

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa will also start a five-nation tour of the region — including to leftist ally Venezuela— to lobby for support against what he calls a premeditated violation of sovereignty.

"This is not a bilateral problem, it's a regional problem," Correa told Mexican television. "Should this set a precedent, Latin America will become another Middle East."

Latin American governments generally lined up to condemn conservative Colombian President Alvaro Uribe for sending troops and warplanes over the border in an attack on a jungle camp that killed a senior FARC rebel.

MNA/Reuters

OPEC favours steady output, US disagrees

VIENNA, 5 March—OPEC ministers gathered in Vienna are inclined to hold output steady, resisting last-minute pressure from top consumer the United States to pump more oil to help revive a fragile economy.

OPEC has said triple digit fuel has been driven by factors beyond its control, such as a weak dollar and speculation, and not by any lack of oil.

Washington believes even a token supply increase from the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries would help tame a relentless rally that took oil to 103.95 US dollars on Monday.

But OPEC ministers —even those closely allied with the United States —see things differently. Most want to hold output steady; a handful want a cut to prevent a glut. —*MNA/Reuters*

Russia halves Ukraine's gas, Europe flow threatened

MOSCOW KIEV, 5 March—Moscow halved gas supplies to Ukraine on Tuesday in a payments row that threatened to disrupt gas flows to Europe from Russian gas export monopoly Gazprom, the power base of President-elect Dmitry Medvedev.

A similar row between Moscow and Kiev disturbed supplies to Europe early in 2006, leading to questions about Russia's reliability as a supplier of a quarter of Europe's gas needs.

Gazprom said it could reduce supplies further if no deal is reached, a tactic the International Energy Agency (IEA) called "excessively harsh". Kiev hinted it could retaliate by drawing on Russian gas flowing to Europe through pipelines across its soil if it ran short of domestic supplies. "The Russian side expects Kiev to intensify its efforts to quickly settle debts for deliveries," Russian agencies quoted Medvedev as telling Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, who had phoned to congratulate him on a "brilliant" victory in Sunday's presidential elections.

Medvedev, Gazprom's chairman and a close ally of the current President Vladimir Putin, has vowed to follow the policies of his mentor, who has been often accused by the West of using energy as a tool of intimidation.

MNA/Reuters

Kenya Wildlife Service wardens trek back to their vehicles after tagging a black rhino in the Nairobi National Park on 4 March, 2008. Wardens routinely tag endangered species for identification and scientific purposes.
INTERNET

28 killed in Sri Lanka, fighter jets bomb LTTE base

COLOMBO, 5March—At least 25 militants and three soldiers were killed in intense clashes in the restive northern Sri Lanka as fighter jets bombed a LTTE base on Monday, officials said.

Sri Lanka Air Force supersonic fighter jets pounded on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) communication base located in general area Kulamurippu, six kilometres north east of Oddusudan, in Northern Mulaitivu this afternoon, the Defence Ministry said.

The communication base had transmission towers too, it said adding the pilots confirmed the target was accurately hit inflicting maximum damage to the terror base.

MNA/PTI

*A firefighter extends water pipe to the fire site in woods in Nyingchi Prefecture of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 5 March, 2008.—*INTERNET

Kenya's parties agree constitution road map

NAIROBI, 5 March— Kenya's rival political parties agreed on a road map for reform of the Constitution on Tuesday, moving closer towards an agreement on divisive issues exposed by the country's post-election crisis.

"It augurs well for future cooperation within a coalition government," said chief mediator Oluyemi Adeniji, a former Nigerian foreign minister.

More than 1,000 people were killed and 300,000 driven from their homes in the violence that followed Kibaki's disputed re-election in a 27 December vote. The political violence has subsided and under last week's power-sharing agreement, opposition leader Raila Odinga will take up the newly created post of prime minister.

Negotiators representing President Mwai Kibaki and Odinga have been thrashing out longer-term issues thrown up by the crisis, Kenya's worst since independence from Britain in 1963.

The negotiators agreed to set up a truth, justice and reconciliation commission, a panel of inquiry into the post-election violence, and an independent review of the election, which Odinga accused Kibaki of rigging.

MNA/Reuters

China vows to clean up government role in economy

BEIJING, 5 March — China will embark on a programme to cut red-tape and reduce state interference in business, the government announced, warning that bureaucracy was breeding corruption and undermining economic development.

China's Communist Party leadership released a broad blueprint for "administrative system reform" late on Tuesday, a day before the Party-run National People's Congress meets to pass that plan and a separate one to merge dozens of ministries into several "super ministries".

The administrative plan warns that murky and unwieldy bureaucracy threatened healthy social and economic development.

"There is excessive interference in the micro-economy, social administration and public services remain quite weak, and there are still quite stark problems with overlapping, inefficient departments in which power and responsibility are divorced," said the document issued on the government website (www.gov.cn).

MNA/Reuters

Chinese workers making Chinese dumplings at the Tianyang Food's factory in Shijiazhuang, China's Hebei Province. China will step up its monitoring of product safety, says Premier Wen Jiabao. —INTERNET

A model presents a jewellery collection during the 25th Hong Kong International Jewellery Show in Hong Kong, south China, on 4 March, 2008.—XINHUA

S Africa inequality stays high as income rises

JOHANNESBURG, 6 March — South Africa's income inequality remains high, but per capita income has been rising across the population, partly due a sharp rise in welfare grants for the poor, a new survey showed on Tuesday.

A study by the national statistics board Statistics South Africa found most wealth remained in the hands of a rich few more than 14 years after the end of apartheid white-rule that disadvantaged the Black majority.

MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

B'desh likely to waive 60% SD on non-luxury cars imports

DHAKA, 6 March — Bangladesh Government is likely to waive 60 per cent supplementary duty (SD) on import of non-luxury vehicles as their import marked a sharp decline in the first half of the current fiscal (July 2007-June 2008), official sources said.

The government imposed 60 per cent SD on import of those vehicles, mostly used for commercial purposes, in the current fiscal, leading English newspaper *The Financial Express* reported on Wednesday.

In 2006-07 fiscal, there was no SD on import of those types of vehicles.

Car traders said import of those vehicles, usually used as ambulance, export cargo carriers, and rent-a-car, declined significantly in the current fiscal compared to previous fiscal due to higher import cost.

In 2006-07 fiscal, the revenue board received 1.74 billion taka (about 24.9 million US dollars) in SD against import of 4500 microbuses.

MNA/Xinhua

Asia's booming billionaires

NEW YORK, 6 March— The number of billionaires in Asia jumped more than 30 percent from last year, with tycoons from India and China leading the charge, according to Forbes magazine's annual billionaires list.

In total, this year saw 1,125 people around the world making the list, up from 946 last year, representing a total net worth of 4.4 trillion dollars and a dramatic increase from 3.5 trillion dollars in 2007.

Asians accounted for 211 people on the list, up from 160 last year, with India counting 53, up from 36 in 2007, and China, which had just 20 billionaires last year, now boasting 42.

Hong Kong saw five more entrepreneurs make the grade, giving it a total of 26 and meaning that China and Hong Kong, which has a special administrative status under Beijing, lead the Asian list if grouped together.

Japan, which last year lost Asia's leading spot after 20 years at the top, by contrast counted only 24 tycoons on the list, unchanged from last year and down from 27 in 2006.

Internet

Indonesia suffers deficit in trade with EFTA

JAKARTA, 5 March — Indonesia suffered deficit in its trade with the European Free Trade Area (EFTA) member countries during the past four years, according to the government data released Tuesday.

Indonesia's exports to EFTA members stood at 235.8 million US dollars in 2004 while its imports reached 275.1 million US dollars, the national *Antara* news agency quoted the Trade Ministry as saying.

The deficit rose in 2005 when Indonesia's import from EFTA members increased to 316.9 million US dollars, against the export of 256.6 million US dollars. In 2006, Indonesia's export to the region fell to 245.6 million US dollars while its import rose to 341.7 million US dollars, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

Honda to recall defective sedans in China

BEIJING, 6 March — Honda Motor (China) is to recall 425 cars exported to China to fix power steering hose problems, quality officials said on Tuesday.

According to the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the recall covers 425 Acura 06 TL sedans manufactured between June 2005 and September 2006.

The recall will start on 26 March, the AQSIQ said. Neither the agency nor the company mentioned whether there have been customer complaints. The sedans involved were found to have defects in their power steering hose, which may cause hose cracks and fluid leaks. —*MNA/Xinhua*

A Nokia N95 mobile phone with an 8 gigabyte memory is seen in an undated handout photo. It had started shipments of a new version of its top-of-the-range mobile phone model N95 with an 8 gigabyte memory and improved battery life.—XINHUA

Photo taken on 5 March, 2008 shows the Olympic Village under construction in Beijing, capital of China. — XINHUA

China calls for serious implementation of UN Resolution

BEIJING, 5 March — A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said here Tuesday that China hopes the United Nations (UN) and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) resolutions concerning the Iran nuclear issue could be seriously and comprehensively implemented.

Spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks in a statement responding to reporters' questions about UN Resolution 1803 on the Iran nuclear issue which was adopted on Monday.

The 15-member Security Council adopted Resolution 1803 with a vote of 14-0. Indonesia abstained from endorsing the document, which included travel restrictions and bans for more Iranians, an expansion of asset freezes, curbs on dual-use items, export credit, financial moni-toring, cargo inspections on aircraft and vessels, and possible "next steps".

"The resolution is not aimed at punishing Iran, but promoting the resumption of negotiation and thus to reactivate a new round of diplomatic efforts", Qin said in the statement.

Xinhua

SCO says Russian presidential election fair, legal

MOSCOW, 5 March — Russia's presidential election held on Sunday is fair and legal, observers from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) said here on Monday.

"Russia's presidential election proceeded smoothly without any violation against election rules," Zhang Deguang, the first Secretary-General of the SCO told a Press conference here on Monday.

"The election is well prepared and its procedures generally correspond with the requirements of Russia's election laws and international election norms," said Zhang, who was also the former Chinese Ambassador to Russia. Chinese observers believe the Russian election was legal, democratic, transparent and fair, he added.

Dmitry Medvedev, Russia's first Deputy Prime Minister, has won the country's fifth presidential election by a landslide, Central Election Commission figures showed on Monday.

"The result of the election reflects the true opinion of the Russian people," said Zhang.

He also hailed the remarkable contribution the outgoing President Vladimir Putin has made in promoting China-Russia relations during his eight years in office.

"I am convinced the strategic partnership of coordination between Russia and China will maintain its strong momentum in the future," he said. —*Xinhua*

A visitor walks at a dinosaur park in Karamay of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, 4 Marach, 2008. — XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Rice makes new efforts to boost Mideast peace talks

JERUSALEM, 5 March — US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Israel from Egypt on Tuesday in a bid to help resuming Israeli-Palestinian negotiations which were suspended in protest against an Israeli military offensive in the Gaza Strip.

Rice will head directly for Ramallah for talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad. She will later dine in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Olmert.

"There has to be an active peace process that can withstand the efforts of rejectionists to keep peace from being made, the people who are firing rockets do not want peace," Rice told reporters after holding talks with Egyptian officials in Cairo. "Negotiations ought to resume as soon as possible," she was quoted by the online report of local daily *Ha'aretz* as saying.

Any lengthy suspension of talks hand victory to Hamas, which seized control of Gaza last June and whose stepped-up rocket attacks into Israel preceded the latest Israeli offensive, she added.

Xinhua

A fire-fighter plane extinguishes a forest fire in the coastal town of Placilla, some 115 km (71 miles) northwest of Santiago on 4 March, 2008. More than 2,500 hectares (6177 acres) of land have been burned due to multiple fires near Valparaiso city, with no reporting of deaths or injuries, local authorities said. — XINHUA

Barak says counter-terror operations to continue

JERUSALEM, 5 March — Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said Monday that counter-terror operations in Gaza would continue, local media reported.

Barak made the remarks during a meeting with European Union's foreign policy chief Javier Solana, according to the website of local daily *Jerusalem Post.*

Hamas was dealt "a heavy blow" in the recent Israeli Army's activity, he added.

The Defence Minister stressed that the ultimate goal of the operation was to restore calm to the residents of southern Israel. "We will achieve this," he pledged, and added that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) would come out on top in the continuing military campaign.

Xinhua

Hamas vows to capture Israeli soldiers

GAZA, 5 March — Hamas' military wing, Ezz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades, Monday vowed to kidnap and kill Israeli soldiers if the Israeli Army would expand its incursion into the Gaza Strip.

During a two-day incursion into northeastern Gaza Strip, which ended on Monday morning, "groups of al-Qassam Brigades were about to capture several (Israeli) soldiers as part of their campaign to stand up against the invasion", said Abu Obaida, spokesman for the armed wing.

The Israeli troops withdrew in the morning after killing some 110 Gaza Palestinians during the incursion, which was part of a new large-scale offensive against the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

"The Israeli Army is afraid of launching a large invasion into Gaza because its soldiers will be killed and it will be defeated," Abu Obaida said. —*Xinhua*

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held the meeting (8/2008) at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command on 29 February.

At the meeting, Patron of the committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin stressed the need to take more systematic measures for traffic rules enforcement and provide services for punctual running of the bus lines for the convenience of passengers.

Next, the commander read the minutes of the previous meeting. The chairman of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee explained the tasks of traffic rules enforcement, condition of road accidents and enforcement of traffic rules and regulations with added momentum.

Later, the committee and sub-committees reported on the tasks of traffic rules enforcement and the commander gave necessary instructions.

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Public Access Center launched in Mandalay

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and K 400 for a tertiary student. Plans are now under way to open more Public Access Centers to enable the people to have an easy access to IT.

Mandalay Division Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications is taking measures for the convenience of the people in the communication services. So far, Thabeikkyin, Singu and Ngazun are the remaining three townships in Mandalay Division that have not got a digital auto exchange each. The installation of digital auto exchanges in the three townships will be completed in 2008. In mobile phone system, GSM readio stations have been established in Yamethin, Meiktila, Wundwin, Myittha, Kyaukse, Singaing, PyinOoLwin, Myingyan, Popa, Bagan and NyaungU. Moreover public phones or PCOs are being installed. So far, 1548 POCs have been installed in Mandalay Division, 1014 of which are in Mandalay. PCOs are also installed in highway buses and express trains plying between Mandalay and Yangon.

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***U Sein Win Hlaing delivers address at ceremony to conclude 5th Batch of International Trade Course.* — UMFCCI**

International Trade Course of UMFCCI concludes

YANGON, 6 March — Program-2, 5th Batch of International Trade Course organized by Educational Affairs Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry concluded yesterday.

The course concluded at the Training Centre of UMFCCI in Pabedan Township with remarks by General Secretary of UMFCCI Chairman of EAC U Sein Win Hlaing.

At the ceremony, U Sein Win Hlaing and course instructors presented certificates to the trainees of the course.

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Title recipient Sayadaws of Natogyi to be honoured

YANGON, 6 March —Three sayadaws who were conferred titles by the government will be honoured by Natogyi Township Association in Yangon on 22 March.

Members of Natogyi Township Association resident in Yangon will honour the three monks at Maha Thandi Thukha Monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township.

Out of the three monks, one was conferred Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Title and two were Maha Saddamma Jotika Dhaja title by the State Peace and Development Council.

Members of the association have been invited to attend the ceremony.

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Robes donated to 120 nuns in Mayangon

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Robes and offertories were donated to nuns of Shwemyaing Thiri Nunnery in Mayangon Township on 25 February.

Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo and wife, donors and members of Mayangon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association attended the ceremony. First, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo and wife presented robes to 120 nuns of the nunnery through Maha Ganda Vasaka Panditta Nun Daw Einda Sari of the nunnery.

Afterwards, the nuns recited religious verses and Nun Daw Einda Sari delivered a sermon. After sharing merits gained, the congregation donated offertories to the nuns.

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USDA CEC member supervises rural development tasks in Katha District

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met local people in Hsegyi Village of Wuntho Township on 2 March and presented exercise books and sports equipment to them.

The CEC member attended the ceremony to open the rural development camp in Kyaukaik Village of Htigyaing Township and provided one TV set, 25 bags of cement and sports equipment to officials.

The minister also attended the opening of Shwe Parami Library and the launching of small-scale hydropower station in Shwekyaung Village.

After paying homage to the Sayadaw of Shwekyaung Monastery, the CEC member donated provisions. He also gave 50 bags of cement, exercise books and sports gear to officials.

At the hall of Htigyaing Basic Education High School, the CEC member handed exercise books and sports equipment to officials. He also presented 50 bags of cement to responsible persons for construction of the rural dispensary in Langwa Village of Katha Township.

While in Htigyaing, the CEC member inspected renovation of Katkyaw Pagoda and donated K 480,000 to the funds of the renovation. He also provided 100 bags of cement for renovation of Mahalaytha Lake.

On 3 March, the minister attended the ceremony to share merits gained for construction of the Dhammayon at Lawkachanthaya Pagoda and offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The CEC member met local people at the rural development camp in Maunggon Village and presented sports equipment and exercise books to them.

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If you want democracy ...

Maha Thamon

The government has announced that the draft of the constitution will be approved through a referendum in coming May, to the accompaniment of criticisms and persuasion to object to it. Some dissuaded the people from casting votes. Some dissuaded the people from voting for the draft of the constitution and persuaded them to vote against it. There might be root causes of these acts. Every cause has a reaction.

NLD is found dissuading the public from casting votes. At the start of the National Convention, NLD took part in the discussions. The principles laid down during the period from the beginning of the National Convention to the time of NLD's walkout from the convention were adopted by the representatives inclusive of NLD representatives-elect. Now, it has launched its movements to urge the people not to cast votes. It is holding on to the 1990 election results. Once, it persisted in making a demand for convening of a hluttaw session. The plan for implementing the 1990 election results and forming a government by NLD has become impossible, like building castles in the air. How many are representatives-elect still valid? The number of valid representatives-elect is very low if those who have died and who have become expatriates are subtracted from the number of representatives-elect still alive.

What they should do now is to try to enable the nation to practise democracy. Every citizen over the age of 18 has the right to vote. He will lose this right if he fails to cast a vote. What will happen if the people vote against the draft of the constitution? It has been announced that elections will be held in 2010. If the draft cannot be approved by that time, it will be impossible to hold elections in time. If so, it will take longer for the nation to exercise democracy.

It is the State constitution that can prescribe the exercise of democracy most and can guarantee democracy. Democracy aspired by the people cannot be practised without a constitution. Therefore, a constitution is a must for a nation.

The constitution drawn in the time of the colonialist rule in Myanmar in 1947 carried so many defects and weaknesses that it provoked disintegration of national solidarity, driving the Union onto the edge of collapse. So, the constitution ceased to exist in 1962. Nonetheless, few persons in exile are trying to revive that constitution. They are merely the ones who are desperate to break away from the Union. The people should not pay attention to that constitution any longer, and there is no need to be nostalgic about it, either.

And the constitution approved in 1974 was the one in which a single party solely governed the nation with Socialism. It took enough time to compile the constitution and was approved with the support of more than 91 per cent of voters. But, it no longer won the support of the public and was abrogated in 1988. It has been defunct since then, and the people do not need to long for it.

The present constitution has come into existence as a result of the hard work of more than 1000 representatives exerted in collaboration, braving a variety of difficulties and hardships. It is many times better than the previous ones. According to the 1947 constitution, Chin, Mon and Rakhine states were not included and Kayin and Kayah states could not be delineated exactly, thereby causing major battles among national races. Only with the 1974 constitution, would the nation see Mon, Rakhine and Chin states under one-party system.

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The present constitution manifests "Wa" Self-administered Division for Wa nationals and self-administered zones for Kokang, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and Naga national races in addition to present states and divisions. It also grants the remaining national races more rights to elect MPs from among themselves, and to exercise legislative powers, for instance the power to form state governments concerned. If the constitution has some flaws, amendments can be made to the constitution, as necessary in accordance with the Chapter "Amendment of the Constitution". There are some principles that are changeable when the people have become mature in exercising democracy. That is not a very strict constitution.

I do not think it is prudent that Methayawhta announcement claimed by a handful of people over a decade ago just for public support is still alive as tripartite talks. If participation of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD is essential, it will need to draw a new constitution. If so, will the process be acceptable to the people?

Have you attained the age of 18?

If so, you should not miss the right to vote.

Do you want to enjoy democracy as soon as possible?

If so, you have to vote for the draft of the constitution.

You can be proud for being a duty-conscious citizen, then.

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Ceremony to mark merit-sharing of 145th Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikwaing Pagoda held

YANGON, 6 March — A ceremony to mark merit-sharing of the 145th Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikwaing Pagoda in conjunction with rice donation was held at Phayathonehsu Tazaung of the pagoda in Mayangon Township this evening.

During the ceremony, members of pagoda board of trustees and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman Sayadaw of No 3 Ward Sangha Nayaka Committee of Mayangon Township Bhaddanta Arsara. Members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

Next, Pagoda Board of Trustees Ovadacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arsara preached a surmon and the congregation shared merits gained.

Afterwards, members of social organizations, religious associations and wellwishers donated cash and provisions to Chairman Sayadaw of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Ganthavakaca Pandita Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandhasamivbhivamsa and 200 members of the Sangha. — *MNA*

Gold foils offering, diamond orb hoisting on 21 March

YANGON, 6 March — The Sub-committee for Offering Golf Foils and Hoisting Diamond Orb at ancient Shwekyetyat Pagoda was held on a grand scale at the pagoda in Mawlamyine on 3 March.

The meeting discussed offering of gold foils, hoisting of diamond orb, recitation of Pathana Desana, allotment of shops and tasks for reception.

The ceremony to offer gold foils and hoist diamond orb atop the pagoda will be held on 21 March. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact Secretary of the Subcommittee U Pe San, Tel : 057-21216.

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State and Division WAOs organize Workshop on micro-credit scheme

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March —A workshop on micro-credit scheme of State and Division Women's Affairs Organizations was held at the city hall of Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Present at the workshop were Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and CEC members, member of Intelligentsia and Intellectuals Group Professor of Management Department of the Yangon Institute of Economics Dr Daw Khin San Yi and State and Division WAO chairpersons and representatives.

Daw Khin Thet Htay presided over the workshop and Head of Organizational Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and Head of Finance Department Daw Aye Aye acted as members of panel of chairpersons.

First, Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an opening speech. Next, the respective State and Division WAOs explained the micro-credit scheme and challenges. Next, the participants, divided into four groups, made their discussions.

In the afternoon session, the leaders of the groups explained future tasks and the presiding chairperson of the workshop gave a concluding remark.

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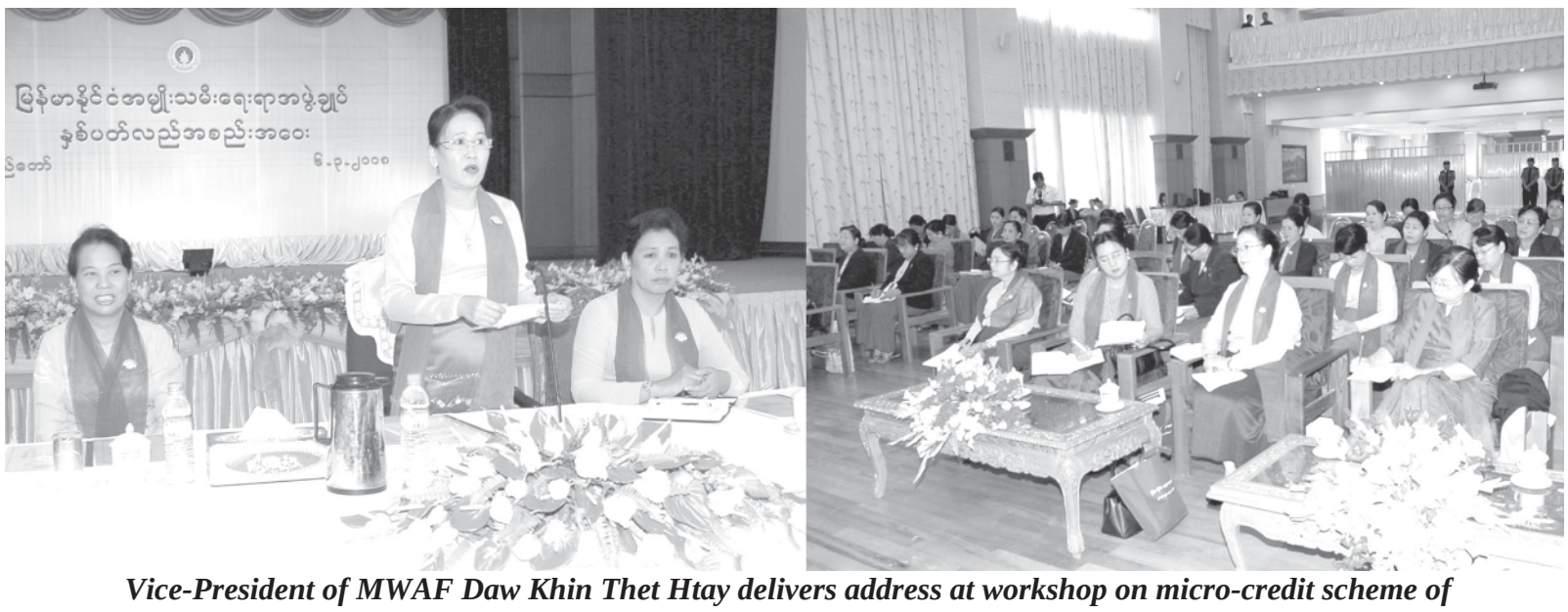


Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay delivers address at workshop on micro-credit scheme of state/division WAOs. — MNA

PBANRDA Deputy Minister inspects development tasks in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe met with the personnel at the office of Pyawbwe Township Development Affairs Committee on 26 February. The deputy minister heard reports on progress of regional development tasks implemented in 2007-08 fiscal year presented by officials.

Next, the deputy minister inspected 40, 000-gallon-capacity water tank and 7, 200-gallon-capacity water tanks of No 3 tube well which can produce 5,000 gallons per hour at Min Kyaung ward. — *MNA*

Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 attracts visitors

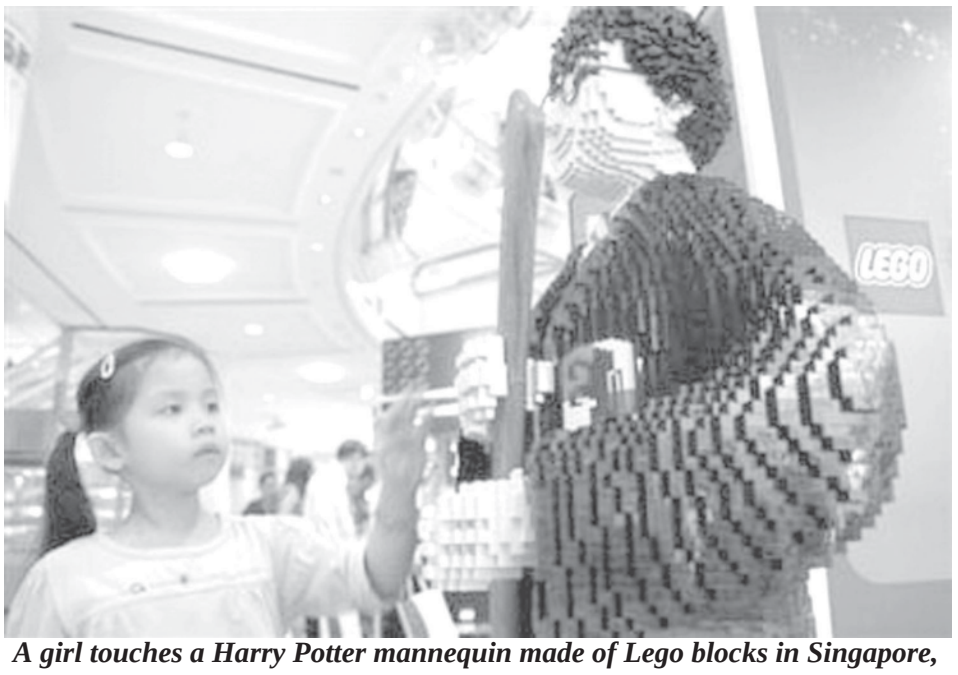
YANGON, 6 March — The fourth day of Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 organized by Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here attracted visitors today.

Furniture made of wood, cane and bamboo, boats, glue and chemical paints to be used in production of wood-based products and machinery and spare parts for producing value-added wood products are displayed at 167 booths— 154 booths indoor and 13 booths outdoor— staged by 38 national entrepreneurs. An educative booth is also set up to disseminate knowledge on setting up of forest plantations and forest conservation.

Some local companies and foreign companies signed agreements on furniture at the fair. Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winner Honorary Principal U Kaung Yin gave talks on value-added wood products at the fair.

Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 have advantages on getting more national income, gaining achievement in wood-based industries, creating more job opportunities and making better use of human resources, penetrating international markets in comparison with previous year fairs. The fair continues tomorrow. — *MNA*

Musk-oxen huddle together during a snowstorm in Canada's frigid Northwest Territories. A strange phenomenon known as a "rain on snow" event, in which warm rain freezes into a solid layer of ice on the ground in winter, killed off a quarter of the region's musk-oxen population in 2003. Scientists are still working to figure out why and when these elusive incidents occur.—INTERNET



*A girl touches a Harry Potter mannequin made of Lego blocks in Singapore, in this file photo.—*INTERNET

Musharraf not to attend OIC summit

ISLAMABAD, 6 March —Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf will not attend the upcoming Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit scheduled to be held this month in Senegal, local media reported on Wednesday.

Pakistan Caretaker Foreign Minister Inaam-ul-Haq will attend the 11th summit on behalf of Pakistan, GEO TV said.

Musharraf would not attend the OIC summit at Dakar, capital of Senegal, scheduled to be held on 13-14 March owing to existing political situation in the country, GEO TV quoted sources in Islamabad as saying.

The presidency sources said the President not attending the OIC summit is partly due to situation related to the government formation and other important matters.

Pakistan held general elections on 18 February and the Pakistan People's Party won most votes and will form a coalition government with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Musharraf was sworn in as a civilian President of Pakistan last November after removing his military uniform.

MNA/Xinhua

Israel arrests 27 Palestinians in West Bank

RAMALLAH, 6 March — Israeli troops arrested 27 Palestinians in West Bank on Wednesday as part of overnight raids that the Army carried out on a near-daily basis, Palestinian security sources said.

Eleven Palestinians were arrested in Jenin, seven in Qalqilya, four near Nablus and five in Ramallah Cty, the sources said, adding that the Israeli Army cordoned off Qalqilya without reveallng the reasons.

Israel arrested scores of Palestinians in regular incursions in the occupied West Bank, saying the people were detained for interrogation and many of them were wanted by Israel.

The detentions did not scale down despite efforts to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

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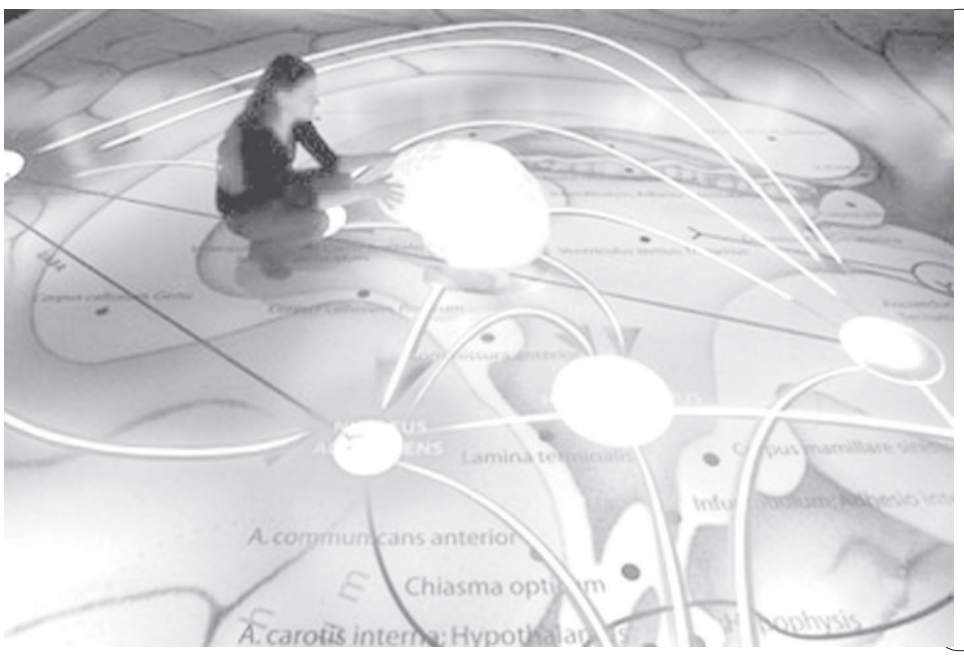

Checking the head : A woman inspects an exhibit featuring neurobiological processes in the human brain shown in the so-called Neurons-Room of the exhibition "Glueck - Welches Glueck" (literally: Happiness - Which Happiness) at the Deutsches Hygiene Museum in Dresden, eastern Germany. INTERNET

Protest, false bomb threat halt Chile mine

SANTIAGO, 6 March — A violent protest and a false bomb threat at Chile's El Teniente, the world's largest underground copper mine, halted work there for much of Tuesday, raising questions about relations between state miner Codelco and subcontracted workers.

The stoppage occurred after subcontracted workers blocked access to the mine around 0700 local time (1000 GMT), preventing a union shift change and leading to a shut-down of the mine until 1600 local (1900 GMT).

"Today at 1600 hours, with the entry of the 'B' shift, the productive process was returned to normal," Codelco said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

London mayor's aide quits in funding row

LONDON, 6 March— A close aide of London Mayor Ken Livingstone resigned on Tuesday after fresh allegations were published about misuse of public funds.

Lee Jasper, the mayor's race adviser, said he was quitting to put a stop to a "relentless" media campaign. "It has become clear that a number of matters which are not of first importance in London are being used to distract from the crucial questions in the election campaign," he said in his letter of resignation.

Livingstone is running for a third term as mayor in elections on 1 May in a bitterly fought race against Boris Johnson, his Conservative rival. Opinion polls show they are running neck and neck.

The *Evening Standard* says millions of pounds of public money have been given in grants to community projects run by friends of Jasper, with little or nothing to show for the money.

MNA/Reuters

***A cargo plane bursts into flames moments after landing at Wamena Airport in Indonesia's remote Papua Province on 6 March , 2008. The plane, which was carrying diesel fuel and other commodities, had eight people on board who escaped uninjured, Antara news agency reported.—*INTERNET**

Mexico criticizes Colombia's Ecuador raid

SAN SALVADOR, 6 March — Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Tuesday added his voice to regional condemnation of Colombia's military strike on rebels inside Ecuador, and called on the two countries to resolve the problem peacefully.

"We coincide in the rejection of any action that constitutes a violation of territorial sovereignty," Calderon said after a meeting with Salvadorean President Tony Saca in which the two leaders discussed the crisis.

Colombia bombed neighbouring Ecuador's territory on Saturday to kill a senior leftist FARC guerilla, leading Ecuador's ally Venezuela to warn that war could break out in the region. Both Ecuador and Venezuela have mobilized troops.

Mexico's criticism of Colombia came after Brazil condemned the bomb attack on Monday and called on Bogota to offer an explicit apology.

MNA/Reuters

Foreign worker kidnapped in Nigerian oil delta

ABUJA, 6 March— Gunmen kidnapped a foreign construction worker and killed a soldier on Tuesday in the oil producing Niger Delta in southern Nigeria, security experts working for foreign companies said.

Abductions for ransom are common in the delta and most hostages are released unharmed. Over 200 foreigners have been seized in an upsurge of violence since early 2006 although there had been a lull since October last year.— *MNA/Reuters*

Students at Yumin Primary School are attracted by Beijing Opera performed by little performers of a kindergarten Beijing Opera performance class in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 6 March , 2008. Little performers visited here at the invitation of the school. — XINHUA

Allison Penn looks at her identical triplets, from left, Logan, Eli and Collin, on 4 March , 2008, at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY. INTERNET

Images of the Day

Representatives of Cambodia pose at the exhibition stand at the 'Internationale Tourismus Boerse' (ITB) tourism fair in Berlin, on 5 March , 2008. The fair runs from 5 to 9 March in the German capital. INTERNET

A model poses with Viera full high-definition plasma TVs during a press event by Panasonic, a unit of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co, in Tokyo on 6 March , 2008. The Japanese consumer electronics maker plans to sell the new TV sets targeting people who wish to watch the upcoming 'Beijing Olympics' with its latest full HD system 'Full HD Peaks' that Panasonic says possible to display athletes' powerful and fast moving images on the screen.— INTERNET

Two genes develop dangerous bleeding in patients

BEIJING, 6 March — Researchers have identified two genes likely to develop dangerous bleeding in patients after taking the anticoagulant warfarin, according the *New England Journal of Medicine* on Thursday.

Some 2 million Americans take warfarin after a heart attack, stroke or major surgery. Doses must be carefully adjusted to prevent blood clots without causing excessive bleeding, the researcher said.

Ute Schwarz and colleagues at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Tennessee started with low doses of the drug for people who had certain variants of VKORC1 and CYP2C9.

They looked at the DNA of 297 patients who had just started taking warfarin and found that two genes already implicated in dangerous responses to warfarin can predict who will have a more immediate reaction.

But Schwarz's team found that variations in a different gene called VKORC1 were key for predicting how people would react to their initial doses of warfarin.— *Xinhua*

Researchers have identified two genes likely to develop dangerous bleeding in patients after taking the anticoagulant warfarin.
(FILE PHOTO)

Toyota may invest in airplane project

TOKYO, 6 March— Toyota Motor Corp may invest in Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd (MHI)'s project to develop small passenger planes for domestic lines, Japanese media reported on Wednesday.

Toyota is in the final stage of discussions over the plan and is likely to make the final decision shortly after, according to the major *Asahi* daily's web page.

MHI plans to build a company in charge of development, production, and sales of the first ever domestically-made jetliner of Japan in April at the earliest if orders for the 70-90 seat small plane reach 100 sets.

Toyota is considering investing 10 billion yen (97.09 million US dollars) into the new company, which will be capitalized at about 100 billion yen, according to the report. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Don't Smoke

BBC's Andy Kershaw arrested for breaching order

LONDON, 6 March — BBC radio world music presenter Andy Kershaw has been arrested again for breaching a restraining order that banned him from approaching his former partner, police sources said on Tuesday.

The arrest comes less than a week after he was released from jail for the same offence.

Kershaw, 48, was jailed for three months in January after he pleaded guilty to breaching the order.

After serving his sentence he was released last Friday, media reports said, but was arrested again at the weekend after allegedly approaching his former partner, Juliette Banner.

On Tuesday, an Isle of Man police spokesman said in a statement: "Police can confirm that a 48-year-old from the West of the island was arrested (on Monday) on suspicion of having breached a Restraining Order."

He said the man, who he did not name, was due to appear at Isle of Man Courts of Justice later on Tuesday.

The former BBC Radio 1 DJ moved to the seaside town of Peel with Banner, the mother of his two children, in 2006.

MNA/Reuters

British teenagers killed man over chocolate bar

LONDON, 6 March— Two teenage boys face jail sentences after admitting that they killed a man in a row over a discarded chocolate bar.

Evren Anil, 23, died from serious head injuries after being punched to the ground after confronting the pair, who had thrown a half-eaten Lion Bar through the window of his sister Elif's car in Crystal Palace, south London, last year.

The computer science graduate hit his head on the kerb and died in hospital eight days later after falling into a coma. --- *MNA/Reuters*

Floods in Namibia kill 42, displace thousands

WINDHOEK, 6 March – Floods in Namibia have killed 42 people and displaced thousands since early February and officials said on Tuesday more flooding can be expected.

Gabriel Kangowa, head of the Emergency Management Unit of Namibia, said 4,500 people have been displaced from their homes in central and northern Namibia after heavy rains in neighbouring Angola led to devastating floods.

The rain in Angola turned normally dry floodplains — known as "Oshonas" in Namibia — into raging rivers, washing away roads and bridges and forced the closure of scores of schools in the country's northern Owambo region.

Most of the victims were young children or old people who appeared to have drowned when crossing floodplains at night.

"People are used to walking through the oshonas, but this time they are much deeper than before. We have had lots of drownings at night, when people can't see where they are going," Kangowa said.

Guido van Langenhove, Head of Hydrology in Namibia, said more floods can be expected as Angola's southern Cunene Province had received non-stop rain for the past three weeks.

MNA/Reuters

China to introduce foreign investment in railways

BEIJING, 6 March— Foreign investment shall be introduced in the construction of railways, which experienced the worst disorder in a snow havoc and left millions of passengers stranded midway in their journey home earlier this year, China's Railway Minister said Wednesday.

"The snow disaster exposed a laggard railway situation far behind the country's economic and social development," Minister of Railways Liu Zhijun said here while joining a group discussion by deputies to China's top legislature from east China's Jiangxi Province.

A total of 300 billion yuan (about 42 billion US dollars) will be invested in China's railway construction this year, and foreign investment will be introduced to the sector "at a proper time", Liu said, declining to give a detailed timeline.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Zuma says racism still widespread in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 6 March — Ruling ANC party leader Jacob Zuma said on Tuesday that racism was still a major problem in South Africa, after a video in which White university students degraded Black campus cleaners sparked outrage.

It showed White students feeding the workers soup they had earlier appeared to urinate in at the University of the Free State, provoking fury in a country scarred by apartheid.

University classes were cancelled and staff and students protested, demanding action against the four men. The video was released by South Africa's eTV television channel last week.

Zuma called for a non-racist future in South Africa.

"I have not yet had the opportunity to interact with the University of the Free State, the affected workers, accused students and their parents," he said.

"From media reports, we can say that what happened at the university last week is a stark reminder to all of us that you cannot defeat racism overnight. It is a struggle that we must all wage collectively to build a non-racial society."

The populist ANC leader was delivering a speech at a forum hosted by the chief Rabbi of South Africa, Warren Goldstein.

MNA/Reuters

China drops in energy consumption, pollution in 2007

BEIJING, 6 March— China reported reductions in energy consumption as well as chemical oxygen demand and total sulfur dioxide emission last year, Premier Wen Jiabao said at the annual Parliament session on Wednesday.

In 2007, China saw a 3.27-per-cent year-on-year drop in energy consumption for each unit of GDP, Wen said in his report to the First Session of the 11th National People's Congress.

For the first time in recent years, China reported a reduction in both chemical oxygen demand and the total emission of sulfur dioxide, by 3.14 per cent and 4.66 per cent respectively from the previous year, he said.

Wen attributed the reductions to the nation's energy conservation and environment protection efforts in the past five years. "We gave high priority to conserving resources and protecting the environment," he said. "Obligatory targets for saving energy and reducing emissions were set in the Outline of the Eleventh Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development."

Wen said this year would be crucial for meeting these targets.

Wen stressed pollution control in major river valleys and regions, protection of rural drinking water.

MNA/Xinhua

***Filipino patients, mostly children, recuperate in their makeshift beds along the corridors of the JP Rizal Medical Centre, a government hospital, following a typhoid outbreak in Calamba city, Laguna Province 55 kilometres (34 miles) south of Manila, Philippines on 6 March, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Artifacts back from France on display in Dhaka

DHAKA, 5 March—A seven-day exhibition of 185 artifacts, including 42 returned from the Guimet Museum in France, is being held in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka.

Abdul Khaleque, official of Archaeology Department of the Bangladeshi Government, told *Xinhua* Tuesday the artifacts were collected from different museums in the country, many of them date back to 1,000 years.

The exhibits include terra-cotta and stone monuments, representing different religions like Hinduism and Buddhism.

The exhibition was organized by the National Museum and inaugurated on Monday by Cultural Affairs Adviser Rashed K Choudhury.

The exhibition is free to the public. The organizer said the purpose of the exhibition is to allow people to view the valuable relics directly.

The 185 artifacts were supposed to be exhibited in Guimet Museum in January of this year, and first consignment of 42 artifacts were sent to Paris last year. When the second consignment of 145 artifacts was delivered to Air France in Dhaka Zia International Airport on 21 December, two terra-cotta monuments were found stolen. Later the police found the whereabouts of the two monuments which were broken into pieces.

MNA/Xinhua

Clint Warnke, of Fairbanks, Alaska, drives his team down the Kuskokwim River as he leaves the McGrath, Alaska checkpoint on the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, on 5 March, 2008.
INTERNET

Suicide car bombing kills four Afghan soldiers

KABUL, 5 March—A suicide car blast targeted Afghan and the US-led coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan's Khost Province Monday, killing at least four Afghan soldiers, a local military official said.

"It occurred near a joint compound of Afghan and coalition forces at Ghambal area in Yaqubi District at around 4:30 pm (GMT 1200)," Noor Mohammad told *Xinhua.*

A suicide attacker drove a Russian-made van full of explosive materials then blew it up in front of the under-construction military compound, killing himself and at least four Afghan soldiers, he said.

There are no casualties in coalition forces, he added. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Following Steve Jobs' promise to open the zealously guarded inner workings of iPhones to computer programmes made by outsiders, Apple will unveil a "software roadmap" for outside developers interested in making programmes for iPhones, media reported on 6 March, 2008. —XINHUA

British study links radiation to heart disease

LONDON, 5 March—Nuclear power plant workers exposed to chronic radiation may face a higher risk of heart disease, according to a large British study published on Tuesday.

Other research has shown that high exposure over a short period of time may cause heart disease but the new findings link exposure to long-term exposure at relatively lower levels, the researchers said in the International *Journal of Epidemiology.*

"Our results provide more evidence of a link," said Steve Jones, a researcher at Westlakes Scientific Consulting, who led the study. "This adds to the evidence of similar associations from other studies.

The researchers cautioned that further studies were needed to consider factors such as diet, exercise, cholesterol levels and smoking habits that affect the risk of heart disease.

The study focused on more than 65,000 workers employed between 1946 and 2002 at four sites operated by British Nuclear Fuels plc and its predecessors. The team analyzed non-cancer death rates and cumulative radiation exposure using the workers' personal dosimeter badges.

Comparing the some 42,000 workers exposed to relatively high levels of radiation to office workers and other employees pointed to an increased heart disease risk, the researchers said.—*MNA/Reuters*

India to pay poor families to protect girls

NEW DELHI, 5 March — India is offering to pay poor families nearly 3,000 US dollars to bring up their girl children, and discourage the widespread practice of aborting the female foetus which has led to a skewed gender balance in parts of the country.

Many families prefer boys, as future breadwinners, to girls, on whom dowries have to be spent to find husbands.

According to a study published in the British medical journal, the *Lancet*, about 10 million female foetuses may have been aborted in India over the last 20 years —after illegal sex determination tests. The government hopes a cash incentive will change that.

"We will pay the money in stages and monitor how they are brought up," Women and Child Development Minister Renuka Chowdhury told a news conference.

The government will pay 15,500 rupees (385 US dollars) to poor families in phases, with a lump sum of 100,000 rupees when the girl reaches the age of 18, provided she meets criteria including education, immunisation and nutrition, and she is not married.—*MNA/Reuters*

Strong quake hits Indonesia's North Maluku

JAKARTA, 6 March— A strong 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia's North Maluku Province on Thursday but no tsunami warning was issued, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

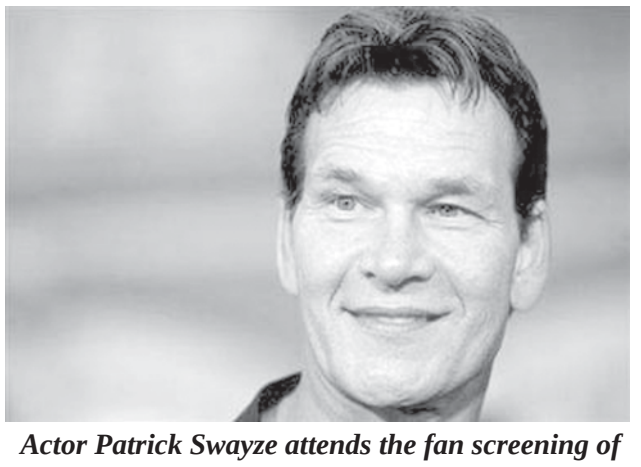
The centre of the quake, which struck at 10:22 am (0122 GMT), was about 216 kilometres northeast of provincial capital Ternate on the island of the same name in North Maluku, an official said.

Internet

"Ghost" star Patrick Swayze has pancreatic cancer

BEIJING, 6 March—US famous actor Patrick Swayze, best known for his role in "Ghost," has been diagnosed with pancrea-tic cancer, according to a statement made by his publicist on Wednesday.

"Patrick has a very limited amount of disease and he appears to be responding well to treatment thus far," his physician, Dr George Fisher, stated. "All of the reports stating the time frame of his prognosis and his physical side effects are absolutely untrue." However, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest of all tumors and only 4 percent of patients are alive after five years.



Actor Patrick Swayze attends the fan screening of "Mission: Impossible III" at the Grauman's Chinese theatre in Hollywood .—INTERNET

Swayze's mother Patsy has also confirmed his son has cancer, but believes her son has a fighting chance against the disease.–*Xinhua*

SPORTS

Schalke beat Porto in shootout to reach quarters

PORTO, 6 March — Schalke beat 10-man Porto 4-1 on penalties to reach the Champions League quarterfinals for the first time after drawing 1-1 on aggregate on Wednesday.

An 86th minute Lisandro Lopez strike cancelled out Kevin Kuranyi's first-leg goal while the Germans had young goalkeeper Manuel Neuer to thank for knocking out the former champions.

The 21-year-old saved two spot kicks in the shootout after making a series of impressive stops during the match, including twice keeping out point blank headers from Porto's Moroccan forward Tarik Sektioui either side of halftime.

The home side, who were lucky not to have goalkeeper Helton sent off when he handled a goal-bound effort outside his area in the second half, were reduced to 10 men when defender Fucile was shown a straight red card for an 82nd minute foul.

"That was a real fighting display," Schalke coach Mirko Slomka told Premiere TV. "We gave everything.

"It was a super performance from (goalkeeper) Manuel Neuer, and not only in the penalty shootout. He also made fantastic saves during the match."

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea demolish Olympiakos to reach last eight

LONDON, 6 March — Chelsea cruised into the quarterfinals of the Champions League with a 3-0 demolition of Olympiakos Piraeus at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

After a tepid goalless draw in the first leg in Athens two weeks ago, the Londoners went ahead in the fifth minute when Michael Ballack headed in a Frank Lampard cross and from then on the outcome was never in doubt.

Further goals by Lampard after 25 minutes and Salomon Kalou in the 48th made the second half a stroll for Chelsea who dominated the Greek champions throughout to record their sixth clean sheet in a row in the competition. Olympiakos did not have a shot on target until the 61st minute when substitute Fernando Belluschi fired a free kick at goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini, deputising for Petr Cech who injured his ankle in training on Tuesday and faces up to three weeks on the sidelines.

MNA/Reuters

Paulo Ferreira (right bottom) goes for the ball, with Olympiakos' Leonardo, while Joe Cole looks on, during their Champions League second-leg soccer match at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground in London.—INTERNET

Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez of Spain, right, battles for the ball against Roma's Juan Silveira of Brazil, left, during their second round match of the Champions League at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, on 5 March, 2008. —INTERNET

Ruthless Roma put Real to the sword

MADRID, 6 March — A ruthless AS Roma snatched a 2-1 win over 10-man Real Madrid at the Bernabeu on Wednesday to clinch their place in the Champions League quarterfinals 4-2 on aggregate.

Real took the initiative for most of the game, but suffered a major setback when Portugal centre-back Pepe was sent off for picking up a second booking 19 minutes from time.

They were still reeling from the blow when Brazilian midfielder Taddei found space in the Real defence to head the visitors in front.

Real hit back two minutes later when skipper Raul steered in after some neat work by Robinho but Roma put them to the sword when substitute Mirko Vucinic scored with a diving header just before the final whistle.

"I expected a tough game, but my team came here to get a result and they responded perfectly," Roma coach Luciano Spalletti told a news conference.

"We suffered at times, but we deserved to go through. We didn't steal this tie from Real. I think both sides played well and that makes the win here at this ground even more special."

Having lost 2-1 in the first leg in Rome, Real pushed hard for an early goal, but a cagey Roma side appeared content to sit back and soak up the pressure.

Roma keeper Doni was not pressed into action until the 17th minute when he did well to deal with a deflected Julio Baptista free kick, but the Italians responded with two great shots that gave the Bernabeu a warning of what was to come.

Midfielder Alberto Aquilani sent a rasping drive slamming on to the bar from 20 metres out and Taddei followed up with another fierce shot that had Iker Casillas scrambling to turn past the post.

Without the injured Ruud van Nistelrooy, Real lacked bite up front and grew increasingly frustrated as they got no change from the miserly Roma back four.

Roma, in contrast, looked more and more confident as they clipped the ball neatly around the midfield and broke quickly into attack.

Real threatened once more at the start of the second half, Baptista smacking a dipping free kick against the bar and Mahamadou Diarra testing Doni with a powerful drive.

But once again it was Roma who came closest to breaking the deadlock when Vucinic rattled the bar with a thundering drive less than a minute after coming on. — *MNA/Reuters*

Turkey heralds Fenerbahce as new giant of Europe

ISTANBUL, 6 March — Turks celebrated late into the night after Fenerbahce beat Sevilla to reach the Champions League quarterfinals and newspapers heralded the victory on Wednesday as putting it among the giants of European football. "Fenerbahce, the new star of Europe," proclaimed *Sabah* newspaper above a photo of the club's players running to congratulate goalkeeper Volkan Demirel after he saved the last of three spot kicks in a penalty shoot-out.

Fenerbahce became the second Turkish team to reach the quarterfinals of the competition after former UEFA Cup champions Galatasaray, whose success in Europe has until now overshadowed that of its Istanbul rivals.

"We said we would become a global giant and we are slowly progressing towards this," Fenerbahce Chairman Aziz Yildirim said in Sevilla after watching his team stage a comeback in Tuesday's match.

Sevilla, who had lost the first leg 3-2, stormed into a two-goal lead in the first nine minutes and added a third just before halftime. But Fenerbahce reined them in with two goals to force extra time. The recipe for Fenerbahce's success has a strong Brazilian flavour under the leadership of coach Zico.

The club's two goals in Tuesday's match in Sevilla were scored by Deivid and another Brazilian, playmaker Alex, has been a key factor in the club's progress since he joined from Cruzeiro in 2004.

MNA/Reuters

Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham fights for the ball during a soccer match performance against Shanghai Hong Kong United in Shanghai, east China, on 5 March, 2008. Los Angeles Galaxy won 3-0.—INTERNET

Hong Kong's Yip Pui Yin hits a shot during her women's singles first-round match against Xie Xingfang at the All-England Badminton Championships in Birmingham, England.—INTERNET

Venezuela resumes trade with Colombia amid dispute

LARAYA (Venezuela), 6 March — Venezuela on Tuesday lifted trade restrictions with Colombia after an earlier halt, state television reported, amid a diplomatic crisis that threatens stability in the Andean region.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez ordered tanks to the border after Colombian security forces killed leftist rebels in an attack on Ecuadorean territory, escalating tensions in a dispute Chavez says could lead to war.

A state television reporter said authorities had "decided to allow the entrance of Colombian cargo trucks into Venezuelan territory (if) they are carrying high priority and perishable goods".

Military officials at the border told *Reuters* they were allowing all cargo trucks to cross into Venezuela.

"Tomorrow the border will be open like any other day," said one official when asked if the restrictions would be lifted permanently.

Truckers and transport industry leaders said Venezuela had shuttered Customs operations at three major crossing points, creating long lines of truck on the Colombian side of the border. — *MNA/Reuters*

China to build firefly park in southern coastal city

XIAMEN, 6 March — An island park, the home to more than 10,000 fireflies, will light up the nights off Xiamen, a coastal city in southeastern China's Fujian Province, this summer.

The park, the first of its kind on the Chinese Mainland, will also serve as an education centre to improve the public's awareness of energy-saving, said park sponsor Jia Qiang, president of the Xiamen-based Firefly Lightning Co, Ltd.

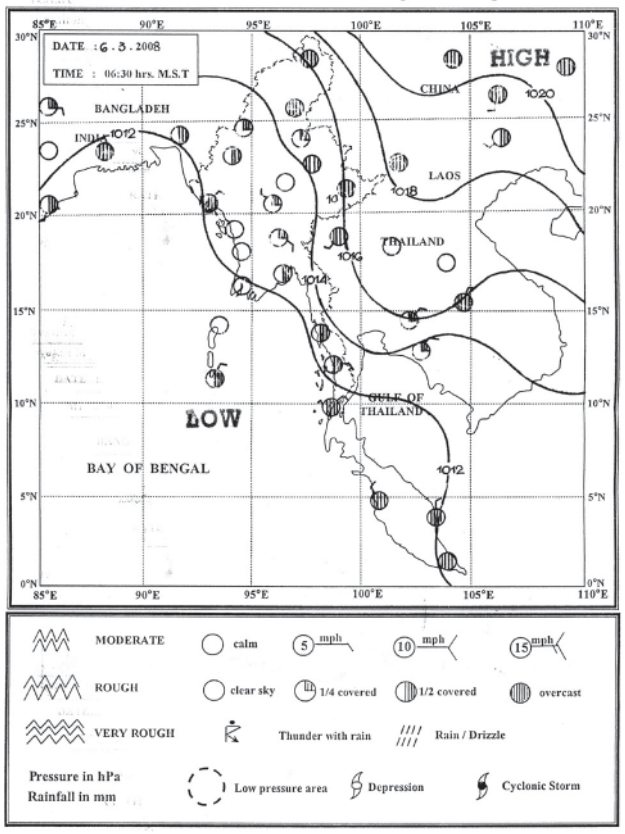
"It will not only be a good choice for relaxation, but also a lovely classroom in energy-saving."

Located at Yuanbo Island about 20 kilometres from downtown Xiamen, the park includes a 5,000-cubic-metre firefly house and exhibition hall. Construction of the buildings was expected to be completed by June.

"Children are allowed to play with the fireflies and the adults are also able to revive their happy memories of childhood with these insects," Jia said.

Through cooperation with experts from Shandong Agriculture University, the park has been raising several species of fireflies in Xiamen since August. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 6 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3ºC) above March average temperatures in Mandalay Division, (3ºC) to (4ºC) below March average temperatures and Kachin, Shan and Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Aunglan and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (38ºC) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Kengtung (0.39) inch and Homalin (0.23) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-3-2008 was 100ºF. Minimum temperature on 6-3-2008 was 65ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-3-2008 was 62%. Total sunshine hours on 5-3-2008 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 6-3-2008 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 (7) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 5-3-2008.

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 7-3-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

UN arms monitors among ten Nepal crash victims

KATHMANDU, 6 March — Four United Nations arms monitors were among at least 10 people killed in Monday's helicopter crash in Nepal, officials said on Tuesday.

The bodies of the four UN officials from Gambia, Indonesia, South Korea and Sweden, along with three Nepali UN personnel and a three-man crew, have been identified, the United Nations said in a statement on Tuesday.

The crew, two Russians and one Belarussian, were flying to Kathmandu from former Maoist rebel camps when the helicopter went down in bad weather about 65 kilometres (40 miles) east of the Nepali capital.

A rescue team was bringing back the bodies to Kathmandu. "We certainly aim to see that the bodies are brought to Kathmandu so that we can make arrangements to return them to the families," said Kieran Dwyer, a spokesman for the UN Mission in Nepal.

Earlier Nepal's Home Ministry said it believed 12 people had died, based on a passenger list, but the UN and local police said they could only be sure of 10 deaths.— *MNA/Reuters*

TV Myanmar

Friday, 7 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. လူပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ဖျော်ရွှင်

8:05 am
6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
7. The mirror images of musical oldies

8:20 am
8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading

4:40 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ–တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:55 pm
5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်)

5:05 pm
6. Song of national races

5:20 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm
8. Song of yesteryears

5:50 pm
9. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း" (အပိုင်း–၁၄)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၇)
18. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 7 March
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Good time
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Ring my bell
8:50 am National new/ Slogan
9:00 am Music
-Best of my love
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Play that funky music
1:30 pm News/ Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Where you are
9:00 pm WOM
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Music at your request
-Girl you're my love
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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Mr Gambari meets Minister for Foreign Affairs, diplomats, ICRC resident representative

YANGON, 6 March — Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari and party arrived at Yangon by air at 9.10 am today.

Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari met with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win at the guest house of Yangon Command Headquarters at 1 pm today. He also met with Ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires ai of foreign embassies in Yangon and officials at 2.30 pm and the Resident Representative of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 3.30 pm.

In the evening, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win hosted a dinner in honour of Mr Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meeting with the Resident Representative of ICRC at Seinle Kantha State Guest House in Yangon.

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Objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

* **To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation**
* **To realize the seven-step Road Map of the State joining hands with the people**
* **Joining hands with the people and based on Union Spirit to crush internal and external destructive elements sabotaging stability and development of the State**
* **To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes**

Weather Forecast for (7-3-2008)

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