

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

Voting will be conducted in line with the international systems

Arrangements have been made for every eligible voter not to lose the right to vote

The law on voting has already been issued both in Myanmar and English newspapers

Commission for Holding Referendum receives UNSG's Special Adviser

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — Mr Gambari, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General and party met member of the Commission for Holding Referendum U Thaung Nyunt and three other members at Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 1.30 pm yesterday.

U Thaung Nyunt made clarifications on completion of the National Convention, drafting of the constitution in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention and measures being undertaken for approval of the draft constitution through a national

referendum.

He said it took much time to draft the constitution. Preliminary meetings for convening of the National Convention began in 1992. Political parties were also invited and they agreed to three points— to convene the National Convention, to discuss major and basic principles and to invite eight delegate groups to the National Convention. Over 700 representatives from the eight delegate groups were thus invited.

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Member of Commission for Holding Referendum U Thaung Nyunt and other members receive Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Gambari.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 9 March, 2008

Explore and produce oil and gas on a wider scale

The government is stepping up the exploration of oil and gas in interior regions and off the coastal regions for sufficient supply of fuel at home and serving the interests of the nation.

In the process, the government is repairing the old oil wells and drilling the new ones extensively.

Now, new oil wells are being drilled in Nyaungdon oil and gas field, and they are making progress in the production line. So far, the oil and gas field produces more than 80 million cubit feet of natural gas daily.

The test running of the test well (1) in Maubin (South) in Maubin oil field has been launched, and now it is producing 3.2 million cubit feet of gas every day.

The offshore oil fields have potential for production of oil and gas on a commercial scale. Now, the government is exploring oil and gas on the basis of mutual benefits in cooperation with foreign oil companies in the block off the Mottama coast, Yedagun block off the Taninthayi coast and Shwe block off the Rakhine coast.

Now, a huge gas deposit has been struck in Zawtika-1 (A) test well in No M-9, Mottama offshore block. It is expected to hold about 2.5 trillion cubit feet of gas.

The test running of Shwepyithit (1) test well has been launched in M-10, Mottama offshore block.

Oil and gas will be produced on a wider scale for commercial purpose by continuing the exploration processes based on the already-achieved results in the offshore blocks.

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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

Construction of Sub-Power Station (Ingon) supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected manufacturing of transformers through Shanghai technology by Warazein Co in Myopyingyi of Amarapura Township Mandalay on 3 March.

He also met with staff of Madalay Division Electric Engineer's Office. He proceeded to Kyaukse Sub-Power Station (Ingon) where the electric engineer of

Kyaukse District briefed the minister on installation of 132/33 KV (20) MVA Transformer and its appliances, construction of power stations and power cables for special projects. The minister called for completion of tasks earlier than the schedule and minimizing of wastages. Later, he inspected the power station and construction of the transformer and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

Communication facilities in Shan State (North) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun toured Shan State (North) from 25 to 29 February.

On 29 February, the deputy minister visited auto-exchanges and the post office in Hsipaw and Nawnghkio and inspected communication devices there.

On 28 February, the deputy minister visited the auto-exchange in Monekoe, and fulfilled the requirements of installing machinery at Panghsan (Kyukok) Digital Auto-telephone exchange.

During his tour of inspection from 25 to 27



Deputy Minister for CPT Maj-Gen Thein Tun inspects Telephone Exchange in Monekoe. — MNA

February, he looked into functions of GSM station, digital auto-exchanges, post and telegraph offices in Kyaukme, Lashio, Kunlong, Hopang, Laukkai, Chinshwehaw and Tamoenye and met with staff. — MNA

Prizes awarded to winners in Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament

YANGON, 8 March — The final matches of the Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament 2008



President U Nyunt Win of Myanmar Cricket Federation presents championship shield to Kyimyindine BEHS No 3 (A) Team. — MCF

took place at the Cricket Training Ground in Bahan Township this afternoon.

The championship shield and reward K 50,000 went to Kyimyindine BEHS No 3 (A) Team, K 30,000 to Tamway BEHS No 3 and K 20,000 to Ahlon BEHS No 4 in the women's event.

In the men's event, Ahlon BEHS No 4 bagged the title and reward K 50,000, Tamway BEHS No 3, K 30,000 and Kyimyindine BEHS No 3, K 20,000.

Yin Yin Htay of Tamway BEHS No 3 secured the Best Batswoman Award, Hsu Myat Hlaing of Kyimyindine BEHS No 3 the Best Bowler Award and Aye Sanda Lin of Bahan BEHS No 1 the Best All-rounder Award. They won K 5,000 each.

Likewise, Hmu Pyae Phyo Aung Hset of Kyimyindine BEHS No 3 (A) Team won the Best Batswoman Award, Ye Lin Tun of Ahlon BEHS No 4 the Best Bowler Award and Htin Kyaw of Kyimyindine BEHS No 3 Best All-rounder Award. They bagged K 5,000 each.

President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Nyunt Win, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department and officials presented prizes to the winners. — MNA

Egypt building wall along sensitive Gaza border

RAFAH (Egypt), 8 March — Egypt is building a stone and cement wall on its sensitive frontier with the Gaza Strip to block Palestinians from again breaching the border to

circumvent an Israeli-led blockade, security sources said on Thursday.

Egyptian workers were removing a barbed wire barrier and replacing it with a three metre high wall along the frontier with

Hamas-run Gaza, Egyptian witnesses in the border town of Rafah said. Three kilometres of the new wall was already complete.

“The new wall will help Egypt better secure its border with Gaza,” an Egyptian security source told *Reuters*, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

“The wall that the Palestinians destroyed during the breaching of the Egyptian border was of a low height and easy to breach.” — *MNA/Reuters*



Sushi chef Ken Kawasumi shows a replica he created of Vincent van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' made of sushi at a press event in Tokyo on 6 March, 2008. Kawasumi displayed his skill of transforming sushi into a colorful work of art at the special event celebrating the publishing of his new book 'The most simple way to make decorative sushi-rolls' in Japan. —INTERNET

Baghdad blast toll rises, deadliest in a year

BAGHDAD, 8 March — Iraqi police said on Friday 68 people were killed in coordinated bombings blamed on al-Qaeda in a packed shopping area in central Baghdad on Thursday, making it the deadliest attack in the Iraqi capital for almost a year.

Another 120 were wounded when two bombs exploded within minutes of each other on Thursday evening in Baghdad's mainly Shiite Karrada District, police said.

The incident was the single bloodiest attack in Baghdad since last April.

The streets were packed at the time of Thursday's blasts with

vendors selling goods on sidewalks and locals shopping at the start of the Muslim weekend.

MNA/Reuters



A Glory's employee makes his way through a 'Gate Robot' which was created to prevent tailgating during the Security Show at Tokyo Big Sight, on 7 March, 2008. —INTERNET



Housekeepers show their baby care skills during a housekeeping skill show in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 7 March, 2008. 50 housekeepers showed skills including child care, Ikebana and cooking in the first housekeeping skill show kicked off on Friday to greet the International Woman's Day, which falls on 8 March. —XINHUA

Violence against women rises in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 March — Violence against women in Indonesia has steadily increased after nearly a decade of political reform, the Jakarta Post quoted the National Commission for Women's Protection on Saturday.

State institutions both in central and regional governments were among the main perpetrators through their discriminatory regulations, the report said.

Violence has increased despite the fact that the government has enacted 10 laws and signed three regional treaties to eliminate all forms of violence against women.

In a report on the state of women's protection issued in conjunction with the International Women's Day, the commission highlighted 27 regional bylaws which

it says discriminate against women, either through the criminalization of women or seeking to control women's bodies.

“For example, there's a regulation that forbids

women from going out at night or others that determine how women should dress,” commissioner Arimbi Heroepoetri said.

Internet

Belarus urges US ambassador to leave

MINSK, 8 March — Belarus, accused in the West of infringing fundamental rights, recalled its ambassador to the United States on Friday and urged the US envoy to leave the ex-Soviet state.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the moves had been taken after Washington imposed new sanctions on

Belarus's national oil products firm Belneftkhim.

“One of these steps is the recall of Belarus's Ambassador in Washington for consultations,” ministry spokesman Andrei Popov said. “At the same time and for the

same purpose, Belarus urges the US Ambassador to leave our country.”

An official at the US Embassy in Minsk said diplomats had so far received no information from Belarussian authorities.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia uses US weapons in attack on FARC camp

QUITO, 8 March — Colombia used US-facilitated electronic weapons and technology in its attack on a Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) camp in Ecuadoran territory, Ecuadoran Defence Minister Wellington Sandoval said on TV Thursday.

Five US “intelligent bombs” were used by Colombia in Saturday's attack, he said. The raid resulted in the deaths of 21 FARC rebels, including second-in-command Raul Reyes. Sandoval said only the US Army possessed the kind of bombs used by Colombia in the attack, reiterating that no other military force in Latin America had comparable electronic equipment.

The highly precise intelligent bombs fell in a radius not bigger than 50 metres from the FARC base, located 1.5 kilometres inside Ecuadoran territory, the minister said, citing military experts who had inspected the attack site. The Defence Minister also proposed that Ecuador increase the budget of its Armed Forces to reinforce the country's northern border with Colombia.

MNA/Xinhua

Hu says lessons must be learned from winter crisis

BEIJING, 7 March — Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Wednesday China must draw a lesson from this year’s severe winter weather crisis and be on guard against similar risks. Joining his fellow deputies to the National People’s Congress (NPC) from the eastern Jiangsu Province, Hu Jintao said the deep freeze and snow

chaos that hit eastern, central and southern China starting in mid January rang an alarm. “The more advanced our society and economy, the more we have to be prepared for and be on guard against such risks,” he said. To be prepared for danger in times of safety would help China withstand trials, overcome

hardships and record new victories in building a moderately prosperous society, said Hu. The President said he “fully agreed” to Premier Wen Jiabao’s report delivered to the opening meeting of the First Session of the 11th NPC, and encouraged more efforts to seek fast and sound development.—MNA/Xinhua

German released after 12-hour kidnap in Nigeria

ABUJA, 7 March — A German man was released unharmed late on Tuesday in the Niger Delta in Nigeria, about 12 hours after he was seized by unknown gunmen who killed a driver and two soldiers, a source at his company said on Wednesday. The German was the first foreigner abducted since October in the Niger Delta, where over 200 expatriates have been seized by militants and ransom seekers since early 2006. Almost all of them were released unharmed. — MNA/Reuters

Russia proposing choppes for Darfur force

UNITED NATIONS, 7 March—Russia is proposing to supply some of the helicopters the United Nations has been urgently seeking to back up the UN/African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur, Moscow’s UN Ambassador said on Wednesday. “The most likely scenario of the use of Russian helicopters would be Russia supplying the helicopters with crews from other countries,” said envoy Vitaly Churkin. The United Nations has for months been seeking

six attack and 18 transport helicopters to support the planned 26,000-member UNAMID force, which is starting to deploy in the violence-torn Darfur region of western Sudan. The UN peacekeeping department says the helicopters are essential

for UNAMID to operate in an area the size of France. Countries have been slow to respond. The United Nations has accepted four attack helicopters from Ethiopia and is discussing transport helicopters with Ethiopia and Bangladesh. MNA/Reuters

US general says al-Qaeda seeking big attack in US

WASHINGTON, 7 March — Al-Qaeda is looking to attack the United States, perhaps urgently, so that its leadership can show tangible results after repeated threats, a

senior US general said on Thursday. General Gene Renuart, head of the US military command responsible for homeland defence, said recorded messages from al-



A premature baby is cared for at a hospital. More than a third of children born before the seventh month of pregnancy are disabled, and the degree of disability rises the earlier they are born, according to a new study published in Saturday’s Lancet.—INTERNET

Rebels attack Philippine gold mine, burn equipment

MANILA, 7 March — Suspected Communist rebels attacked a gold mine in the Philippines part-owned by Oslo-listed Intex Resources and set fire to equipment, police said on Friday. At least 50 armed men, believed to be from the Communist New People’s Army (NPA) stormed the Apex Mines Company site in the Compostela Valley, a famous gold-rush area in the south, on Thursday,

Senior Inspector Adolfo Eyan said. They disarmed the mine’s security guards and set fire to equipment. The rebels also seized several rifles, Eyan said. Apex is part-owned by Crew Minerals, which changed its name to Intex

Resources late last year. The NPA, waging one of the world’s longest-running communist insurgencies, is opposed to foreign and local corporations mining Philippine sites and often attacks their operations. MNA/Reuters



Photo released by the ‘Tiergarten Nuremberg’ zoo in Nuremberg on 6 March , 2008 shows polar bear cub Flocke playing with her keeper Petra Fritz. INTERNET

Kenya police fire teargas to halt gang protest

NAIROBI, 7 March — Kenyan police fired teargas on Wednesday to scatter street protests by hundreds of young men demanding the release of a former leader of the outlawed Mungiki gang from prison. Police in riot gear chased the protesters through downtown Nairobi, frightening residents still on edge after post-election violence which killed more than 1,000 people and forced 300,000 from their homes. “We demand the immediate release of Maina Njenga and his cars, which were impounded by the police,” a statement given to Reuters by a rioter said. MNA/Reuters

In this 4 March, 2008 photo provided by the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team, Christina Trapani, assistant stranding coordinator of the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team, tries to keep one of four stranded live common dolphin comfortable until the tide returns at Mill Point Creek on the Eastern Shore.—INTERNET



Bush says US economy has slowed

WASHINGTON, 7 March — US President George W Bush said on Friday that the US economy has slowed, but he insisted that his government will take actions to boost the economy. “Losing a job is painful and I know Americans are concerned about our economy. So am I,” Bush said at a press conference at the White House. “It’s clear our economy has slowed, but the good news is, we anticipated this and took decisive action to bolster the economy,” he noted. “I know this is a difficult time for our economy,” said the US leader. “But we recognized the problem early and we provided the economy with a booster shot.”

Earlier, Edward Lazear,

chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, admitted the US economy could contract in the current quarter. “I’m still not saying that there’s a recession,” Lazear stressed. “We are going to have a weak growth quarter, and whether you

call that a recession or not is something that we won’t know for many months.”

Lazear’s remarks came after the Labor Department reported that US employers cut their payrolls by 63,000 in February, the biggest job reduction in five years.

Xinhua

Crude hits new high before closing slightly lower

NEW YORK, 7 March — Crude-oil futures hit a new record high of 106.54 dollars a barrel on Friday before closing slightly lower, as the dollar fell anew.

Crude oil for April delivery gained more than 1 dollar to an intraday high of 106.54 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange in

late morning trading. It closed down 32 cents, or 0.3 percent, at 105.15 dollars.

On Friday, the dollar set a new low against the euro before rising. But most investors believe that despite occasional rebounds, the dollar is likely to continue falling as the Fed continues to cut rates. —MNA/Xinhua

China’s move to ensure domestic grain supply benefits world

BEIJING, 7 March — China’s move to control the industrial use and exports of grain to curb domestic price increases will contribute to the stability of the world grain market, an analyst said.

Premier Wen Jiabao said on Wednesday the country “must strictly control industrial use of grain and grain exports”. This was one of the powerful measures that would be taken to prevent the overall price level from rising rapidly.

Last year, the country’s consumer price index (CPI), the main gauge of inflation, rose 4.8-per-cent year-on-year, its fastest pace in 11 years. Food prices surged 12.3 percent, accounting for 4 points of the 4.8 point CPI rise. Exports of wheat, corn and soybean rose by 206 per cent, 85 per cent and 24 per cent, respectively, in the first 11 months last year, Customs statistics showed.—MNA/Xinhua



United Auto Workers union striking workers picket outside the American Axle plant as they reject the deep wage and benefits cut demanded by the auto parts supplier in Hamtramck, Michigan on 7 March, 2008.

INTERNET

cultural cooperation.

Chavez called the meeting with Fernandez an event that is to “change the history of South American countries” in radio broadcasting and TV shows. He thanked Fernandez for her visit to reinforce the bilateral relations between their two countries. “We thank (you for) your visit, your reflections, your efforts and ... (hope) to continue strengthening the bilateral relations of Venezuela and Argentina,” said Chavez in an auditorium packed with Venezuelan officials and Argentine entrepreneurs.

MNA/Xinhua



“No 1, Lower Carbon Drive”, an eco house designed to show London residents what they can do to lower their carbon emissions, is unveiled in Trafalgar Square in London, 2007. Japan said on 7 March, 2008, it would use solar electricity panels and air conditioners using snow to make an eco-friendly media centre at this year’s summit of the Group of Eight rich nations.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Argentina, Venezuela sign energy accord

CARACAS, 8 March — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Thursday signed an energy accord with his visiting Argentine counterpart Cristina Fernandez.

Under the agreement,

Venezuela’s state oil company, or PDVSA, and Argentina’s energy firm Energia Argentina SA, or Enarsa, will create a joint enterprise. The two presidents also signed agreements on agri-

International copper price hits record high

SANTIAGO, 7 March — The price of copper struck its highest ever peak Thursday on the London Metal Exchange (LME), surging 5.8 percent over the previous trading day to 4.02 dollars per pound.

The new price beat the previous record set in 12 May, 2006, when the copper price stood at 3.98 dollars per pound on the LME.

International copper

price has kept increasing rapidly since the beginning of 2008. The range of rise reached 23 percent last month.

Keen demand, dwindling supplies and the weak US dollar were attributed to recent skyrocketing copper prices, local experts say.

Fast growing global demand has pushed the price hike since the beginning of this year.

Chile’s state copper commission Cochilco said dwindling supply was also the cause for the increasing price hike. Stockpiles of copper on the global market, as tracked by the LME, stand 196,000 tonnes currently at their lowest level since October last year. The continuing devaluation of dollar has also promoted the climbing of copper price, experts say.—Xinhua



Tofu, a soybeans’ product, is seen at a Hong Kong supermarket. Women who eat traditional Japanese soy-based foods on a regular basis face lower risks of breast cancer, a government-sponsored study showed on Friday. Soybeans in Japan are eaten as tofu, miso soup or Japanese fermented beans known as “natto”.

INTERNET



Examples of various brains from the Anne and Bernard Spitzer Hall of Human Origins at the American Museum of Natural History, a permanent exhibition hall that presents the remarkable history of human evolution from our earliest ancestors millions of years ago to modern Homo sapiens, are seen in New York, on 7 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Clinton raises \$4m for campaign in two days

WASHINGTON, 7 March — About four million US dollars have been raised for US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton’s campaign since she won three primaries on Tuesday, her team said on Thursday.

Her campaign told reporters that the fund raised online as of Thursday noon would “keep this campaign going, to keep Hillary Clinton’s message out there”.

The New York Senator surprisingly beat her rival, Barack Obama, in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island primaries, winning over her momentum in the race for the Democratic presidential nominee.

Her campaign has once slipped to a financial predicament before the Super Tuesday on 5 February as she had to lend five million dollars to sustain her bid to be the first female president for the White House.

Xinhua

Israeli special police forces and rescue teams gather outside the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem after a Palestinian shooting attack on 6 March, 2008.



Eight Israelis killed in attack in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 7, March — At least eight Israeli students were killed in a gun battle in Merkaz Harav yeshiva in the Kiryat Moshe neigh-

bourhood in Jerusalem on Thursday, a spokesman of the Magen David Adom (MDA) emergency medical services told Xinhua.

The spokesman said the shooting occurred at the Merkaz Harav yeshiva at nightfall was a “multiple casualty event,” which killed eight Israeli students.

The exact number of people killed in the incident was yet to be confirmed, as it was unclear exactly how many assailants were involved.

MDA also said that three of the injured were listed as being in very serious condition and have been taken to Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Karem, while another four were taken to Sha’arei Tzedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Xinhua

China raises mily budget to benefit soldiers, officers

BEIJING, 7 March — China has raised the defence budget to improve the benefits for soldiers and officers rather than buy advanced fighters, said a political advisor here on Thursday.

The increased sum in the budget can only afford several B-2 stealth bomber, said Zhao Qizheng, who is here attending the annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the top political

advisory body.

B-2 is a type of costly US fighter, which has been brought under the media spotlight after a recent crash accident. It is reported that each B-2 bomber cost about 1.2 billion US dollars to build.

“We won’t buy fighters, but will try to improve the benefits for soldiers and officers. There’s not much money left for high-tech researches,” said Zhao, also former head of the Information Office of the State Council.

Jiang Enzhu, spokesman for the annual parliamentary session, revealed on Tuesday that China plans to increase its defense budget by 17.6 per cent to 417.769 billion yuan in 2008.

The budget equals 57.229 billion US dollars if converted at the exchange rate by the end of last year. Liao Xilong, an NPC deputy and director of the General Logistics Department of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA), told Xinhua that the defense budget is raised mainly to increase subsidies and food for soldiers and officers and improve input in oil purchase, considering the price hike.—Xinhua

Police busts Malay drug lab, seizes 260 kilos of drugs

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 March — Malaysian police have busted a drug lab in southern Malaysia, seizing 260 kilos of drugs worth of 44 million ringgit (13.7 million US dollars), local media reported on Wednesday.

It was the biggest drug haul in the country this year, according to the website of local newspaper *The Star*. Thirteen men, including six Mexicans, four Singaporeans, one Canadian and two Malaysians, were arrested in two raids launched on Tuesday by police in Johor Baru, capital of the Johor State. The first raid was on a house in the

city where five foreigners were arrested and 45.8 kilos of ketamine and other chemical materials were seized, police said.

Xinhua



Players perform at a reception to celebrate the 98th International Women’s Day held by the All-China Women’s Federation at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 March, 2008. —XINHUA

Nepal celebrates Army day

KATHMANDU, 7 March — The Nepal Army (NA) Thursday organized a special programme in the capital Kathmandu to commemorate Army Day.

NA soldiers performed parade and Army skills during the programme attended by the Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, ministers, constitutional heads, representatives of diplomatic corps, civil servants, heads of national security forces and other dignitaries.

Army men from different battalions performed march-past, displayed their arsenal and promotions were handed out to Army personnel

during the programme.

Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala issued a message on the occasion of Army Day and said that history has shouldered extra responsibilities on Army personnel to build a peaceful, prosperous nation.

Meanwhile, Chief of the Army Staff Rukmangat Katuwal issued a message assuring that the Nepal Army will remain determined to protect the country’s sovereignty and integrity.

Every year, the Nepal Army observes Army Day on the day of Mahashivaratri, one of the greatest festivals of Hindus. —Xinhua

Referendum designed for peaceful transition

Yebaw Tin Shwe

The State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement Nos 1/2008 and 2/2008 on 9 February.

Announcement No 1/2008 is about the processes for approving the draft of the State Constitution through a referendum due to be held in May 2008, and Announcement No 2/2008 is about the processes to hold general elections and then to hand over power, following the approval of the draft.

The announcements may be seen as a firm step taken for peaceful transition to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation to be built, as aspired by the entire people.

In other words, the announcements are intended to enable the Tatmadaw government to translate the wishes of the people into reality.

The people on their part have to approve the draft of the State Constitution in order to achieve the goal.

So, the main responsibility of the people is to vote for the draft of the State Constitution in the referendum for approval.

The people welcomed the referendum to approve the draft of the constitution. However, the announcements have been closely followed by a wide range of criticisms, announcements and open letters designed to disrupt the referendum from internal axe-handles relying on external elements, national traitors, political parties that are minions of the colonialists, and illegal political groups and old politicians accompanying the groups.

Their only call is to annul the qualifications prescribed in the draft of the State Constitution for the Head of State (President) and representatives of the hluttaws.

Their objections to the referendum is just for the sake of a particular person.

Like above-mentioned groups, certain colonial

It is believed that the entire people will express their unanimous support for the programmes for successful completion of the referendum, while welcoming and recognizing the processes under which the Tatmadaw will hand over power to the elected civilian government. It is because the procedures are in conformity with the wishes of the people who favour peaceful transition.

countries are resorting to various means to disrupt the referendum as there will be no chance for the person who will dance to their tune.

In this way, they flagrantly revealed their attempts to dominate Myanmar.

The qualifications prescribed in the State Constitution (draft) for representatives-elect are not for a particular person.

Actually, they are the provisions manifested in the constitution with farsightedness in order that the nation will not fall under alien subjugation again, the nation cannot be installed with a puppet government, the nation will not come under the influence of the colonial countries, and the nation will be able to stand as an independent and sovereign one as long as the world exists.

This principle is the most salient and serious one for the new nation as well as the one that can guarantee independence of the State best. With this knowledge, the majority of the people have already expressed their support for the National Convention and the draft of the constitution.

Making a demand to omit this principle means calling for the removal of the heart of the constitution.

By making attempts to drop the principle about these qualifications, the destructionists and axe-handles relying on aliens have revealed that (1) they

lack patriotic spirit, (2) they put too much reliance on external elements, (3) they are anxious to serve as lackeys of the colonialists, (4) they want to establish a puppet government under the domination of the colonialists, and (5) they rely on aliens, instead of on internal strength.

So, the entire people have to remain constantly vigilant with national awareness against the deceptions of the saboteurs.

Despite the attempts of the colonial countries of the west bloc, many fair countries with clear outlook have welcomed the announcements of the government with positive attitude.

Here, the people have to thank those countries.

It is believed that the entire people will express their unanimous support for the programmes for successful completion of the referendum, while welcoming and recognizing the processes under which the Tatmadaw will hand over power to the elected civilian government. It is because the procedures are in conformity with the wishes of the people who favour peaceful transition.

In conclusion, I would like to urge

- (1) those who favour independence,**
- (2) those who favour perpetuation of sovereignty,**
- (3) those who oppose the interference of the colonialists and the state of being under alien influence,**
- (4) those who are equipped strongly with patriotic spirit, and**
- (5) those who dislike the formation of puppet government that will dance to the tune of the colonialists to vote for the draft of the State Constitution at the referendum due to be held in coming May for ensuring approval of the State Constitution (draft).**

I am sure the draft of the State Constitution can be approved. And the referendum will be definitely successful for the approval of the draft constitution.

Translation: MS

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 8-3-2008

I would like to urge

- (1) those who favour independence,**
- (2) those who favour perpetuation of sovereignty,**
- (3) those who oppose the interference of the colonialists and the state of being under alien influence,**
- (4) those who are equipped strongly with patriotic spirit, and**
- (5) those who dislike the formation of a puppet government that will dance to the tune of the colonialists to vote for the draft of the State Constitution at the referendum due to be held in coming May for ensuring approval of the State Constitution (draft).**

Voting will be conducted in line with ...

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The National Convention commenced on 9 January 1993. Altogether six sessions were held from 1993 to 1996. During the sessions, 15 chapters and 104 basic principles to be included in drafting the State Constitution were laid down. Basic principles for Chapter 1 The State, Chapter 2 The Head of State and Chapter 3 The State Structure and so on were discussed. Moreover, formation of the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary— three branches of power were also discussed. NLD took part in the discussions and approval of the above-mentioned principles. However, NLD demanded a meeting in private with them in September 1995. Its demand had nothing to do with the functions of the National Convention Convening Commission and the National Convention Convening Work Committee. NLD walked out of the National Convention of its own volition saying that its demands were not met. **If a delegate failed to attend the National Convention for two consecutive days without the permission of the panel of Chairmen, he or she is null and void according to the procedures on the delegates to the National Convention.** Thus NLD delegates were terminated from the National Convention. Later, NLD did not attend the National Convention at all. In 2003, the government announced the seven-step Road Map. The first step is reconvening of the National Convention. NLD was invited before the resumption of the Convention in July, 2004. NLD demanded the greater number of its delegates to the National Convention. Despite the increase in the number of its delegates, NLD failed to attend the National Convention. Without NLD, the National Convention was reconvened and it was attended by 1,086 delegates from the eight groups. **The delegates of national races comprised over 600 delegates from all over the country. The delegates from national race peace groups also attended the National Convention.** He said he hoped that Mr Gambari would remember that he cordially met with the delegates during the National Convention. The National Convention that was reconvened in 2004 laid down the basic principles of the remaining chapters completing them in September 2007. The tasks of the National Convention appeared in the newspapers fully and they were telecast and broadcast on the radio and TV. After the completion of the National Convention in 2007, all fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down from 1993 to 2007 were published. **Based on the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down, the State Peace and Development Council formed the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution for drafting a constitution in accord with the seven-step Road Map. The commission consisted of 54 persons.**

Members of the commission include those who have gained experience in the drawing of the 1947 and 1974 constitutions, those who are well-versed in international law and legal affairs and those who are well-versed in other fields. The constitution that was drawn by eight groups of delegates to the National Convention together with the aforementioned who are well-versed in legal affairs is of international standard. The book on the draft constitution will be given to Mr Gambari. It has already been announced that a referendum will be held in May in order to approve the constitution. The law on holding national referendum was promulgated on 26 February 2008. The law is made up of 12 chapters with provisions that enable those who are entitled to vote can freely cast votes. There are state and division-wise sub-commissions under the commission. Under those sub-commissions there are district, township, ward and village sub-commissions. Rights have been entrusted to every level of sub-commissions. Arrangements have been made for all who are entitled to cast votes to be included in the electoral roll including those who are abroad with the permission of the government. Moreover, persons who are receiving medical treatment as in-patient in hospital and detainees in custody of police stations or prisons are also included in the electorate roll. Voting starts at ward and village level. **Arrangements have also been made for every eligible voter not to lose the right to vote. Voting will be conducted in line with the international systems. Stipulated ballot box shall be placed at a conspicuous place for public to enable voters to cast votes conveniently. Counting of votes will be carried out in the presence of witnesses. Arrangements have been made for eligible voters to cast votes at another place if there occurs any unfair and unjust voting (eg, in the face of natural disasters). There include provisions that action shall be taken against those who get involved in rigging the votes and causing disturbances. According to the provisions it is obvious that it is a fair and free voting in accord with the international standard rules and regulations. The law on voting has already been issued both in Myanmar and English newspapers. There are two patterns of voting. The first one is that one is to vote himself in which instructions on how to vote are stated in the back of ballot paper. The second one is that there are advance ballot papers for students who are studying at universities, colleges, institutes and schools, those who are appointed by the government to discharge duties abroad, warded patients and detainees.** The samples will be given to Mr Gambari. All in all, Mr Gambari will be able to see that measures have been taken to ensure a fair and free voting. Like the international practice, there will be votes-in-favour and votes-against to be put in a ballot box.

Next, member of the commission Dr Tun Shin presented books on draft constitution and law on national referendum in English version and samples of ballot

papers and advance ballot papers to Mr Gambari, saying that constitutions are concerned with sovereignty of nation and the books were given to him as he is a friend of Myanmar.

In response, Mr Gambari said that he thanked for explaining the background history of the draft of the constitution and NLD and he recalled the event when he attended and studied the last session of the National Convention and had the right to meet with the representatives from 17 peace groups. He added that the United Nations fully respects the sovereignty of Myanmar. He said that his explanation helped reflect Myanmar's cooperation with the UN; that he would like to hold discussions with the similar attitude; that it was important for all to participate in the implementation of the seven-step Road Map; that if the processes did not win trust at home and abroad, that would have negative effects on the steps the government had taken seriously such as the announcements on a referendum and time frame; that the first question was that he would like to know the date of the referendum to be held in May, and whether the referendum would be completed in a day; that as the second question, he would like to know what was stated to vote for or against, and the arrangements for the referendum; that he would also like to know the arrangements for public knowledge of the draft of the constitution through the dissemination of news and information; that he wanted to know if there would be a plan for direct clarification for public information about how to cast votes; and that he thought that there should be necessary conditions for producing free and fair results.

In response, U Thaung Nyunt said that Section 4 (A) of the Law said that the date for the referendum shall be announced 21 days ahead; that the period was for the branches of the commission at different levels to make arrangements; that the number of the polling stations around the nation was expected to be about tens of thousands; that some regions were difficult of access; that the referendum would be held within a day; the State Constitution (draft) received media coverage; that the Referendum Law was further clarified through the rules; that arrangements would be made for the people to understand the processes in 21 days, that the manual of the commission branches at different levels stated the responsibilities of the heads and those in charge of polling booths to explain salient points to the public; that as he had explained, the draft of the constitution was compiled based on the principles the National Convention had adopted from 1993 to 2007; that they had been stated in the newspapers; that interested people had studied them well; that the expressions were easily comprehensible to every literate person; and that they are being aired on radio and TV.

Mr Gambari stressed the importance of ensuring the participation of all those concerned, and asked U Thaung Nyunt for his opinions about no rights for members of the religious order and no rights of some persons to vote and to stand for election. U Thaung Nyunt said that the Election Law prescribed the right to vote of every citizen who had attained the age of 18, and ensuring systematization of electoral rolls; the provision on no right to vote was not a new one and it was prescribed in the 1973 Referendum Law; that the 1947 and 1974 constitutions also stipulated those provisions, and they were also adopted as principles of the draft constitution; and that the case was in the frame of the sovereign power.

Mr Gambari said that he understood that the case was in the frame of the sovereign power; that at the same time, he considered that it was to meet the international norms; that he would like to know whether the prohibition concerned the right to vote or the right to stand for election. U Thaung Nyunt said that the right to stand for election was not their concern, and the responsible body concerned would have to scrutinize that case when the elections were held; and that some provisions would likely to be prescribed that the person concerned had the right to argue prohibition with the right of appeal from the basic level to the highest level.

Mr Gambari said that he heard there was action taken against those who opposed the draft constitution, and he asked whether the news was true or not. U Thaung Nyunt replied that the news was not true and there has been no action taken whatsoever.

Next, Mr Gambari said he would like Myanmar to invite observers to win the trust of the international community over the country's work programmes. By inviting international observers, the referendum will be proved to be free and fair and as a result, there will be more trust of the international community. U Thaung Nyunt replied that holding the referendum for the constitution is within the State sovereignty. Arrangements have been made for the eligible voters to cast their votes freely. Besides, there were no instances of foreign observers monitoring the events like a referendum. In the referendums for the 1947 and 1974 constitutions also, there were no foreign observers.

Mr Gambari said he has no doubt about the arrangements for the referendum. The observers he said were not from foreign countries, he said. The UN, he said, is ready to render technical assistance to the referendum and elections if necessary. U Thaung Nyunt replied that he will bear it in mind and Myanmar has adequate experience.

Dr Tun Shin also said the representatives of the political parties and delegate groups who attended the National Convention held from 1993 to 1996 and the ones who attended the NC held from 2004 to 2007 were not chosen by the government and they were selected only by their political parties and delegate groups. As they represent the entire nation, the work programme being carried out has covered all the people who should be represented.

Later, Mr Gambari expressed thanks for detailed briefing and the meeting came to a close at 3.20 pm. — MNA

Health care services supervised

YANGON, 8 March —Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win met departmental officials at Hline Township PDC office this morning.

The commander heard reports on work being done in the township and gave instructions to

the officials.

He later viewed health care services, spraying of pesticide, dredging of drains and sanitation tasks being carried out by departmental staff, members of social organization and townselders in Hline and Mayangon Townships.

In Tamway Township, the

commander met with departmental officials and heard reports on sanitation work being done. He also observed health educative talks being given by departmental officials and members of social organization and sanitation tasks in Ponnakon and Ma U Kon wards in the township.

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UDNR University Council Meeting 1/2008 held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — The University Council of the University for Development of National Races held the meeting No 1/2008 at its hall in Sagaing on 6 March.

Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe delivered an address.

The meeting discussed academic matters. The commander gave concluding remarks. The commander and the Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board and representatives of state and division Peace and Development Councils held the coordination meeting on tasks of the university.

The commander and Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun delivered addresses. The representatives of State and Division PDCs participated in the discussions.

The meeting

ended with remarks by the commander.

In the evening, CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun hosted a dinner in honour of the trainees of MEd Course No 9, BEd

one-year course No 17, BEd (Bridge) two-year course No 3, BEd regular course No 39, Diploma in Teachership Course No 6 and the JAT Course No 17.

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Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe delivers an address at University Council Meeting No 1/2008 of UDNR. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presents certificate of teachership diploma to a trainee. — MNA

UDNR holds 17th Convocation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — The 17th Convocation and the 6th Teachership Diploma conferring ceremony was held at the University for Development of National Races in Sagaing yesterday morning.

Chairman of

UDNR University Council North-West Command Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Vice-Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun presented the certificates

of degree to the graduates.

Rector U Zaw Min Thein presented the certificates of diploma to the trainees.

The ceremony ended with the concluding remarks by the Commander.

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MMPA to conduct acting course

YANGON, 8 March—The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon will conduct an acting course on 24 March.

The applicants must be aged between 16 and 25 years. Plans are under way to open other relevant courses. For further details, contact MMPA, 16, Wingaba Street, Bahan Township, (Tel: 554270, 554271).—MNA

Myanmar Furniture Fair-2008 continues

YANGON, 8 March—The Myanmar Furniture Fair for 2008 continued for the sixth day at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here today.

The fair complete with 154 indoor booths and 13 outdoor booths was

crowded with people from all walks of life including entrepreneurs.

Different kinds of furniture made of rattan and bamboo, boats, glue used in wood-based industry, chemicals, paint, machines for finished wood industry and spare

parts and educative boots on establishment and maintenance of tree plantations are being staged at the fair.

The fair continues tomorrow as the final day at the same venue from 10 am to 4 pm.

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UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing receives the Commercial Attaché of ROK and party. — UMFCCI

UMFCCI General Secretary receives Korean Commercial Attache

YANGON, 8 March — General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay, Central Executive Committee members U Myat Thin Aung and U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

received Commercial Attache Mr Inho Roh of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea at the federation on 5 March.

At the meeting, they discussed promotion of investment and trade between the two countries, joint organizing of expositions, holding

economic discussions between entrepreneurs delegations of two countries, and tasks of the federation in conducting the Korean language course and compiling Myanmar-Korean Dictionary in cooperation with Chonnan National University of the ROK. — MNA

Research shows possibility to see what others see

WASHINGTON, 8 March — Brain imaging may make it possible to someday see what others are seeing, US researchers reported on recently.

Such a device would make it possible to decode brain signals and track attention. It may even be possible to “see” someone else’s dream, the team at the University of California Berkeley said.

“Our results suggest that it may soon be possible to reconstruct a picture of a person’s visual experience from measurements of brain activity alone,” Jack Gallant and colleagues wrote in their report, published in the journal *Nature*.

“Imagine a general brain-reading device that could reconstruct a picture of a person’s visual experience at any moment in time, and perhaps even provide access to the visual content of phenomena such as dreams and imagery.”

Gallant’s team did not get that far but they used a type of real-time imaging called functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, to predict which photograph a volunteer was looking at.

For the first step, they calibrated their experiment by having two members of the team look at 1,750 photographs while being scanned by fMRI. — MNA/Reuters

New colon screening recommendations offer choices

WASHINGTON, 8 March — New US guidelines on checking people for colon cancer offer a range of choices, including so-called virtual colonoscopies and at-home tests.

The recommendations, released late on Wednesday, aim to encourage more Americans to get screened for colon cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, with 148,810 cases and 49,960 deaths forecast for 2008.

They include the most strongly recommended test, a regular colonoscopy after age 50. This test, done with a small camera called an endoscope and under

sedation, allows doctors to detect precancerous growths and remove them on the spot.

But the guidelines also recognize that many people simply refuse to undergo such an invasive, uncomfortable and embarrassing procedure.

“It is the strong opinion of this expert panel that colon cancer prevention should be the primary goal of colorectal cancer screening,” the guidelines read.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing starts census of 90,000 pollution sources

BEIJING, 8 March — Beijing launched its first census of pollution sources for accurate statistics on Friday, amid a green drive to improve environment ahead of the Olympics.

The survey will cover 90,000 sources of pollution, among which 24,000 are industrial sources, 45,000 residential, 21,000 agricultural and 128 facilities for centralized treatment of pollutants, according to the city’s bureau of environmental protection.

Information collected from the census would help the government formulate policies and plans for environmental protection, said Zheng Jiang, vice director of Beijing’s environmental protection bureau.

Beijing authorities had identified the 90,000 sources through their registrations with the industrial and commercial administration and from an informal survey conducted earlier by the local government.

MNA/Xinhua

ROK researcher suspended over scientific misconduct

WASHINGTON, 8 March — An internal investigation by the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) indicates that two high-profile papers by KAIST scientist Tae Kook Kim, including one published in the journal *Science*, contained serious scientific misconduct, a *Science* report said.

The investigation is not yet complete, but the chair of the investigation committee wrote to *Science* stating that “our initial investigative results are strong enough to convince us that the two

papers do not contain any scientific truth”, the report posted on *Science*’s official website said Wednesday.

Kim’s paper in *Science* appeared in 2005 and the other was published in *Nature Chemical Biology* in 2006. The *Science* paper described the use of nanoparticles to probe molecular behavior inside cells and ultimately to identify novel drug targets. The *Nature Chemical Biology* paper reported that a cell’s aging clock could be reset by modulating certain proteins identified by the technique described in *Science*.

Kim formed a company to commercialize technology related to the studies, said Yeonsoo Seo, a member of the KAIST investigative committee. But on February 12, the president of the company contacted KAIST officials, saying they could not reproduce some of Kim’s results. KAIST launched a departmental investigation on 13 February, following a protocol it had developed in the wake of a notorious scandal over fraudulent stem cell research by Seoul National University professor Woo-Suk Hwang. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia votes, PM’s leadership at stake

KEPALA BATAS (Malaysia), 8 March — Malaysians began voting in a general election on Saturday, with the ruling coalition seen as certain to retain power but the Prime Minister’s leadership hanging in the balance.

The multi-racial Barisan Nasional coalition has effectively ruled since independence from Britain in 1957, thanks in part to a weak and ideologically divided opposition, but it is bracing for a potential protest vote at these general elections.

Voting began just after dawn at about 8,000 polling booths across the South-East Asian Nation, from remote villages on Borneo Island to the main towns and cities of peninsular Malaysia. — MNA/Reuters



Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, also chairman of the ruling coalition Barisan Nasional (BN), or National Front, casts his ballot at a polling station in Pinang, north Malaysia, on 8 March, 2008.

XINHUA

World’s largest dog show starts in Britain

BIRMINGHAM (Britain), 8 March — The 117th Crufts, known as the world’s largest dog show, started here on Thursday at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre (NEC).

The four-day show, organized and run by the non-profit the Kennel Club UK, is expected to draw more than 150,000 visitors and 22,964 of the best dogs in the world to compete for the much coveted title of Best in Show.

Crufts is named after its founder Charles Cruft, who refused to join the

family jewellery business after leaving college in 1876 and chose instead to follow the doggy business.

During the Crufts Centenary Show in 1991, a total of 22,991 dogs competed, thus the show was recognized officially as the world’s largest dog show by the *Guinness Book of Records*.

It was also in 1991 when the show moved from London to the Birmingham NEC. Since then, the NEC has hosted 17 Crufts shows in a run.

According to Caroline Kisko, a staff member of

the Kennel Club, the four-day events will “provide a wonderful showcase for disciplines such as Agility, Flyball, Heelwork to Music, Obedience and the Young Kennel Club”.

During the four days, seven different pedigree dog groups are shown and judged on a daily basis, to select a Best in Group winner, before they go on to compete in the final on the last evening of the show for the title of Best in Show. The winner of the Best in Show category will be regarded the top dog in the world.

MNA/Xinhua



Jury members test the dogs at the 117th Crufts dog show in Birmingham, central England, on 7 March, 2008. — XINHUA

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Thea and Phil Willson look over their daughter Alexis at the Royal Columbian Hospital, on 7 March, 2008, in New Westminster, Canada. A Canadian couple has shattered the odds with the birth of naturally conceived, identical triplets.

INTERNET

Cooks make green dumplings at a supermarket in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 7 March, 2008. The green dumplings made from sticky rice, plant juice and stuffing were traditional food in spring and the Tomb-sweeping Day in the city.

XINHUA



The Ariane 5 ES-ATV launcher, on its mobile launch table, arrives for fuelling and final launch preparations at the Launch Zone (ZL-3) of Ariane Launch Complex No 3 (ELA-3) at the Guiana Space Centre on 7 March, 2008.

XINHUA



Early prototypes for the City Car, a collapsible, electric, battery powered car designed by MIT students, are on display at the Museum at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Picture taken on 13 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

Tobin Heath, 19, the youngest player of the US women's soccer team, crosses a ball into the net, during a training session in Montechoro, Portugal, on 8 March, 2008.

INTERNET



An AIDS awareness volunteer prepares red ribbons to be distributed to commuters in honour of World AIDS Day in downtown Kuala Lumpur. People with HIV face travel restrictions from some 74 nations, with 13 banning those with the disease from entering the countries completely, UNAIDS said on Friday. — INTERNET

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Egypt holds talks with Hamas on truce with Israel

GAZA, 7 March — Egypt began talks with Hamas and Islamic Jihad on Thursday on a truce between the Palestinian militant movements and Israel, officials in the groups said.

Gaza leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, groups that have been firing rockets into southern Israel, met Egyptian officials in El Arish, an Egyptian town just south of the Gaza Strip.

The talks got under way three days after Israel ended a five-day military offensive in the Gaza Strip that killed more than 120 Palestinians. Medical workers said about half of the dead were civilians.

Hamas officials said one of the group’s senior leaders, Mahmoud al-Zahar, was heading its delegation in El Arish.

Khader Habib, an Islamic Jihad leader, said the group sent a team to the Egyptian city for “talks about calm”.

“The conditions are clear, the Zionist enemy must end all forms of aggression against our people in Gaza and the West Bank and lift the siege on Gaza,” Habib told *Reuters*.

Hamas has stopped short of saying any truce must include the West Bank. — *MNA/Reuters*

China’s fiscal revenue hits record high in 2007

BEIJING, 7 March — China’s fiscal revenue in 2007 hit 5.13 trillion yuan (733 billion US dollars), an increase of 1.25 trillion yuan, or 32.4 per cent year on year, Ministry of Finance figures show.

Tax income, the major source of revenue, stood at 4.56 trillion yuan, an increase of 1.15 trillion yuan, or 33.7 per cent, over the previous year. It accounted for 88.9 per cent of the total fiscal revenue.

Non-tax revenue contributed 569.1 billion yuan, a rise of 105.67 billion yuan, or 22.8 per cent, year on year, and accounted for 11.1 per cent of the total revenue.

Analysts attributed the rapid tax revenue increase to huge real estate investment, the speedy development of industrial and commercial sectors, the hefty economic returns of enterprises and active stock exchange transactions.

Income tax from enterprises, the second biggest revenue source, was 876.95 billion yuan, an increase of 37.9 per cent over the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran expels Swedish diplomat

STOCKHOLM, 8 March — Iran expelled a Swedish diplomat after Sweden took a similar action, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said on Thursday.

The Swedish diplomat, who took office in September, was forced out of Teheran at the end of February, the Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesperson Gufran al-Nadaf told local media, but the official refused to give details.

Sweden expelled an Iranian diplomat earlier in the year, setting the stage for a response from Iran.

“A likely explanation is that it was related to spying on refugees and the expulsion of the Swedish diplomat is likely retaliation from the Iranian side,” Said Mahmoudi, a human rights and Iran expert based at Stockholm University, told the Swedish newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

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Brown defeats drive for EU treaty referendum

LONDON, 7 March — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown defeated a bid on Wednesday to force him to call a referendum on the new European Union reform treaty.

Many analysts said they believed the treaty, which overhauls EU institutions, would be rejected if put to British voters.

In Parliament, about 25 lawmakers from Brown’s Labour Party rebelled against the government and voted with opposition Conservatives for the referendum on the Lisbon treaty.

But the government won the votes comfortably because most members of the second biggest opposition party, the pro-European Liberal Democrats, abstained.

A referendum would have been embarrassing for Brown, whose popularity has been hit by a bank crisis and government blunders during his first eight months in office.

The Conservatives, who accuse Brown of breaking a commitment by his predecessor Tony Blair to consult voters on a proposed EU Constitution, pledged to take their battle for a referendum to the Upper House of Parliament, the House of Lords.

“We hope that in this case the Lords will hold the government to their ... commitment,” Conservative foreign affairs spokesman William Hague said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Bush says America still not safe from terrorist attack

WASHINGTON, 7 March — President George W Bush, marking five years since the Department of Homeland Security was created, said the United States was not safe from terrorists who were plotting another attack as he spoke.

Bush, who is battling Democrats in the US House of Representatives over eavesdropping legislation, has been accused over the years by critics of using scare tactics for political advantage.

In a speech before Homeland Security Department employees, Bush said it was important that Americans remember “some serious lessons on September the 11th”, and that US security agencies must take the words of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden “very seriously” when he says operations are in preparation.

“At this moment, somewhere in the world, a terrorist is planning an attack on us. I know that’s inconvenient thought for some, but it is the truth,” Bush said.

MNA/Reuters

Bird flu hits Vietnam’s capital

HANOI, 8 March — Bird flu has recently stricken poultry in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi, raising the total number of affected localities nationwide to nine, local newspaper *People* reported Friday.

The daily quoted the Vietnamese Department of Animal Health as saying that the disease outbreak started on 3 March in the rural district of Soc Son, killing nearly 2,100 chickens and ducks raised by a household. The whole flock of poultry has been culled to prevent further spread.

Vietnam currently has nine localities having poultry being hit by bird flu: Quang Ninh, Hai Duong, Nam Dinh, Tuyen Quang, Ninh Binh, Phu Tho, Ha Nam and Hanoi in the northern region, and southern Vinh Long Province.

Bird flu outbreaks in Vietnam, starting in December 2003, have killed and led to the forced culling of dozens of millions of fowls in the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Electricity staff from east China’s Jiangsu Province renovate power supply facilities in snow-stricken mountainous Wengyuan County, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 22 Feb, 2008.—XINHUA

Over 1,200 hospitalized in Philippine typhoid outbreak

MANILA, 7 March — The typhoid fever outbreak in northern Philippines has hit 1,262 people as the health authority ordered rush assistance to the medical resources scarce region, the health secretary said on Wednesday.

Health Secretary Francisco T Duque III told a Press conference that a blood test of 221 patients in Calamba City confirmed 27 cases of typhoid fever, a bacteria-caused disease that usually invokes severe weakness,

lethargy and perforation of the intestines.

Duque said health officials and doctors are closely monitoring the conditions of the five patients who have developed complications of the disease. And additional 190 patients are confined in hospitals for observation.

“We want to be sure that there will be no further complicated cases,” he said. Rutelly Cabutin, the administrator of local Red Cross, earlier told

Xinhua that the first batch of patients with suspected syndromes were admitted in hospitals of Calamba City in the tourist province of Laguna around 16 February.

The number of inpatient peaked at the end of February, she said, adding that many hospitals have complained shortage of medicines and other medical resources, facing the surge of sick residents.

Duque said the cause of the outbreak is still unknown

MNA/Xinhua

Shanghai starts taxi blacklist to improve services, safety

SHANGHAI, 7 March — Eastern China’s Shanghai City started on Thursday to issue a monthly blacklist of the taxi companies whose drivers most frequently violate traffic regulations.

The list will be used to monitor and regulate the performance of the city’s 46,000-plus taxis, which are operated by 92 companies, according to Shanghai traffic

authorities. Blacklisted companies are expected to urge drivers to abide by the Taxi Regulations of Shanghai Municipality.

Offences include running red lights, parking illegally and refusing passengers.

The list for February had 19 companies whose violation rates exceeded 4 per cent.

Blacklisted companies would be warned and frequent offenders would be punished, authorities said.

MNA/Xinhua



An all-hybrid taxi fleet has begun service in the Washington suburb of Arlington, Virginia, operating environmentally friendly cabs.

INTERNET

Shanghai applies to build Asia’s 3rd Disneyland

BEIJING, 7 March — Shanghai has applied to the Chinese central government to build its own Disneyland, Mayor Han Zheng said on Thursday, ending long-standing speculation on whether it would opt for such a park. It would be the third Disneyland in Asia after Japan and Hong Kong.

Plans for a Shanghai Disneyland emerged in 2005 but were suspended when the city’s Communist Party boss, Chen Liangyu, was implicated in a corruption investigation in 2006. Recent state media reports had said that while Shanghai still planned to build a major theme park by 2020, it had yet to decide on any specific project.

“We have applied to the National Development and Reform Commission (the economic planning agency), but so far we have not received any notice of approval,” Han told reporters on the sidelines of the annual session of Parliament. — MNA/Reuters



150 women thundered down Amsterdam’s most famed fashion street in stiletto heels, running for a euro 10,000 (US\$15,000) prize, shopping spree, on 6 March, 2008. The annual race on the PC Hooft street called the ‘Stiletto Run’ is only three years old but has quickly grown in popularity and spawned imitation races in Germany, Sweden, Poland and Russia.—INTERNET



The WD 100 unmanned helicopter carries out its trial flight in central China’s Anyang city in Henan Province recently. —XINHUA

Estrogen predicts breast cancer recurrence

CHICAGO, 7 March — Blood taken from women whose breast cancer returned showed high levels of estrogen even though many had been treated with estrogen-blocking drugs, US researchers said on Thursday.

They said the finding suggests women who have had breast cancer should take extra steps — such as regular exercise and weight management — to reduce their estrogen levels and minimize the risk that their cancer will return.

Estrogen is strongly linked with the initial development of many breast cancers, but few studies have looked at the link between high estrogen levels and cancer recurrence, especially in women who are taking anti-estrogen drugs like tamoxifen.

“This is the largest study to date and the only one to have included women taking agents such as tamoxifen to reduce estrogen’s effect on cancer growth,” said Cheryl Rock, a professor of preventive medicine at the University of California, San Diego, whose study appears in the journal *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*.

Rock said taking anti-estrogen drugs like

tamoxifen may not completely wipe out the hormone’s effect in women who have high levels of estrogen. Tamoxifen transformed breast cancer therapy when it was shown to reduce the risk of cancer coming back by close to 50 per cent.

But Rock said women on that pill or a newer class of drugs called aromatase inhibitors should also consider some basic preventive measures.

MNA/Reuters

Biofuel discussed at international forum in Cuba

HANAVA, 7 March — The biofuel issue was discussed by more than 1,000 experts from 55 countries at the 10th International Encounter of Economists on Globalization and Deve-

lopment Problems held here Thursday.

The issue was discussed at a panel entitled “Biofuels: development contribution or farce to profit” which was attended by academics from Belgium, Spain, Mexico as well as other countries.

The experts are also expected to analyze Latin America’s situation and other international and regional issues at the meeting.

On Wednesday, the experts agreed on the need to build in Latin America a new financial architecture, independent of foreign monetary systems.

The goal of the meeting is to seek alternatives to current problems, giving a priority to poor countries amidst globalization.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Ferguson — No time limit
United boss refuses to speculate
on his future



Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 7 March — Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed that there is “no limit” on how long he will remain in the Old Trafford hot-seat.

Ferguson is in his 22nd season in charge of United, and the 66-year-old admitted that he may well prolong his reign - providing his health permits him to.

“It’s something I’ve said for quite a bit — If your health is good and you’re enjoying your job it could be two, three years, who knows? Ferguson told Sky Sports News. “It could be four years who knows? It could be tomorrow if I read some bad press from your mob [journalists] — trying to get rid of me,” Ferguson joked.

“I’ve not put a time limit on it —that’s for sure.”

Ferguson has a near full-strength squad to choose from when his side take on Portsmouth in the FA Cup quarter-final at Old Trafford on Saturday, live on Sky Sports 1. With domestic league and UEFA Champions League duties in the back of his mind the United boss may choose to shuffle his pack.

The Scot revealed that he is happy with the progress of long-term injury victims Gary Neville and Mikael Silvestre and is confident the England international will shortly be returning to first-team action. —Internet

Blues hit back at Blatter
Gold tells Blatter he is out of order



David Gold

LONDON, 7 March — Birmingham co-owner David Gold has hit back at Fifa president Sepp Blatter for his outspoken attack on Martin Taylor.

Blatter believes Taylor should facing a longer ban than the three-matches he received for his sending-off following the tackle which left Arsenal striker Eduardo with a broken leg.

Blatter says Fifa ask to look at the tackle and that they could impose a further ban on Taylor if they feel he serves more punishment.

Gold admitted he was disappointed and stunned by Blatter’s comments and that he should stay out of the matter.

Internet

FIFA president warns
nasty tackles

BEIJING, 8 March — FIFA president Sepp Blatter wants soccer’s law-making body to consider banning players guilty of dangerous tackles and has urged coaches and referees to help clean up the game.

Blatter made the comments in an interview with The Times yesterday before Saturday’s annual meeting of the International Football Association Board, the sport’s ultimate law-making body, at Gleneagles in Scotland.

The board will also consider an experiment using two assistant referees, discuss goal-line technology and consider a proposal to standardize the size of pitches used for international matches.

Blatter is keen that the board should take a strong stand on the increasing number of dangerous tackles which have blighted the game in recent months.

In a Premier League match last month Arsenal’s Croatia striker Eduardo da Silva suffered a bad leg break and ankle dislocation against Birmingham City. Birmingham’s Martin Taylor, who was sent off, insisted that it was an accident.

Internet

Wenger feeling no pressure
Wenger not bothered by trophies



Arsene Wenger

LONDON, 7 March — Arsene Wenger insists he does not feel any more pressure this season to win a trophy — and revealed he does not rate some football managers who have been successful.

The Arsenal manager, who last picked up a trophy when his side won the FA Cup in 2005, believes there is more to the game than winning silverware. Wenger, whose side lead the Premier League by one point from Manchester United and who progressed into the UEFA Champions League quarter-finals

in midweek, said: “To win trophies is important but it is not the only thing about sport.

“Somebody can say to you if you don’t win trophies you are nobody. Maybe. I don’t know. I think it is something more than that.”

Wenger was responding to comments from former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho who observed

that while Arsenal have won no trophies in recent seasons, Wenger remains revered at the Emirates.

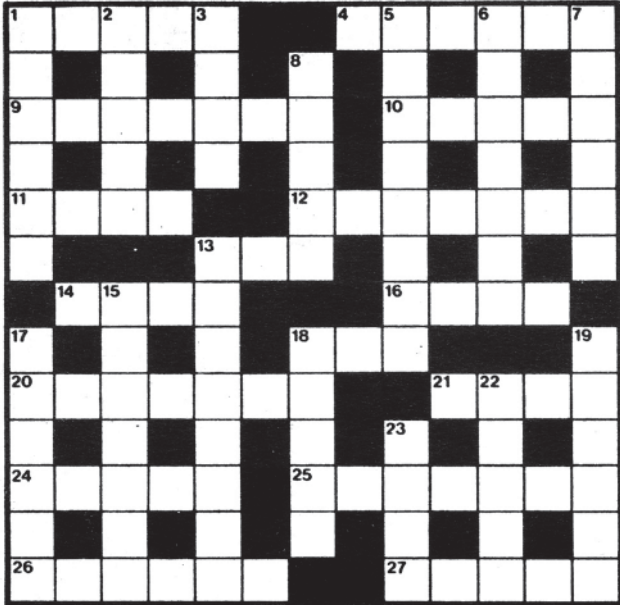
Mourinho said: “Arsenal are a unique team: their coach hasn’t won for years, but he’s an idol.

“There are no pressures at Arsenal. But do not say he’s growing young players into talents because he takes jewels and polishes them, it’s different. He has time to work in a serene atmosphere and get results.”

Wenger was eager to clarify that he had no wish to criticise Mourinho but his response was strident.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Money-bag
- 4 Walking through water
- 9 Girl’s name
- 10 Street urchin
- 11 Monk’s hood
- 12 Love-affair
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- 14 Competent
- 16 Necessity
- 18 Sever
- 20 Miner
- 21 Heath
- 24 — Butt, singer
- 25 Outstanding
- 26 Stag’s horn
- 27 Quiz team

DOWN

- 1 Caper
- 2 Renovate
- 3 Consumes
- 5 Dispute
- 6 Huge
- 7 Sea-bird
- 8 Happy
- 13 Dainty
- 15 Stone for road-bed
- 17 Wattle
- 18 Plume
- 19 Inhuman
- 22 Sea
- 23 Slight mistake

Manchester United’s Thomas Kuszczak (R) brings down Portsmouth’s Milan Baros for a penalty during their during their FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 8 March, 2008. Portsmouth defeated 1-0.

INTERNET



Gascoigne released
from clinic

LONDON, 8 March — Former England midfielder Paul Gascoigne has been released from a clinic after being held under the Mental Health Act since February 20, British media reported on Friday.

The former Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United, Rangers and Lazio player, widely known as Gazza, had been detained after being arrested at a hotel in Newcastle, north-east England. The 40-year-old, who won 57 caps between 1988 and 1998, made international headlines during the 1990 World Cup in Italy after crying following a yellow card in England’s semifinal defeat by West Germany which would have seen him suspended for the final. —MNA/Reuters



China’s tennis player Zhenzi Yan reacts after winning a point against Serbian world number four Jelena Jankovic during their quarterfinal match at Bangalore Open 2008 women’s tennis tournament in Bangalore, India, on 7 march, 2008. Yan won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.—INTERNET

Singapore plans airport expansion with new terminal

SINGAPORE, 8 March — Singapore plans a fourth airport terminal to meet rising travel demand in Asia, the government said on Thursday. The government is working on a master plan for the new terminal, said Minister of Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua in the city-state's Parliament, without giving further details.

The airport's third terminal was opened in January, boosting Changi Airport's passenger capacity by around 45 per cent to 70 million, as airports throughout Asia expand to gear up for predictions of strong growth in regional travel.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore also said it was starting an expansion project at Changi's budget airline terminal, to more than double its capacity by early 2009 to capitalise on planned air liberalization in Southeast Asia. — MNA/Reuters

Reef fish get lost as climate changes

SYDNEY, 8 March — Climate change might be causing reef fish to get lost, unable to return to breeding grounds from the open ocean, which could have profound implications for the survival of reef ecosystems, Australian scientists say.

Climate change-induced environmental stress, including warmer and more acidic seawater, could be hindering the development of the ear bones in young reef fish,

which rely on sound for navigation, the marine experts said on Friday.

The scientists from the James Cook University and the Australian Institute of Marine Science found that fish with asymmetrical ear bones struggle to return to their home reef.

"In our opinion, ear bone asymmetry in the early life stages of reef fish interferes with their capacity to find and settle on coral reefs," fish ecologist Monica Gagliano said in a statement.

Fish at the end of their "ocean stage" after hatching navigate by homing-in on reef-associated sounds, such as the gurgling of fish and the snapping of crustaceans, said the scientists, whose study was published on Friday in the British scientific journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society*. — MNA/Reuters

Airbus Tianjin to assemble first plane in August

BEIJING, 7 March — The Airbus assembly line in Tianjin will assemble its first aircraft in August for delivery in the first half of 2009, Airbus China announced here on Thursday.

The assembly line was jointly organized by the Tianjintax-free zone, China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I), China Aviation Industry Corporation II (AVIC II) and Airbus.

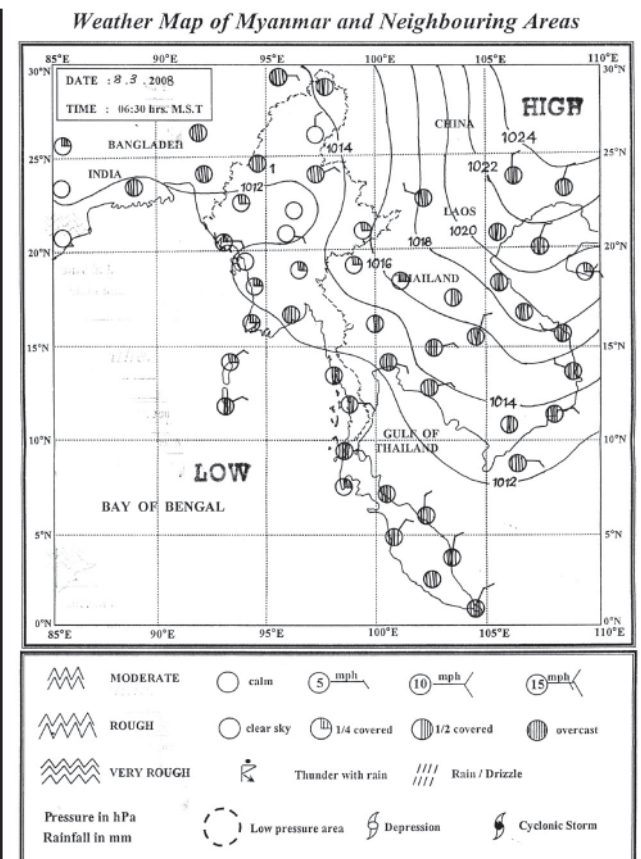
It is to have a capacity of four aircraft per month

by 2011.

Cooperation between China and Airbus has expanded in recent years. By the end of 2007, the average sub-contract had surpassed 70 million US dollars per year, according to Airbus China president Laurence

Barron.

Six Chinese aviation manufacturing companies have undertaken cooperation with Airbus. This work will reach 200 million US dollars in 2010 and 450 million US dollars in 2015, said Barron. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 8 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, (4°C) below March average temperatures in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures was Chauk, Minbu, Shwegyin, Thayawady, Patheingyi, Hpa-an and Yay (38°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Katha (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-3-2008 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 8-3-2008 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-3-2008 was 50%. Total sunshine hours on 7-3-2008 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-3-2008 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 (6) mph from Southeast at (15:20) hours MST on 7-3-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-3-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions 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 slight increase of day temperatures in the Deltaic and Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-3-2008: Generally fair weather.



Sunday, 9 March
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:05 am

- ဝမ်ပုံရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:15 am

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Say it in English

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:10 am

- Musical programme

11:25 am

- Round up of the week's International news

11:40 am

- ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:05 pm

- Myanmar video feature

12:10 pm

- “ညိုချက်ပြင်းတယ်” (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ပိုင်ဇေရဲထွန်း၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ ကြည့်လွဲလွဲဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)

1:50 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:00 pm

- Musical programme

2:10 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:25 pm

- “သတိနဲ့ယဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ပိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

2:35 pm

- စလင်းချောင်းတံတား

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

5:00 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း ပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်)

5:10 pm

- Dance of national races

5:25 pm

- Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုးအထွက်တိုး (စားသုံးဆီဖုလုံဖို့ နေကြာ အထွက်တိုးအောင်စိုက်ကြစို့)

6:40 pm

- Musical programme

6:55 pm

- (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူအားမာန်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

- News

8:15 pm

- International news

8:30 pm

- Weather report

8:45 pm

- “မာယာထောင်ချောက်” (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:55 pm

- The next day's programme



Sunday, 9 March
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music

-Dream

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music

-Happy

8:50 am National news

9:00 am Music

-Obsession

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar

-Blessing

9:20 am Music

-Home

1:30 pm News/ Slogan

1:40 pm Children's delight (story)

-A gift of a cock

1:50 pm Songs for children

9:00 pm Weekly news review

9:20 pm Article

9:30 pm Music

-Moonlight shadow

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

People's Desire

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

Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General meets responsible persons of national race group, political parties, social organization

YANGON, 8 March —Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari met with the party led by U Aung Hkam Hti of Pa-O National Organization at 10 am today, the party led by U Aung Shwe of National League for Democracy at 10.45 am, the party led by U Khin Maung Gyi of National Unity Party at 11.30 am, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and Central Executive Committee Member U Aung Thein Lin of Union Solidarity and Development Association at 2.30 pm and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at 4.15 pm at Seinle Kantha State Guest House, here.

In the evening, Mr Gambari was hosted a dinner by member of the Commission for Holding Referendum U Thaung Nyunt at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

MNA



Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets the party led by U Aung Hkam Hti of Pa-O National Organization. —MNA

UNSG's Special Adviser Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets the party led by U Khin Maung Gyi of National Unity Party. —MNA



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

INSIDE

Referendum designed for peaceful transition

Despite the attempts of the colonial countries of the west bloc, many fair countries with clear outlook have welcomed the announcements of the government with positive attitude.

Here, the people have to thank those countries.

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