

Tapo ca, ascetic practices; this is the way to auspiciousness

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Minister for NPED and party meet UNSG's Special Adviser

YANGON, 9 March — Mr Gambari, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General, and party met with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and party at the Guest House of the National Defence College, here, this morning.

They cordially discussed matters related to economic and health sectors of the country and activities of UN agencies in Myanmar. Mr Gambari and

party left NDC at 11.30 am.

In the evening, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha hosted a dinner to Mr Gambari and party at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets Ministers U Soe Tha and Dr Kyaw Myint, and CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu at National Defence College.— MNA

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Politicians, people's duties and nation's future

A constitution is the fundamental factor to introduce democracy. Political parties are to be formed according to the constitution. There will be elections only after political parties are formed systematically. And there will be a civilian government after elections.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for urban and rural development

The national development tasks that are being implemented today cover tasks for development of border areas and rural regions. Priority is being given to development of rural regions where the majority of the nation's population reside. As a result, rural people are now enjoying peace and development like urban residents.

The government is building more new roads and bridges that are indispensable for rural development while striving for supply of drinking water and irrigation water. In the meantime, it has laid down and is implementing plans for the development of economic, education and health sectors of rural folks.

Thanks to combined efforts of development affairs departments and township development affairs committees over 200 miles of urban roads and over 2,000 miles of rural roads were upgraded in 2007-2008 fiscal year. In 1988, there were over 5,000 miles of urban and rural roads, and now the length of urban and rural roads has increased up to over 30,000 miles, thereby bringing about secure and smooth transport between urban regions and rural regions.

Likewise, over 1,000 projects for supply of water to urban and rural regions were implemented in 2007-2008 fiscal year. Projects for supply of drinking water to rural regions have been implemented since 2000-2001 in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions. Now, the number of the projects has increased to more than 10,000. As a result, rural people have now access to adequate drinking water.

Nowadays, a large number of district-to-district roads and urban-to-rural roads have emerged, contributing much towards the improvement of socio-economic life of rural people. Thanks to concerted efforts of local authorities, local people and well-wishers under the leadership of the government, urban and rural regions will continue to witness greater peace and progress in their areas.

Vice-Mayor visits tax-free markets

YANGON, 9 March—Vice Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa accompanied by officials concerned inspected tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Thakayta and Tamway townships yesterday morning.

He inspected rice shop of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, edible oil shop of Myanmar Oil Dealers and Entrepreneurs Association, grocery shop of Bayintnaung Brokerage, consumer goods shops of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and Women's Affairs Organizations, Win Thuzar shop of Ministry of Industry 1, fish and vegetable shops in the tax-free markets.

He also met with the officials at the market and gave instructions to them.—MNA

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

USDA CEC member attends opening of rural dispensary

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe yesterday morning viewed the earth road stretching 11,950 feet long and 20 feet wide linking Shansulay-Zigon villages in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

He also looked into thriving summer paddy, sunflower and beans and pulses plantations.

The CEC member donated alms to Vice-Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanavamsa of Sasana Hitakari Monastery in West Zigon Village.

Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received President of Injynn Development Co Ltd and President Mr Visit Akaravinak of Electricity Generating Public Co Ltd and party of Thailand here on 4 March.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint and heads of departments under the ministry.

The meeting dealt with matters on repair and maintenance of gas power plants.—MNA

Afterwards, the CEC member attended the ceremony to open the building of rural dispensary in Zigon Village. Officials opened the dispensary, and the CEC member visited there. Next, the CEC member presented K 100,000 to the dispensary and K 100,000 and books



to the library through officials. Wellwishers also donated cash to the funds of the dispensary.—MNA

USDA Secretary-General supervises rural development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association, met with villagers of Po village of Thanatkataw village-tract in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Division on 1 March.

He inspected renovation of the Talai lake being carried out by Irrigation Department. He later paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kawvida and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Okkansa at the monastery of Po village and offered provisions.

The secretary-general also presented publications to the local residents.—MNA

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe donates cash to the rural dispensary in Zigon Village—MNA

MNMA holds First Annual Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — The First Annual Meeting of the Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association was opened at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivered an address.

Chairperson of the Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association Prof Dr Nan Htwam Hla presided over the meeting and gave a speech.

The secretary and the joint treasurer submitted the annual report and financial statement.

In the afternoon, Vice-

Chairperson-1 Daw Nwe Nwe Khin of the association made a speech. The meeting continued and adopted the future tasks.

Also present at the meeting were departmental heads, CEC members of the association and representatives of states and divisions. —MNA

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo addresses the first annual meeting of Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association.—MNA



Castro says US a loser in South American peace

HAVANA, 9 March — Cuba's ailing Fidel Castro praised Latin American presidents for putting their differences aside on Friday and avoiding an outbreak of war he said had been fostered by "Yankee plotting" in the region.

"(US) imperialism was

by all means the only loser," Castro, who retired last week after almost half a century at Cuba's helm, wrote in a column distributed to the Press by e-mail in Havana.

The presidents of Ecuador, Venezuela and Colombia, the United States' top ally in South

America, shook hands at a regional summit and ended a border dispute that erupted with a Colombian raid into Ecuador to kill a guerilla leader.

The handshake at a Rio Group meeting in Santo Domingo prevented the weeklong diplomatic crisis from escalating into

the first war between Latin American countries in more than a decade.

Castro highlighted that the meeting took place outside the Organization of American States, the hemispheric forum often seen as a tool of US power in Latin America.

"The essential thing is that no US diplomats were present," said Castro, 81, whose country was suspended from the OAS in 1962, three years after he took power in a revolution.

MNA/Reuters



Anastasia Lomachenkova (L) and Anton Ploom of Russia perform during the finals of the 5th Rudolf Nureyev international ballet competition in Budapest on 8 March, 2008.—INTERNET



Germany's Meik Schlenger (R) looks at his kite during the 10th Thailand International Kite Festival at the Thai resort beach town of Cha-Am, 160km (99 miles) southwest of Bangkok, on 8 March, 2008. The festival will take place over the weekend.—INTERNET

Armenia Constitutional Court rejects opposition suit

YEREVAN, 9 March — The Armenian Constitutional Court on Saturday rejected opposition claims last month's presidential vote was rigged and stood by the verdict of the country's central election

commission.

Outgoing president Robert Kocharyan declared a state of emergency in Yerevan on 1 March after eight people were killed in clashes between police and

protesters who said the election was fixed to deny the opposition a victory.

President-elect Serzh Sargsyan, who won 53 per cent of the vote, defended the emergency laws as necessary. His rival, former President Levon Ter-Petrosyan, who won 21.5 per cent, filed a suit to the Constitutional Court. —MNA/Reuters

Obama wins Wyoming caucuses

WASHINGTON, 9 March — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama beat his rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Wyoming caucuses on Saturday.

As of 96 per cent of precincts reporting, Obama led Clinton at 59 per cent to 40 per cent.

The Republican-dominated state has only 12 delegates who would vote at the Democratic national convention, one of the smallest prize in the party's presidential

nomination race. But it became a battlefield this year since every delegate matters in such a close race. —MNA/Xinhua

A supporter of Parti Islam se-Malaysia (PAS) throws back a tear gas canister towards police during a riot in Rusila village, near Kuala Terengganu in the northern Malaysian state of Terengganu on 8 March, 2008.

INTERNET



Malaysia police battle mob in Islamist stronghold

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 March—Malaysian police fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse an angry crowd of people, mainly supporters of an Islamic party, following clashes over alleged unregistered voters in Saturday's general elec-

tion, police said.

Police arrested 22 supporters of Parti Islam se-Malaysia (PAS) after they were attacked with bottles, sticks and stones, and the windscreens of three police cars were smashed, witnesses said.

The incident, the

worst violence in the election so far, took place in Rusila, the power base of PAS President Hadi Awang. "We strongly condemned the police action," PAS Deputy President Nasharudin Mat Isa told *Reuters*. "I think there must be some provocation."

PAS said several of their supporters were hospitalised for injuries. They included Hadi's 31-year-old son Kholil, who sustained facial injuries.

Police said the fracas broke out after police detained Kholil for questioning in a dispute over confiscated identity cards seized by men, believed to be PAS supporters, from about 70 passengers of two buses entering Rusila.

MNA/Reuters



Teenagers sample the “Guitar Hero III” video game at the CeBIT trade fair in Hanover. Games consoles — of which 62 million were sold in last year — are the gas guzzlers of this industry, using huge amounts of energy to generate the necessary mindblowing graphics and sounds.—INTERNET

Militants attack telecom signal tower in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 March — Taliban militants attacked a signal tower of a mobile telecommunication service company in Zabul Province of southern Afghanistan, destroying a guards room near the tower, the police said on Thursday.

“Armed Taliban insurgents attacked the tower and the guards room of Areeba, a mobile phone service company, in Share-Safa District of Zabul Wednesday night, destroying the room and power generator, but failed to damage the antenna,” provincial police chief Mohammad Yaqub told *Xinhua* via phone.

It is the third time over the past two weeks that the anti-government insurgents have been attacking mobile phone towers in south Afghanistan since giving ultimatum to shut down signaling during night-

time.

Armed personnel attacked and destroyed on 1 March two signal towers of Roshan, another mobile telecommunication service firm, separately in Kandahar and Helmand provinces. — *Xinhua*

Israel on high alert after shooting attack

JERUSALEM, 8 March — Israeli security forces across Israel were on the highest level of alert Friday, after Thursday night’s shooting attack in Mercaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem, which left eight people dead.

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak has

ordered the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to impose a closure on the West Bank, the spokeswoman of IDF told *Xinhua*. The closure is set to continue until security forces re-evaluate the situation in several days, she added.

Meanwhile, thousands of police officers were

deported in Jerusalem and a limit was imposed Palestinian access to Friday prayers at the al-Aqsa mosque, Islam’s third holiest site.

Police fear violence in Jerusalem’s Old City, where both Jews and Muslims gather for prayer on Friday. Al-Aqsa mosque overlooks the Western Wall, Judaism’s holiest site. — *Xinhua*

Death toll from bus-truck collision rises to 10 in N China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 8 March — Death toll from Friday morning’s bus-truck collision has increased to 10 after four seriously-injured died in hospital of north China’s Hebei Province. The remaining four injured were in a stable condition and two were operated on later in the day, said a provincial work safety bureau spokesman.

The accident occurred at 4:50 am in Huanghua City on the expressway linking Tianjin and Shanwei of southern Guangdong Province when a mini bus, carrying 14 people, collided with a truck. All the dead and injured were from the mini bus. — *Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Baghdad bomb attacks kill 19

BAGHDAD, 8 March — At least 19 people were killed in two roadside bomb attacks on Thursday in central Baghdad, a police source said.

The bombings struck simultaneously at about 7:00 pm (1600 GMT) in the commercial Ataar street in the central district of Kharada, the police source said on condition of anonymity.

The source said 34 other civilians were wounded, including four women and seven children.

He said several cars and

shops were damaged and the casualties could rise.

The security condition in Iraq has improved since last summer, mainly

attributed to the surge of US troops, the Sunnis’ uprising against al-Qaeda and the ceasefire of a major Shiite militia. — *Xinhua*

Five family killed as house collapses in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 March — A woman and her four daughters were killed and her son was injured when their house caved in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) due to heavy rain, the *News Network International* news agency reported on Friday.

All inmates of the house were sleeping when the house collapsed at Hangu District of NWFP on Thursday night. The 40-year-old Amna Jan and her four daughters died on the spot, while her son suffered injuries in the accident. — *Xinhua*

Chinese troops ordered to be combat-ready

BEIJING, 8 March — A Chinese commander on Thursday called on all military officers and soldiers to strengthen their sense of mission and get further combat-ready.

“Preparations for military struggle shall be continued, which is now the most important, practical and imperative task”, said Jing Zhiyuan, commander of the Second Artillery Force of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA).

Jing, also a deputy to the National People’s Congress (NPC), made this remark while joining other PLA deputies to the top legislature deliberating the government work report, which was delivered Wednesday by Premier Wen Jiabao at the opening meeting of the Parliament’s annual full session.

He urged Armed Forces to provide “solid military backup” for the nation’s realization of peaceful reunification.

Chang Wanquan, head of the PLA General Armaments Department, said development of high-tech weapons and equipment shall be

boosted to get the Army combat-ready in a “refined” way.

Chen Bingde, chief of the PLA General Staff, said to deepen reforms in troops is an urgent need for effective fulfillment of their new missions and tasks.

Xinhua

UN panel urges US to end racial profiling

GENEVA, 9 March — A United Nations panel urged the United States on Friday to end racial profiling of Americans of Arab, Muslim and South Asian descent, a practice widespread in the country since the terrorist attacks on 11 September, 2001.

Despite measures adopted at the US federal and state levels to combat racial profiling, “such practice continues to be widespread, particularly against Arabs, Muslims and South Asians,” said the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in a report.

The committee, composed of 18 independent experts, urged the United States to strengthen its efforts to combat racial profiling by moving expeditiously towards the adoption of the End Racial Profiling Act, or similar federal legislation.

Xinhua



A senior citizen is attracted by green dumplings at a supermarket in Suzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 7 March, 2008.—XINHUA

Vietnam-China trade via border gate rises in two months

HANOI, 9 March — Two-way trade between Vietnam and China via Mong Cai border gate in northern Quang Ninh Province reached over 344.6 million US dollars in the first two months of

this year, up 20.4 per cent year on year, local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Friday.

In the two-month period, Vietnam exported mainly coal, iron ores,

farm products and seafood to China through the border, and imported mostly steel products, steel billets, fertilizers, cement, machines, clothes, and automobile and motorbike parts.

Trade between Vietnam and China increased to nearly 10 billion US dollars in 2006 from 8.2 billion dollars in 2005, according to the Chinese Commercial Ministry. —MNA/Xinhua

Gold bangles are seen inside a display case at a jewellery shop in Singapore on 7 March, 2008. Diamonds might be a girl's best friend, but for those buying jewellery at a time of record gold prices, a new trend for lightweight pieces using semi-precious stones and organic materials might be a welcome ally. Picture taken on 7 March, 2008.—INTERNET



Turkey targets \$ 20b trade volume with Iraq

ANKARA, 9 March — Turkish State Minister Kursad Tuzmen said Saturday that his country targeted a 20-billion-US-dollar trade volume with Iraq by the end of next two years, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported. Tuzmen made the remarks during his talks with visiting Iraqi Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani in Ankara. "We expect the bilateral trade volume to reach six billion dollars in 2008," Tuzmen said.

Tuzmen said energy sector was a major element of the strategic cooperation vision between the two countries. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia President to visit Iran for energy talks

JAKARTA, 8 March — Indonesia's President will visit Iran next week to strengthen ties in the energy field and also for talks covering Teheran's controversial nuclear programmes, a Jakarta official said on Thursday.

The UN Security Council voted on Monday to introduce a third sanctions resolution against Iran over its refusal to halt nuclear work major powers fear is aimed at making bombs but which Teheran says is designed to generate electricity.

Indonesia, a non-permanent member of the Security Council, abstained in the vote on the Iran resolution.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is due to fly to Iran on Monday and hold talks with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the Islamic republic's supreme leader Ali Khamenei, said presidential spokesman Dino Patti Djalal. — MNA/Reuters

Bulgarian women earn nearly 30% less than men

SOFIA, 9 March — Wages paid to women in Bulgaria are 25 per cent to 30 per cent lower than wages paid to men, the president of Bulgarian Social Analysis Agency Lili Dimova said Friday. In other European countries the difference is 15 per cent, she said at a forum held in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital.

Dimova said that discrimination against women is a frequent and visible phenomenon in terms of labour market accessibility. Women become victims of unemployment more often than men, and they have to make more effort to combine personal life with their career.

MNA/Xinhua

Winners of the 2008 'Binibining Pilipinas', Miss Philippines beauty pageant, wave to the media at their coronation early on 9 March, 2008 at the Araneta Coliseum, Quezon city, Philippines. They are, from left, Patricia Fernandez, who will represent the country in the Miss International, Janina San Miguel, who will represent in the Miss World contest, and Jennifer Barrientos, who will represent the country in the Miss Universe.—INTERNET



A girl student of the Chinese Arctic expedition team embraces the statue of miner in Longyearbyen, Norway, on 5 March, 2008. A total of 15 women students, journalists and polar experts took part in the Chinese Arctic expedition team, which conducts research and experiments in the fields of biology, physics, astronomy, climate and geography in the Norwegian part of the Arctic from 29 Feb to 12 March. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Wen Jiabao urges S eco powerhouse to further free minds

BEIJING, 9 March — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday urged people in Guangdong, the southern province with the biggest GDP in the country, to further free their mind and continue to take the lead in the modernization process.

Wen made the remarks when he joined the Guangdong delegation to the 11th National People's Congress (NPC), the Parliament.

He called on the

Guangdong lawmakers to raise creativity by emancipating the mind and improve innovation at work with the renewal of ideas.

MNA/Xinhua

February car sales in China fall due to winter storms

BEIJING, 9 March — China car sales fell 26.1 per cent in February from the previous month due to freak winter weather and the weeklong Lunar New Year holiday, an industry group said on Friday.

Despite the month-on-month decline, domestic car makers sold 488,900 units last month, up 17.1 per cent from the same period in 2006, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Car sales in January were 661,900 units, an increase of 4.2 per cent from December and up 19.8 per cent from a year ago.

Sedan sales in February rose 19.9 per cent year on year to 357,100 units. Sport utility vehicles (SUV) sales jumped 47.2 per cent to 28,300, while mini vans sales rose 12.8 per cent to 15,400. — MNA/Xinhua



An employee reacts in front of Pioneer Corp’s plasma televisions at an electric home appliances shop in Tokyo on 4 March, 2008. Japan’s Pioneer Corp is finalizing plans to stop all production of plasma display panels in a bid to turn around its loss-making flat TV operations, an industry source briefed on the plan said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Britain offers up to 18 more nuclear power sites

LONDON, 8 March — Britain said on Thursday it was making 18 more sites available for the next generation of nuclear power stations and gave operators four weeks to pick the ones they wanted.

“Interest in building new nuclear power stations in the UK is strong,” Business Secretary John Hutton said in a statement on the Government News Network (www.gnn.gov.uk).

“Planning applications for new plants are likely to focus on areas in the vicinity of existing sites and so it’s welcome that the NDA is making its significant land and other assets available to the market,” he added.

Until now, the only sites that were clearly available were eight belonging to British Energy.

The UK’s Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), which

owns 18 sites including two with operational reactors, issued a notice asking potential developers to name the assets they were interested in by 3 April.

Hutton told the *Financial Times* he expected the new generation of nuclear power stations to supply much more of the country’s electricity than the 19 per cent the existing ones deliver.

MNA/Reuters

Visitors gather around displayed cars during the first weekend of the 78th Geneva International Motor Show in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 March, 2008. The Motor Show opens its gates to the public from 6 to 16 March, presenting over international 1,000 brands.—INTERNET



One dead as tornadoes rip through Florida, Georgia

CAPITOLA(Florida), 8 March — Tornadoes cut through Florida and Georgia on Friday, destroying homes, felling trees and power lines and killing one person as a record series of winter tornadoes continued to pound the United States.

The National Weather

Service had reports of at least 12 tornadoes that flipped cars, damaged homes and interrupted power supplies in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

A 62-year-old woman was killed when a tree fell on her mobile home in a twister that ripped through Lake

Mexican soldiers make huge drug gang arms seizure

TIJUANA (Mexico), 8 March — Soldiers made one of the biggest ever arms seizures in Mexico after raiding a house in this border city, uncovering grenade launchers, machine guns and other weapons encrusted with gold figures of skulls.

Major Justo Buenaventura Jaime Villareal told Reuters on Friday the haul — 91 weapons, 50,000 rounds of ammunition, grenades and explosives, toge-

ther with a half tonne of marijuana — were found after a tip-off and gunfight.

Three suspected members of the Tijuana cartel, run by the Arellano Felix family, were arrested after a two-hour shootout on Thursday night at the house they were guarding.

“This is the biggest ever confiscation that has been made against the Arellano Felix organization,” said Jaime Villareal.

Drug gang members often like to personalize their weapons with expensive details. Some weapons found in the haul had white and yellow gold encrustations of skulls and others had cowboy-themed figures.

Separately, soldiers caught six local police chiefs red-handed at a gas station sporting luxury watches and carrying envelopes stuffed with wads of cash, the Army said.

MNA/Reuters



Rescue workers and local residents walk around wreckage at the crossing where a passenger train crashed into an interprovincial bus, in the city of Dolores, Buenos Aires Province on 9 March, 2008. At least 18 people were killed and 45 injured in the crash, local media reported.—INTERNET

Florida, Georgia

City, Florida, damaging or destroying 50 homes and a dozen businesses, Columbia County emergency management spokesman Harvey Campbell said. Sixteen people suffered minor injuries and a man died when he tried to hook up a power generator after the storm knocked out electricity to as many as 16,000 people.

MNA/Reuters

Kashmir rebels kill three in grenade attack

SRINAGAR (India), 8 March — Separatist militants lobbed a grenade at a house in southern Kashmir killing three members of a family, police said on Friday, the second such attack this week.

The house in Reasi District belonged to a member of a government-backed vigilante group set up to help soldiers fight militants, a police officer said. Five people were wounded in Thursday’s attack.

Violence has declined in the Himalayan state since both India and Pakistan, who claim Kashmir in full but rule in parts, initiated a slow moving peace process in 2004, officials said.— MNA/Reuters

Israeli soldier, Palestinian militant killed in Gaza

GAZA, 8 March — A bomb planted by Palestinian militants killed an Israeli soldier on the Gaza frontier on Thursday and an Israeli airstrike killed a gunman in the Hamas-controlled territory.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the soldier’s death and said Israel launched the air strike that killed one of its members in the northern Gaza Strip after the group carried out a cross-border rocket attack.

Israeli forces withdrew from the northern Gaza Strip on Monday after a sweep against Palestinian rocket crews that killed more

than 120 people — half of them civilians, according to medical officials. Fighting has persisted sporadically since.

The Israeli military confirmed a soldier was killed and three were wounded when a bomb blew up their jeep at the Kissufim border crossing in the central Gaa Strip.

“A group of fighters planted a bomb under the cover of darkness and waited for the jeep to arrive ... (then) two fighters detonated the explosives,” said Abu Ahmed, an Islamic Jihad spokesman.

MNA/Reuters

Politicians, people's duties and nation's future

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I am not a politician. I am just a political observer. I have come to know that I have a lot to do for my country. So, I thought over to do something to ensure national development and remind the people about what they should notice. It is because the people can pursue the common goal in harness only when they have a common concept. In this regard, I believe I have to present some notable points without bias against or in favour of the government or the anti-government groups. I realize that only then, will it be possible for me to present what I understand as it really is.

On 9 February 2008, the evening TV news programme carried Announcement No 1/2008 and Announcement No 2/2008. The first announcement was about the forthcoming referendum, and the other, elections. I sincerely believe that both announcements will go down in the annals of the nation's history, bringing down the curtain on the past events and fulfilling the present requirements.

I have not listened to the broadcasts of foreign radio stations for many months. But now I again listen to their broadcasts to know their reaction to the government's announcements. As I expected, through many particular broadcasts, they were dissuading the people from voting for the draft constitution with the intention of disrupting the public poll. In the past, I used to switch off the radio whenever the broadcasts were very bitter to my ear. However that time I listened carefully to the broadcast, instead of switching off the radio. Mostly, what a politician says and what he does, in other words, their words and deeds are different from each other. I had to listen to carefully and record what they aired. Because, they are in the habit of broadcasting slanderous and unreliable news stories without taking into consideration the interests of the people, and later denying that they broadcast so.

I think the memories of the events that took place in 1996 are still with the people. It was the Visit Myanmar Year. A person dissuaded the international community from visiting Myanmar. In consequence of that person's call, many foreign factories and companies closed down and withdrew from the country in 2003. It was part of economic sanctions. Out of the hardships stemming from the economic sanctions, the people were found expressing their dissatisfactions. Then, they said that they were not responsible for the economic sanctions.

Now, they are instigating the people not to vote for the draft of the constitution. Now, I am

not in a position to stop them from doing so, but I want to remind them that they will be held responsible for their words. I will contribute towards the drive for approving the draft. So, I would like to exhort the people to weigh the situations with care. We the people have been under the rule of the Tatmadaw government from 18 September 1988 to date. The forthcoming constitution is the only thing that can transform the nation from the rule of the Tatmadaw government into the democratic rule. If the people fail to embrace the unique opportunity due to ignorance, the situations will remain unchanged. I wish to enjoy the rights 100 per cent. If we refuse 75 per cent just because we cannot get cent per cent, the answer will be zero. The percentage of the people will rise gradually to cent per cent later if we accept 75 per cent at first. Here, I would like to suggest that the people try to know what deserves first priority and what does not deserve first priority.

I wish the people would no longer keep past events in mind and would work together for a prosperous future of the motherland. However, it is virtually impossible for my hope to come true because the most opportune time for the people to remain united has elapsed long, and the issue is a hot potato on the table. So, the people should guess who is capable of addressing this issue and who is doing so, and should support the capable one. I do not want to recall the past events. But, those who recall the past are going backwards. So, I am worried in case the people will go backwards.

After the 1990 election, the burden of drawing a constitution fell on the shoulder of the representatives-elect. In my opinion, they missed the golden opportunity due to the fact that they made a demand for handing over power first to draw a constitution, misusing the authority. That had adverse effects on the people. However, it was fair to say that fortunately, the nation did not come under the rule of the unqualified politicians.

Taking advantage of internal problems of Myanmar, certain powerful countries tried to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation. So, Myanmar people fell victim to the attacks of economic sanctions. They gave a lame excuse that the economic sanctions were targeted at the government only. In practice, the whole country was hard hit by the crises. The economic sanctions were at the instigation of the politicians and due to their power-craving attitude.

Apparently, they have no sympathy for the people. Up to now, not a single politician has called for

withdrawal of economic sanctions. I do not want to put blame on those politicians who failed to do so due to their lack of knowledge. Those who failed to do so although they understood to call for withdrawal of economic sanctions will be put on record as historic perpetrators of the nation. I would like experienced politicians to take part in the processes. I wonder what they will reply. Will they reply that is not their concern or they will not demand or they will join hands with the people? But, I would like to ask the people to get ready to put their replies on record.

Therefore, the people have to search and nurture qualified politicians with foresight and such politicians who are sympathetic towards the public and who do not use the people for political purposes, or they should try their utmost to become reliable politicians themselves if necessary. The reliability of a politician can be evaluated based on who call for in collaboration with the people the withdrawal of economic sanctions, and whether he disrupts the State constitution (draft). **A constitution is the fundamental factor to introduce democracy. Political parties are to be formed according to the constitution. There will be elections only after political parties are formed systematically. And there will be a civilian government after elections.**

I would like to present some points about the draft constitution. **We people should study the draft of the constitution to know whether it carries the rights we should enjoy. We should not vote for or against the draft without knowing about it thoroughly. Otherwise, we may suffer grievances. One will happen to go wrong if one puts trust in others' deception although what one wants is enumerated in the draft.**

I do not think it is prudent to look forward to a perfect constitution. In the world, no constitution is perfect, and there will never be a perfect one, either. What is the most important is what the people want to enjoy is stated in the constitution whoever has drawn it. According to the prevailing situation, the present draft is the most suitable one for the nation. We people are obliged to assess the draft constitution according to the prevailing situations of the nation. If one fails to seize the unique opportunity when opportune, one is deemed to shape one's miserable future.

Every citizen is responsible for doing many things important for the democratic transition—to call for removal of all forms of blockages that are against democracy, to extend a helping hand for emergence of an enduring constitution, and to elect reliable politicians or people's representatives.

In successive periods, reactionary politicians gained domination, so the people are not to blame for their mistrust in the politicians. However, a nation cannot be built without politicians. The nation needs a greater number of visionary politicians who sacrifice their self-interests with good morality. In conclusion, I would like to remind the people that they are responsible for emergence of and electing reliable politicians.

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Hninzigon Home for the Aged turns 75, new four-storey building opened for the aged



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils stone plaque and the paintings of Daw Oo Zun and Thado Thiri Thu Dhamma Myanmar Alin U Tin to mark the diamond jubilee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged.— MNA

YANGON, 9 March — A ceremony to mark diamond jubilee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged was held in conjunction with opening of new building for the aged at Thiri Yadana Hall of Home for the Aged this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Chairman of Board of Trustees of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) explained about the purpose of the diamond jubilee ceremony.

Next, the commander formally unveiled the inscriptions and portraits of the founders of the home — Daw Oo Zun and Myanmar Alin U Tin., The commander and wife accepted cash donations and presented

certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Certificates of honour were also presented to eight writers who compiled magazines and books on diamond jubilee.

Afterwards, the chairman presented commemorative books and Dhamma books to the commander. Next, the commander formally unveiled the plaque of inscriptions of the commemorative new four-storey building for the aged.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister visits Universities of Medicine in Mandalay, Yangon



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe meeting with rectors and professors at University of Medicine in Mandalay.— HEALTH

YANGON, 9 March — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met with the rectors, professors, lecturers and faculty members of University of Medicine, University of Dental Medicine, University of Medical Technology, University of Pharmacy and University of Nursing in Mandalay at the meeting hall of the University of Medicine (Mandalay) on

4 March. The deputy minister urged them to turn out international level medical professionals with the use of new academic methods while the government is promoting health care services for the people.

Next, the deputy minister visited University of Medicine, University of Pharmacy, University of Medical Technology and University of Traditional

Medicine in Mandalay.

On 5 March, the deputy minister inspected departments and construction works of University of Dental Medicine and University of Nursing in Mandalay.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe looked into laboratories of University of Pharmacy (Yangon) in North Okkalapa Township this morning and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Progress of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi road, Bwetary Bridge supervised

YANGON, 9 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected construction of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi road yesterday.

At the briefing hall of Gwegyo camp, Senior Engineer U San Wai of Road Construction Special Group-5 reported to the minister on road construction task from mile post No 22 to mile post No 66.

The minister viewed extension of the road and placing of gravel.

At mile post No 211/7 on Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay road, the minister inspected Bwetary Bridge and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The finishing works of new Bwetary Bridge are being carried out. Arrangements are being made for opening the bridge soon.

MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of educative song contest held

YANGON, 9 March — With the purpose of ensuring attainment of healthy behavior, an awarding ceremony of educative song contest for the age group (5-9), organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon was held at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

First, Chairman of MMPA U Myint Thein Pe extended greetings on the occasion. Director of Central Health Education Department Dr Khin Maung Lwin and resident representative of UNICEF Ms Rosella Marelli made speeches on the occasion.

Next, officials presented prizes to three composers and judges. Afterwards, project consultant Daw Swe Zin Htaik spoke words of thanks. — MNA



Resident Representative of UNICEF Ms Rosella Morelli awards a winner.

MMPA

Basic sports training course for 2008 commences

YANGON, 9 March — A ceremony to open the basic sports training course for 2008 was held at Aung San Stadium, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

On behalf of President of Myanmar Wushu Federation Dr Sai Hsam Tun (Managing Director of Loi Hein Co), Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw presented K 3 million for the training course to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Next, the minister gave away cash reward to the band of Tamway Basic Education High School No 4.

Selected players and new generation players of



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts cash donation from U Kyaw Kyaw of Loi Hein Company.— NLM

Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, Myanmar Karate-do Federation, Myanmar Taekwondo Federation and Myanmar Wushu Federation demonstrated their skills in respective sports.

The training course

comprised 29 sports such as cycling, volleyball, boxing, cane-ball, badminton, gymnastics, archery, football, tennis, Judo, Taekowndo, Sepak Takraw, shooting, Wushu, Karate-do, swimming, aerobics, martial arts,

basketball, rowing, track & field, hockey, cricket, sailing, weightlifting, chess, body building, baseball and table tennis. The training course will be conducted from 3 March to 10 April.

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Singapore Association of Myanmar holds Special Sales

YANGON, 9 March — A ceremony to open the special sales of Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) was held at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel here this morning.

First, President of SAM Mr Teddy Chia delivered an address. Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Wealfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong opened the special sales by cutting the ribbon.

All profits from the special sales will be donated to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Wealfare Association and other social organizations. — MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Chief Representative Mr Ma Shoudong of Poly Technologies Inc of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the Ministry on 6 March morning.

They discussed the opportunities for cooperation in implementation of power grids and power station projects.

MNA

Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 concludes

YANGON, 9 March — A ceremony to present awards to the winner companies in Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008 organized by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association was held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here, this evening.

First, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry spoke on the occasion. The managing director, Patron of MTEA U Aung Lwin, General Manager of MTE U Htoo Aung and Chairman of MTEA U Sein Lwin presented the prize winner companies in Myanmar Furniture Fair 2008.

The MTEA responsible persons also presented the certificates of honour to the booths and Chairman of MTEA U Sein Lwin spoke words of thanks.

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325 houses gutted by fire in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March —A fire broke out at the house of Daw Khin Nyo of No 5 Ward near Myoma market in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township at 1:55 pm today, destroying 325 houses and injuring 2 persons.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt arrived at the scene.

A total of twenty fire engines from Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Takkon townships and Swa, Myo Hla and Thagara towns managed to put out the fire at 4:20 pm.

The relief camps were opened at Sasana Beikman of No 3 Ward and Inpu Basic Education Primary School in No 6 ward. The officials provided aids to the victims. The injured persons were given treatment at the People's Hospital of the township.

MNA

UDNR teachership training course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March —The University for Development of National Races held a conclusion ceremony of junior assistant teachership course No 17 in conjunction with an appointment certificates presentation for the graduates of BED four-year course No 39 at the university in Sagaing yesterday afternoon.

Rector U Zaw Min Thein of UDNR presented completion certificates to 34 trainees and the representatives of the states and divisions, job appointment certificates to the graduates.

The rector presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and gave a concluding speech.—MNA

Industry-1 Ministry organizes Special Sales

YANGON, 9 March—The first day of Special Sales organized by Ministry of Industry-1 took place at Bo Tayza playground in Dalla Township here this morning.

Colonel Win Naung of Ministry of Industry 1 and chairman of Dalla Township Peace and Development Council, U Khin Maung Win formally opened the special sales and looked around the booths displayed there.

The sales will be kept open till 18 March and 358 kinds of consumer goods and

household goods will be sold.—MNA



Col Win Naung visits a shop of the Special Sales in Dalla Township.— MNA

Obama’s top adviser resigns over offensive on Clinton

WASHINGTON, 9 March— Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama’s top foreign policy adviser resigned on Friday for her offensive remarks on his rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton in an interview with media.

Samantha Power, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Harvard University professor, was caught in hot water after she told a Scottish newspaper that New York Senator is a “monster.”

“She is a monster, too — that is off the record — she is stooping to anything,” The Scotsman quoted Power as saying in the report.

After US media released the abstract of the report, Power issued a

statement making an apology and Obama’s campaign also decried the remarks. However, Clinton’s campaign made an immediate response by urging Power to resign.

“Senator Obama has called for change, and a new kind of politics,” said Clinton’s supporter, New York Representative Gregory Meeks. “This is the worst kind of politics.”

The two Democratic presidential contenders are bracing for the

caucuses in Wyoming on Saturday that would yield 12 pledged delegates and six superdelegates.

After Clinton won three primaries on Tuesday, she regained the momentum and magnetism for campaign fund, but still lost to Obama in the number of delegates who would vote at the nomination convention.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 March , 2008 shows the interior of newly-built No 2 terminal building of the Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, east China.—XINHUA

Canadian mother saves 7 children from fire

OTTAWA, 9 March— A Canadian mother is being hailed as a hero after she threw her seven children out a second-floor window as a raging fire threatened to engulf them, Canadian Television (CTV) reported Friday.

The woman and her children, who are between ages two and 10, were all taken to hospital early Friday morning. Their injuries include third-degree burns and respiratory problems.

One child, a three-year-old girl, is in critical condition. —MNA/Xinhua

Researchers identify new CRC-related genes

WASHINGTON, 9 March—Researchers from Case Western Reserve University have identified new genes related to colorectal cancer (CRC), according to a new study published on Friday in The American Journal of Human Genetics.

Because only 5 per cent of CRC cases are due to known gene defects, this study is designed to

identify the remaining CRC- related susceptibility genes. The team built on a previous study which identified a specific region on chromosome 9q that harbors a CRC susceptibility gene.

Upon review of a whole genome scan of all chromosome pairs in 194 families in the United States, the researchers were able to identify additional CRC gene regions on chromosomes 1p, 15q, and 17p.

“The goal of our study is to identify the CRC genes in susceptible patients to better understand who may be prone to develop CRC and why,” said Georgia L Wiesner, lead author of the study. “This study is a step towards the future of genetic testing for the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Americans.”

MNA/Xinhua

Edison builds biggest power transmission project in US

LOS ANGELES, 9 March— Electricity supplier Southern California Edison said Friday that it has begun to build the biggest transmission project for wind energy in the United States.

The project is scheduled to be finished by 2013 and will be capable of carrying 4,500 megawatts of electricity, much of it from turbines in the windy Tehachapi area north of Los Angeles, according to the company, which provides power supply service in much of Southern California.

That is enough to power about three million California homes, the company said in a statement.

California currently generates about 2,500 megawatts of wind electricity, ranking second in the United States after Texas with about 4,500 megawatts. It is estimated that some 17,000 megawatts of wind electricity were generated in the country by the end of 2007. Edison’s wind energy transmission project, with an estimated cost of 1.8 billion dollars, is part of a five-billion-dollar transmission expansion plan proposed by the Los Angeles-based utility company.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to host int’l meeting on illiteracy

JAKARTA, 9 March — Indonesia’s Bali Island is set to host the 7th E-9 Ministerial Review Meeting on Education for All (EFA) next week, which will focus on the improvement of education and training for teachers in countries where illiteracy is a national problem.

The programme is run by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and is aimed at decreasing the world’s illiterate population.

The nine countries scheduled to attend the meeting include Bangladesh, Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan and Indonesia, the Jakarta Post daily reported on its website on Friday.

A 1993 report by

UNESCO said these nine countries were home to 70 per cent of the world’s illiterate population and 40 per cent of global school dropouts.

UNESCO said it aimed to cut 50 per cent of the world’s illiterate population by 2015 through the EFA programme, with a particular focus on the nine countries.—MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians come to the aid of Cleveland Police officers who managed to get their cruiser stuck in snow and ice during a storm on 8 March, 2008. A winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow across most of the state, closing roads, canceling airline flights and causing many Ohio counties to declare snow emergencies.

INTERNET

About 100 bodies found in Iraq mass grave

BAGHDAD, 9 March— Iraqi security forces found about 100 badly decomposed bodies in a mass grave north of Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday, one of the largest such finds in the country for months.

US and Iraqi security forces said it was not clear who was responsible for the grave near Khalis, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Baghdad, or when the victims had been killed.

“Initial reports indicate it may contain the remains of approximately 100 people,” said US military spokesman Major Winfield Danielson.

Iraqi police said they suspected those in the grave were likely to have been killed some time after the 2003 US-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis have been killed in sectarian fighting between majority Shiites and minority Sunni Arabs and in a mainly Sunni Arab insurgency since the invasion.

“The skeletal remains appear to have been in the grave for a long time, and we have not yet determined who might be responsible for their death and burial,” Danielson said.—MNA/Reuters



Local women perform waist drum dance in the cole field at the Longgong scenic area in Anshun City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 8 March, 2008.—XINHUA



Tourists look at handicrafts during the 6th Guizhou (Anshun Longgong) Cole Flower Tour Festival, opened at the Longgong scenic area in Anshun City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 8 March, 2008.—XINHUA

I m a g e s o f t h e D a y



A man flies a dragon-shaped kite at the Beiling Park in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 9 March, 2008. —XINHUA

Child show their works for auction during a commonweal auction in Hangzhou City, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 March, 2008. 60 painting works created by members of the Hangzhou youth painting and calligraphy academy were sold during a commonweal auction. All the income will be used to imburse poor students' art education after school.—XINHUA



Magdalena Neuner (L) and Kathrin Hitzer of Germany celebrate after finishing the women's 12.5 km mass start at the 8th Biathlon World Cup 2008 in the Siberian town of Khanty-Mansiysk, 2,000 km (1,243 miles) east of Moscow, on 9 March, 2008.—INTERNET



Photos taken by a British photographer show a hungry lamb kicked its mother with its forehoof to beg for milk.—XINHUA

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Finland donates 15m euros to Zambia

LUSAKA, 8 March — Findland has set side 15 million euros for three sectors and direct budget support for Zambia this year, *Zambia Daily Mail* reported Friday.

Finnish Ambassador to Zambia Sinikka Antila said in an interview that her country would continue to render support to Zambia.

She said Finland was targeting the agriculture, environment and natural resources, and the private sector reforms for support. She said the private sector reforms included direct budget support to the government.

Of the 15 million euros, private sector reforms and environment and natural resources would receive five million euros each while the agriculture sectors has been given four million euros.

The remaining one million would be used for

institutional cooperation on knowledge transfer.

Sinikka also said her country was supporting the Programme for Luapula Agriculture Rural Development (PLARD) in Luapula Province under the agriculture sector.

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World Bank power projects in Nigeria absorb \$400m

LAGOS, 8 March — Bayo Adeniyi, the Manager, PHCN World Bank Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) said the World Bank has spent 400 million US dollars on power projects in Nigeria.

“This is very small when compared to the amount needed to finance the power sector in Nigeria,” he said.

Adeniyi said in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, that the aim of the power project was to entrench best practices, according to the *News Agency of Nigeria*.

“If it can work in other countries, it will work in Nigeria if the government and the people are willing to adopt it,” he said.

He said a positive mark of success would have been achieved when the power projects in Karu and Kubwa were completed.

“The power supply in those areas will definitely improve with a remarkable difference,” Adeniyi said.

“Earlier we started by replacing the bigger transformers with the smaller ones. We have done much work in this area to improve supply in Karu and its environs.”

Adeniyi said there was the need to build a power sub-station in Karu to increase the bulk of energy supply to the area and curb the problem of load shedding.

He said the design of the station had completed and we have placed order for the materials needed for the construction of the power sub-station.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil bars entry of Spaniards in diplomatic spat

BRASILIA, 8 March — Brazil turned back eight Spanish citizens at a northeastern airport for not meeting entry requirements, police said on Friday, ratcheting up a diplomatic spat over immigration.

The move follows Spain’s expulsion on Wednesday of a group of Brazilians at Madrid’s airport for not complying with immigration laws.

The Spaniards flew into the airport in the city of Salvador late on Thursday. They were sent back to Spain immediately because they did not have the minimum amount of money required for entry or proof of hotel reservations, an immigration officer in Salvador told *Reuters*.

Some of the Brazilians had been barred from entering Spain for the same reasons, local media reported.

The Brazilian Government said on Thursday it was “deeply disturbed” by another episode of denying its citizens entry into Spain and that it was considering measures in response.

Brazil’s Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment on Friday. Foreign Minister Celso Amorim had already complained to Spain earlier this year about the restrictions and demanded Brazilian citizens be treated with dignity.

Spain’s Embassy in Brasilia said on Friday it was awaiting details of the incident in Salvador. The ambassador had said on Thursday that Spain was merely applying European Union immigration laws.—MNA/Reuters

German President backs bravery medal for soldiers

BERLIN, 8 March — German President Horst Koehler backs a plan to introduce Germany’s first medal for bravery in combat since World War II, his spokesman said on Thursday, but some left-wing politicians have spoken out against the idea.

German soldiers have not been awarded medals for exceptional courage since the defeat of Nazi Germany, but the Defence Ministry is preparing to introduce a new decoration.

“The President is in principle in favour of this,” said his spokesman, Martin Kothe.

The ministry has yet to finalize its plans, and according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* newspaper, one conservative member of Parliament suggested the decoration could be shaped like an iron cross — the old medal.

Introduced by Prussia in 1813 during the Napoleonic Wars, the iron cross later became synonymous with the military aggression of the Nazis, who redesigned it in 1939, inlaid with a swastika.

The Defence Ministry has ruled out using the iron cross as the basis of the new design, according to German media reports.

MNA/Reuters

Colombian forces kill another FARC rebel leader

BOGOTA, 8 March — A top leader of Colombia’s biggest left-wing rebel group, Ivan Rios, was killed on Friday in Colombia, the Army said, in the second major blow to insurgency’s leadership in less than a week.

On Saturday Colombian forces killed the FARC’s No 2 leader Raul Reyes in a raid carried out on Ecuadorean territory, sparking a diplomatic crisis with Ecuador and Venezuela that threatened to escalate into South America’s first conventional war in more than a decade.

Ecuador and its leftist ally Venezuela have dispatched thousands of troops to their borders with Colombia and cut ties with their US-backed neighbour.

Rios, a member of the seven-member secretariat of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, died in combat with soldiers in the northwest coffee-producing part of the country.

MNA/Reuters

UNESCO awards 10th edition of Women in Science Award

PARIS, 8 March — The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has conferred the 10th edition of the prestigious Oreal-UNESCO 2008 for Women in Science Award to five distinguished scientists from across the

five continents, according to a statement issued Thursday.

The prize for Africa and the Arab states was awarded to Lihadh Al-Gazali from the United Arab Emirates for her contribution to the characterization of inherited disorders, while the one for

Latin America was awarded to Ana Belen Elgoyhen from Argentina for her outstanding contribution to the understanding of the molecular basis of hearing. North America recipient was Elizabeth Blackburn from the United States for discovering the nature and maintenance of chromosomal ends, and their roles in cancer and aging.

For the Asia-Pacific Region, V Narry Kim from South Korea was nominated for the prize for elucidating the formation of a new class of RNA molecules involved in gene regulation, while Europe got the award through Ada Yonath from Israel for her structural studies of the protein biosynthesis system and its disruption by antibiotics.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese women to have more chances of piloting aircraft

BEIJING, 8 March — Although no Chinese women will be arranged to board the *Shenzhou VII* spacecraft scheduled to blast off late in the year, they will be offered more chances of piloting aircraft in the future.

Starting this year, the Air Force of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) will recruit female pilots from senior high school graduates every three years, instead of every seven or eight years in the past five decades.

"It means that more

Chinese women will have the chances of becoming pilots," Major-General Yue Xicui of the Air Force told *Xinhua* on Friday.

Actually, the Air Force has begun this year's of selection of female pilot cadets from different parts of the country, said Yue, who is attending the annual session of China's top political advisory body as a member of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

MNA/Xinhua

Regional conf on kidney treatment starts in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 8 March — A two-day conference of nephrologists, urologists and kidney transplant surgeons of South Asia region kicked off here on Thursday.

Discussions at the meeting will focus on kidney problem, its dialysis and transplantation, advanced technology and devices developed in South Asia region and sharing of ideas.

Inaugurating the conference, Nepali Minister for Health and Population Giriraj Mani Pokhrel said the government of Nepal has been working with priority to the kidney treatment sector, as criminal activities are also taking place in South Asia region due to expensive technology and complicated treatment of the kidney problem.

Pokhrel further opined that manpower involved

in health sector should be ready to take the lead and work actively in view of the compulsion of going out of the country after suffering from diseases.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor views the interior of the Newspaper House Installation in Gillett Square in London on 8 March, 2008. Karen Janody was so annoyed by the mounds of free newspapers blowing around the streets of London she decided to build a house with them to illustrate the degree of waste. Janody and her Creative City colleagues Gillian McIver and artist Sumer Ereke built the skeleton of the Newspaper House in East London and called for people to bring along their used rolled up used newspapers to build the house itself.—INTERNET



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

Singapore unveils high-tech UAF storage facility

SINGAPORE, 8 March — Singapore on Friday commissioned its first underground arms storage facility, the world's most modern one of its kind.

Located at the old Mandai quarry, the

Underground Ammunition Facility (UAF) is also the first large-scale underground containerized facility to be designed and developed within a densely developed and urbanized area,

the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

At the commissioning of the Facility, Singapore's Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean highlighted its efficient land use and space management. By building the facility below ground, it freed up about 300 hectares of land, equivalent to 400 football fields.

The storage needs 20 per cent less manpower to operate than a conventional above-ground one because it is equipped with the latest ammunition storage technology and systems. It also needs half the energy for cooling due to the natural insulation provided by granite caverns. The defence minister also called it an "engineering achievement" which has set new standards in underground storage, safety and efficiency.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulgaria bans smoking in trains after deadly fire

SOFIA, 9 March — Bulgarian Transport Minister Peter Mutafchiev has issued an order for developing additional security measures in Bulgaria's trains, including a total ban of smoking, local Press reported on Friday.

The order issued on Thursday also includes strengthening control over the type and the weight of the train passengers'

baggage, informing the passengers about what to do in case of fire or other incidents, and improving the communication between the train staff.

The enhanced safety measures also deal with the evacuation ways, the use of the emergency break, the fire-extinguishers' spots in the train carriages, and the door closing and opening systems.

These measures were proclaimed one week after last month's deadly train fire tragedy. On 29 February,

two carriages of the night train travelling from Sofia to the north-eastern town of Kardam burst into flames minutes after midnight, left nine people dead and nine injured. Critics said that most of these measures had already been in place but had not been strictly executed.

Mutafchiev admitted that there was a ban of bringing flammable objects onto the trains but that no one controlled whether it was observed.

MNA/Xinhua

China recommends daily diet for citizens

BEIJING, 8 March — The Chinese Nutrition Society and the Ministry of Health have released a newly-revised edition of "Guideline of Chinese Residents' Diet (2007)".

The diet is structured as a pyramid with five levels that aim to introduce Chinese to a better dining habits. The importance of and the amount of different types of food in a daily diet is displayed in each level. For example, 250 to 400

grammes of cereal, potato and bean, together with 1,200 grammes of water, are at the bottom. At the top are 25 to 30 grammes of oil and 6 grammes of salt.

The second level contains 300 grammes of milk and milk products, 30 to 50 grammes of beans and nuts, while on the third level are 50 to 75 grammes of meat, 50 to 100 grammes of fish and shrimp and 25 to 50 grammes of eggs. Some

300 to 500 grammes of vegetables and 200 to 400 grammes of fruits are placed at the fourth level.

CNS experts said an ideal daily diet should include all the foods listed in the diet, but there was no need to follow the suggested diet daily.

It added the average of the total amount of food eaten during a week should coincide with the suggested amount.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Portsmouth’s Sulley Muntari (L) scores a penalty past Manchester United’s Rio Ferdinand during their FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 8 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Liverpool cruise past Keegan’s hapless Newcastle

LONDON, 9 March — Liverpool piled more misery on Newcastle United with a 3-0 victory at Anfield in the Premier League on Saturday.

First-half goals from Jermaine Pennant and Fernando Torres, his 25th of the season, and Steven Gerrard's effort after the break strengthened Liverpool's hold on fourth place.

Relegation-threatened Newcastle, without a league win since December, have picked up only two points in seven matches since Kevin Keegan returned as manager in January and are leaking goals at an alarming rate.

"It was disappointing," Keegan told Sky Sports television. "The first goal was a killer but other than that I didn't think we showed enough courage or self belief on the ball."

"They were much better than us." Reading, third from bottom at the start, jumped five places with a 2-0 home victory over Manchester City while second-from-bottom Fulham drew 1-1 at Blackburn Rovers.

MNA/Reuters

Portsmouth in semis after United Cup shock

LONDON, 9 March — Portsmouth stunned Manchester United with a smash and grab 1-0 victory at Old Trafford on Saturday to reach the FA Cup semifinals.

Pompey were under siege for long periods but a penalty 12 minutes from time by Sulley Muntari after United keeper Tomasz Kuszczak was sent off for fouling Milan Baros gave them a first victory at Old Trafford since 1957.

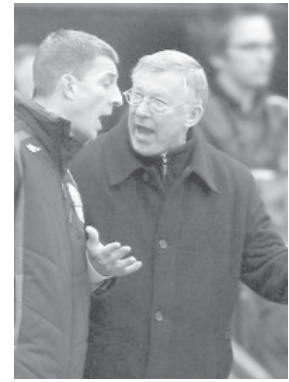
They can now look forward to a Wembley semifinal, the first time they have reached the last four of the FA Cup since losing to Liverpool in 1992.

"It was the worst draw we could have got but it was a great performance and a great result," Portsmouth manager Harry Redknapp, who memorably led Bournemouth to a 1984 Cup victory over United, told Sky Sports. "We rode our luck but United are a fantastic team and we deserved our luck." Portsmouth managed comfortably enough in the first half with Glen Johnson's headed clearance from Carlos Tevez and a loud United penalty appeal when Sylvain Distin barged Cristiano Ronaldo off the ball their most worrying moments.

After the break, however, they were forced into desperate defence against the Premier League champions with Sol Campbell outstanding at the heart of the Pompey resistance. Ronaldo headed one good chance over the bar and minutes later Michael Carrick looked certain to score when he went past keeper David James, only for Distin to make an incredible last-ditch tackle.

MNA/Reuters

Ferguson blasts refereeing Red Devils manager unhappy with officiating



Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 8 March — Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson hit out at the refereeing after Portsmouth beat the Red Devils 1-0 at Old Trafford to progress into the semifinals of the FA Cup.

United will wonder

how they lost this game after hitting the post through Patrice Evra and having Carlos Tevez and Michael Carrick efforts cleared off the line.

Earlier replays show they had a clear-cut penalty rejected when Cristiano Ronaldo was brought down by Sylvain Distin in the seventh minute but referee Martin Atkinson did not award the spot-kick.

The South Coast side then won a penalty, when Milan Baros was brought down by substitute keeper Tomasz Kuszczak, who was sent-off. —Internet

FIFA ends all goal-line technology experiments

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 9 March — Goal-line technology to determine whether a goal has been scored will not be used in football for the foreseeable future, the game's law-makers ruled on Saturday.

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, will not sanction any further experiments into technological aids, and according to Brian Barwick, the chief executive of the English FA who supported the experiments, "the idea is now dead in the water". —MNA/Reuters

Raul's 200th league goal puts Real eight clear

MADRID, 9 March — Raul scored his 200th league goal to move Real Madrid eight points clear in the Primera Liga after a 2-1 comeback win over Espanyol on Saturday.

The visitors went ahead in the first half through Valdo, taking advantage of a Real side suffering a hangover from their midweek Champions League exit at AS Roma's hands. Gonzalo Higuain levelled before the break and Raul converted a penalty in the second half to earn Bernd Schuster's side a morale-boosting three points. —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Holders Chelsea dumped out of FA Cup at Barnsley

LONDON, 9 March — Holders Chelsea were knocked out of the FA Cup in the quarterfinals on Saturday when they lost 1-0 at Championship (Second Division) side Barnsley.

Kayode Odejayi's 66th minute header clinched a victory that sparked incredible scenes at Oakwell as Barnsley fans celebrated reaching the semifinals for the first time since 1912.

The Yorkshire side beat Liverpool at Anfield in the previous round and deserved their latest upset after weathering waves of desperate Chelsea attacks in the final minutes.

"I'm over the moon, I can't believe it," Barnsley manager Simon Davey told the BBC. "We went to Anfield at put on a show but nobody thought we could do it again."

"The players were fantastic. I've never been to Wembley before and nor have many of the players. To knock out a team like Chelsea with the millions they have got...unbelievable." Barnsley are guaranteed a trip to Wembley Stadium for the semifinals, along with Portsmouth who had earlier stunned Manchester United 1-0 at Old Trafford in their quarterfinal. —MNA/Reuters



Barnsley's Kayode Odejayi (R) scores against Chelsea during their FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at Oakwell in Barnsley, northern England, on 8 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Canadian couple have natural, identical triplets

OTTAWA, 9 March — A Canadian couple have given birth to naturally conceived, identical triplets, the chance of what is estimated only at one in 200 million.

The babies were born on 29 February, 10 weeks before their expected due date, in New Westminster in British Columbia Province.

They are all healthy, weighing between two and 3.3 pounds. They are expected to remain in hospital at least until their original due date, in early

June, Canadian Press reported Friday.

A spokesman for neonatal services at the New Westminster hospital where the babies were delivered, said even veteran staff members are awe-struck.

“Therarity, it’s amazing, it’s huge. Especially babies of this size, born at 1.5 kilos (3.3 pounds), only 10 per cent are conceived naturally. In other cases, 90 per cent are (born after the use of) fertility drugs. This is an extremely rare occasion,” the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

Rett syndrome patients suffer high fracture risk

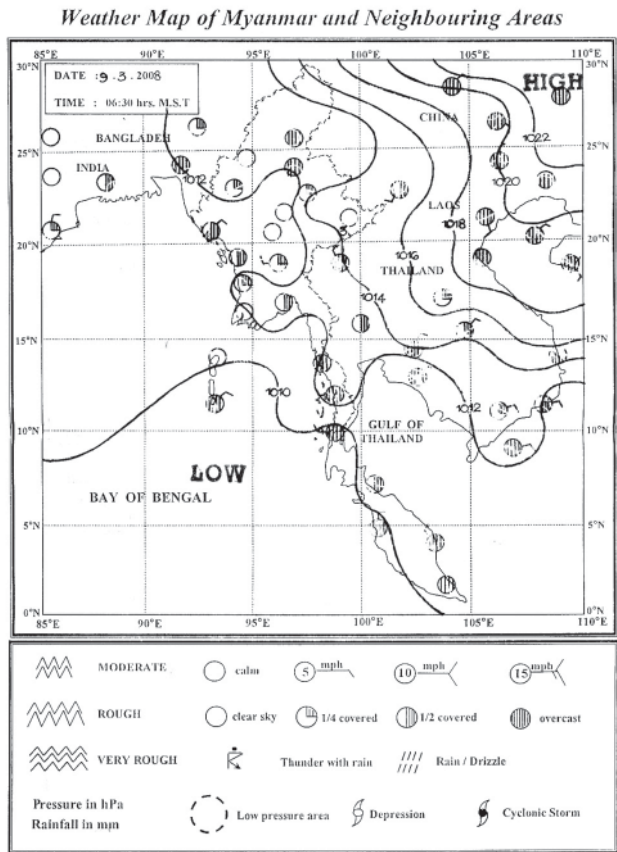
WASHINGTON, 9 March — Australian researchers have found that girls and young women with Rett syndrome are nearly four times more likely to suffer a fracture, according to the latest edition of the US journal *Paediatrics*.

Head of the Australian Rett Syndrome Study Helen Leonard said the results had important implications for the care of girls with the syndrome. Many of the girls had fractures of the femur which are particularly disabling given the limited

mobility of many of these children.

“This information will be important for doctors and for families in both identifying fractures and endeavoring to find ways to prevent them where possible,” said Leonard. Researchers will try to identify the mechanism that is making the girls more susceptible to fractures. “We will look at the effect of the specific gene that’s responsible for the syndrome,” Leonard said.

Rett Syndrome is a severe childhood neurological disease that is the most physically disabling of the autism spectrum disorders. The disease affects primarily girls, striking at random in early childhood and destroying speech, normal movement and functional hand use. Many children become wheelchair bound and those who walk display an abnormal, stiff-legged gait. Disordered breathing patterns and Parkinson-like tremors are common. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 9 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon, Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) below March average temperatures in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (39°C), Nay Pyi Taw, Minbu, Tharawady, Hmawbi, Yangon (Kaba-Aye), Hinthada and Pahtein (38°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (0.12) inch and Putao (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-3-2008 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 9-3-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-3-2008 was 56%. Total sunshine hours on 8-3-2008 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-3-2008 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 (4) mph from West at (9:30) hours MST on 9-3-2008.

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 10-3-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Eastern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin 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 isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-3-2008: Generally fair weather.

Illegal “AK-47” rifles seized at California pawn shop

LOS ANGELES, 9 March — Ten AK-47 assault rifles have been seized at a pawn shop near Los Angeles and authorities believe the weapons were illegally imported into California, officials said on Saturday.

Local and federal law enforcement officers raided Bright Spot pawn shop in Glen Avon, about 70 kilometres east of Los Angeles, making no arrests, but authorities would seek

charges against the owner of the weapons.

Police and officers with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms executed the search warrant at the shop Friday after having received information that illegal AK-47s were being sold there, according to a statement by police. The case will be forwarded to the Riverside County District

Attorney, seeking charges against the owner of these weapons while the authorities are continuing an investigation.

Although AK-47s are popular in the assault rifle market, such weapons are not legal for most Americans, say gun control advocates who feel there is no reason for hobbyists to own such potentially-destructive guns.

MNA/Xinhua



Monday, 10 March
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. Song of national races

8:05 am
6. Cute little dancers

8:15 am
7. နတ်သားတောရေလှောင်တံ

8:20 am
8. (ဇေယျ)နှစ်မြှောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy

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 ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ—တတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

4:55 pm
5. Dance variety

5:10 pm
6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်)

5:20 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm
8. Songs and dance of national races

5:40 pm
9. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့” (စိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—ကြည်စိုး)

5:45 pm
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:50 pm
14. Musical programme

7:05 pm
15. (ဇေယျ)နှစ်မြှောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:15 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်တယ်—ချစ်တယ်” (အပိုင်း—၆)

8:00 pm
17. News

8:10 pm
18. International news

8:20 pm
19. Weather report

8:30 pm
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာမျဉ်းဖြိုင်” (အပိုင်း—၁၀)

8:40 pm
21. The next day’s programme



Monday, 10 March
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music -Close to you

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music -Stay

8:50 am National news/Slogam

9:00 am Music -Everyday

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music -I breathe again

1:30 pm News/ Slogam

1:40 pm Lunch the music -I believe

9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars -Five

910 pm Article

9:20 pm Drug/W omen Affairs

9:35 pm Vocal gems -Heaven

9:45 pm News/Slogam

10:00 pm PEL

People's Desire

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

New locomotives handed over to Myanma Railways



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min observes the locomotives purchased from India.— MNA

YANGON, 9 March — A ceremony to hand over the locomotives imported from the Republic of India to the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at No 1 Platform of Yangon Central Railway Station this afternoon.

General Manager (Mechanical and Electrical) U Tun Oo reported on matters related to the locomotives.

General Manager Mr RP Singh of RITES Ltd under the Ministry of Rail Transportation of India handed over documents related to the locomotives to Managing Director U

Min Swe of Myanma Railways.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin and party sprinkled scented water on the locomotives and viewed them.

In building a modern and developed nation, Myanma Railways built more new railroads for ensuring smooth transport of passengers and commodities. Myanma Railways purchased 20 locomotives from RITES

Ltd under the Ministry of Rail Transportation of In-

dia and accepted five locomotives on 22 September 2007 in the first batch. At present, 15 locomotives were accepted as the second batch.

The YDM-4 locomotive is installed with one 1350 HP ALCO engine. It is 30-year guarantee Medium Speed Engine. The locomotives are installed with fuel efficient kit to save the fuel. With modern break system, the locomotive can run 60 miles per hour as the maximum speed and it can also be used on hilly railroad sections.

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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



Locomotives imported from India seen at Yangon Central Railway Station.— MNA