

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

Homalin People's Hospital upgraded to 100-bed facility



laboratory and X-ray rooms of the hospital.

A ceremony to donate cash to the hospital was followed and Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe accepted over K 14.6 million donated by Hkamti District Peace and Development Council and over

K 11.2 million donated by wellwishers to the funds of the hospital.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint accepted over 9.4 million Kyat donated by wellwishers to buy medical equipment for the operation room, over K 4.5 million to buy medi-

cal equipment and K 2.1 million to buy an oxygen tank.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted over K 1.9 million presented by donors to buy ECG machine and over K 5 million to buy furniture for the hospital.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint formally open 100-bed People's Hospital in Homalin.

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — As a gesture of hailing the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a new building for the people's hospital in Homalin was opened at the hospital yesterday.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint formally

opened the new 100-bed facility.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe unveiled the bronze inscription of the hospital.

The commander and the ministers visited the dental unit, the medical store, wards, delivery room, operation theatre,



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We people favour peaceful coexistence with the other world people. We have never done anything harmful to the interests of any other country. We consider that some are trying to harm the interests of our country merely due to their lack of knowledge of our country's culture, customs and traditions.

In the past, our country was not in a position to shape its brighter future. It is believed that unlike that, now our country has a prosperous future ahead of it.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 12 March, 2008

Enhance image of Myanmar Red Cross Society

The Myanmar Red Cross Society not only puts in the fore Red Cross principles such as humanitarianism, voluntary services and unity but also engages in the International Red Cross works and national development tasks.

The Society dedicates itself to public health care service, disaster preparedness activities, relief work and humanitarian services in collaboration with relevant ministries, and social organizations at home and abroad.

In addition, with the aim of helping the youth cultivate good habits, the Society is constantly nurturing its youth members and uplifting the dynamism of their willingness to contribute towards public welfare services, and voluntary services to rescue victims of natural disasters, along with nationalistic spirit and patriotism with which they are loyal to the motherland and the people.

The government has assigned not only primary duties but also national duties on the MRCS. Now, the Society is working sector-wise with might and main in cooperation with other relevant social organizations, thus helping the nation enjoy fruitful results of their collaborative works all the more.

Therefore, those playing in the leadership role of the MRCS and members are obliged to make continued endeavours to ensure emergence of a new nation in the interests of the people, considering that they are fostering the image of the Society and shouldering the national duty by devoting themselves to their services.

Fire breaks out in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, engulfs 43 houses

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — A fire broke out at Pyiwin village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe at 4.15 pm yesterday, engulfing 43 houses.

No sooner did the accident happen, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and officials concerned got to the scene, and put out the fire with 12 fire-engines.

The fire-victims were temporarily accommodated at refugee camps at the Pyiwin Monastery and provided with necessary help.

It was learnt that the fire started from the house of U Than Htay. — 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

Commander, Minister supervise development tasks in Taninthayi

YANGON, 10 March—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association (In-charge of Taninthayi Division) Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with departmental personnel, Social Organizations, townsenders at General Administration Department in Palaw Township of Myeik District, Taninthayi Division on 8 March.

The Commander and the Minister delivered addresses on the occasion.

Next, townselder U Hla San accepted clothing



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo hands over clothes donated by Ministry of Industry-1 to fire victims in Palaw. — L & F

donated by Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Transport, cash by Taninthayi Division PDC, 100 bags of rice by Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, 100 bags of rice by Asongkong Co, K 1

million by Taninthayi Division USDA, clothing by Kawthoung Township USDA, K 500,000 by entrepreneur U Hla Win for the fire victims of No 1 Ward in Palaw Township. In the evening, the

commander and the minister inspected production of rubber of Vinde Co in Thamok village. They later met with proprietors of cold storage factories and held discussions.—MNA

Yekyithit Water-colour Art Show to be opened

YANGON, 11 March — A total of 19 artists will display their artistic works at Yekyithit Water-colour Art Show, as part of the second step of Snowflake Art Gallery at the corner of Sanchaung Street and Shinsawpu Street from 1 to 7 April.

Some 90 water-colour paintings created by artists Hla Tin Tun, Maung Maung Thein, Aung Thein, Kyi Win (Yankin), Hla Han, Kyi Win (Today), Lun Pe, Mya Thauang, Tin Aung Hteik, Mon Thet, Win Myint Moe, Hla Thein Aung, Thein Myint Thein, Zaw Win (Kyimyindine), Ko Maung Kyaw Than, Sangyong Ko Ko Aung, Nay Win Aung, Maung Oo (Paung) and Saw Tin Wai will be on display at Snowflake Art Gallery.

The Snowflake Art Gallery will hold talks on painting, artistic works and discussions and demonstration on painting after the coming water festival. Please contact Daw Hnin Hnin Oo (Tel-01-511076, 09-5014153, 09-5043082) for further information. — H

Commander and USDA CEC member inspects developments of Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Central Executive Committee member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min made an inspection tour of Paikyoun Township in Kayin State on 7 March. They donated provisions to Sayadaw and Sangha and enshrined religious object into Anhaingmei Hsutaung-pyae Pagoda in Paikyoun and also grew a Bo tree.

the committee for holding the championship (Tel: 09-99-72554, 01-653174) not later than 16 March.

MNA

Afterwards, they met with the members of the USDA and villagers and the CEC member presented a computer and K 600,000 for Parahita school and publications for national culture and uplift and a computer for Paikyoun Basic Education High School.

In the evening, the CEC member accompanied by the chairman of Kayin State PDC met with members of Township USDAs, social organizations members and the people at the Aung San Hall of Hlaingbwe Township in Kayin State. The CEC member and chairman of Kayin State PDC accepted 1,000 USDA membership applications.

The CEC member donated K500,000 for Hlaingbwe Township General Hospital Fund and publications for culture and uplift to Hlaingbwe BEHS.—MNA

Final of Golf Championship postponed



YANGON, 11 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and

sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, a final of Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship which was scheduled to hold on 14-17 March was postponed to 21-23 March at City Golf Club.

Those who had won qualifiers are to contact

Hu calls for enhancing Nat'l defence for world peace

BEIJING, 11 March—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday called for redoubled efforts to step up defence and Army building to guarantee national security and make greater contribution to world peace.

Hu made the remarks when he attended a meeting of the delegation of the People's Liberation Army to the ongoing annual session of the National People's Congress, or China's Parliament. "We must intensify our effort to strengthen national defence and step up Army building while going all out for economic,

political, cultural and social development, so as to support and guarantee the progress of socialism with Chinese characteristics and make greater contribution to world peace," said Hu, also chairman of the Central Military Commission.

The modernization of the Armed Forces should be aimed at combat readiness, and military

training should be conditioned to the age of information technologies, he said.

"We must aim at improving the capability to win high-tech regional wars and keep enhancing the ability of the military to respond to security threats and accomplish a diverse array of military tasks," the President said.

MNA/Xinhua

The burning wreckage of several cars lay on the Abu Dhabi to Dubai highway, following a multi vehicle crash near Ghantoot, United Arab Emirates in which at least four people were killed on 11 March, 2008.

INTERNET



Johannes Vogel, chairman of the Young Liberals, the youth organization of Germany's free-market liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP), dives into a glass case full of water in front of the chancellery in Berlin on 7 March. The stunt was part of a protest for more and better job opportunities for young people in Germany. —INTERNET

Over 20,000 attend wine festival in Sydney

SYDNEY, 11 March—More than 20,000 people went to Sydney's Hyde Park on Sunday for the city's biggest ever outdoor wine festival.

Earlier in the day, New South Wales Minister for State Development Ian Macdonald said 100 NSW wineries would showcase their wines in the northern section of Hyde Park as part of NSW wine week.

"Hyde Park will be transformed into a wine trail showcasing fine wines from Mudgee, Cowra, Bathurst, Orange, Western Plains, Gundagai, the Riverina, Canberra, New England, Hastings River, Hilltops, Hawkesbury, Nepean, Shoalhaven coast, Southern Highlands and the Hunter," Ms Macdonald said.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil soars to record near \$108 in focus

NEW YORK, 11 March—Oil shot up more than 2 per cent on Monday to a record near 108 US dollars a barrel, extending a rally led by investors seeking a hedge against the tumbling US dollar and inflation.

US crude traded up 2.24 US dollars to 107.39 US dollars a barrel by 1:20 pm EDT (1720 GMT), off a record 107.85 US dollars hit earlier in the session. London Brent crude jumped 1.63 US dollars to 104.01 US dollars.—MNA/Reuters

Five US soldiers die in Baghdad bomb blast

BAGHDAD, 11 March—Five US soldiers were killed and three others wounded in a bomb blast in central Baghdad on Monday, the US military said, in the worst single attack on US forces in Baghdad in months.

An Iraqi interpreter was also wounded in the explosion, which hit the soldiers while they were on foot patrol, the military said in a statement.

Iraqi police said the soldiers had been walking in the street in Mansour District when a suicide bomber wearing an explosives vest walked up to them and blew himself up. A police official at Baghdad's Yarmouk hospital said nine wounded Iraqis had been admitted, including a policeman.

They had spoken of a suicide bomber who had exploded among the Americans, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Takao Doi is helped by white room technicians before boarding the Space Shuttle Endeavour as the crew prepares for launch, on 10 March, 2008. —INTERNET

Iraq blames misunderstanding for Iran-US talks mixup

BAGHDAD, 11 March—An Iranian delegation failed to meet US officials in Baghdad for talks on security in Iraq and was forced to go home last week without meeting the Americans due to a mix-up over dates, Iraq's Foreign Minister said.

Observers who closely follow the talks were left puzzled after Iran said they would start on 6 March, the United States ambassador said no date had been set, and Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister said only that they would take place within the week.

MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indian Army to focus on modernization efforts

NEW DELHI, 11 March—Indian Army is focusing on areas like improved night-fighting capability, better command and control and precision-guidance systems for modernization of the force, the results of which will be visible in the next two years, a top officer

said on Monday.

"Improving missile capability and all-weather battlefield surveillance are other thrust areas we are looking at. In the next two years, we may see the fructification of our efforts in modernization," Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant-General ZU

Shah said at an Army-industry interaction function, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

Stressing on the importance of increased self-reliance in defence production, Shah assured the private sector of ensuring a "level-playing field".—MNA/Xinhua



Malaysian PM takes oath for new term

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 March— Malaysia’s Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was sworn in for a new five-year term in office Monday at the national palace.

Badawi, wearing a black traditional costume, was sworn in by Malaysia’s Supreme Head Mizan Zainal Abidin at the royal palace in Kuala Lumpur in a solemn ceremony, local TV footage showed.

Also attending were Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak and other senior ministers.

Badawi, 68, was sworn in two days after his ruling coalition Barisan Nasional, or National Front, won 140 of the 222 parliamentary seats on generation election day on 8 March.

The National Front coalition has ruled Malaysia since independence from Britain in 1957.

MNA/Xinhua



Close-up of a field of corn. A planned increase in US ethanol production from corn would spell environmental “disaster” for marine species in the Gulf of Mexico, said a co-author of a science study published on Monday.—INTERNET

Obama refuses to be running mate of Clinton



Democratic president hopeful, Sen Barack Obama, D-Ill, addresses supporters at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss, on 10 March, 2008, touching on most of the issues of his campaign: the war in Iraq, education, health care and the economy. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 10 March — US Senator Barack Obama Monday flatly rejected suggestions he would be a vice presidential running mate for Senator Hillary Clinton.

Obama made the remarks at a rally in Columbus, Mississippi, CNN

reported. Clinton, Obama’s rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, and her husband former President Bill Clinton have suggested a joint Clinton-Obama ticket — with Obama in the second slot. Obama forcefully shot that idea down.

“Senator Clinton is fighting hard. She’s tenacious. I respect her for that. She is working hard to win the nomination. But I want everybody to be absolutely clear. I’m not running for vice president. I’m running for president of the United States of America,” Obama told supporters.

“With all due respect. I won twice as many states as Senator Clinton. I’ve won more of the popular vote than Senator Clinton. I have more delegates than Senator Clinton.

So, I don’t know how somebody who’s in second place is offering vice presidency to the person who’s in first place,” he said.

Internet

Palestinian official accuses Israel for weakening PNA

RAMALLAH, 10 March — A senior Palestinian official accused Israel on Saturday for weakening the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and preventing it from carrying out its missions in the Palestinian territories.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, a Palestinian negotiator told “Voice of Palestine” Radio that “Israel is doing its best to weaken the Palestinian Authority by preventing it from restoring security and order in the West Bank and Gaza.”

Israel has been im-

posing a tightened closure on the Gaza Strip and has setup roadblocks that divided the West Bank and disabled the PNA to deploy its security forces all over the area. “Closure, roadblocks and expanding Jewish settlements, in addition to the military aggression against Gaza would only lead to widening the gaps between the two sides,” said Abed Rabbo. Following an Israeli military operation on Gaza Strip, President Mahmoud Abbas decided to halt the talks with Israel

on permanent status issues after more than 120 Palestinians were killed and 400 wounded. Abed Rabbo asserted that there is a double game played by both Israel and Hamas movement to worsen the situation and escalate violence “in order to separate the Gaza Strip and move the control on the enclave to Egypt”.

Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip in mid June last year after its militants ousted President Abbas security forces.

MNA/Xinhua

EU commissioner wants Cuba sanctions abolished

HAVANA, 10 March — The European Union’s top development aid official left Cuba on Sunday convinced that EU diplomatic sanctions against the Communist island should be dropped after Fidel Castro’s retirement, his main aide said.

EU Aid Commissioner Louis Michel visited Havana to gauge the political climate following the replacement of the ailing 81-year-old Castro by his brother Raul Castro on 24 February, Cuba’s first change of leader in almost half a century.

Michel said he will try to persuade the EU’s 27 member states to scrap diplomatic sanctions that were adopted after a crackdown on dissent in 2003 but have not been enforced since 2005, Michel’s top aide and

European Commission Director-General for Development Stefano Manservigi said.

The EU measures, which included a freeze on visits by high-level officials, were diplomatic and did not stop trade and investment in Cuba, unlike the embargo the United States has maintained against Havana since 1962.

In 2005, the sanctions were suspended contingent on periodic reviews of Cuba’s human rights record. —MNA/Reuters

Woman suicide bomber kills four in Iraq’s Diyala

BAGHDAD, 11 March — A woman suicide bomber blew herself up outside the house of a tribal leader in Diyala Province in northeast of Baghdad on Monday, killing him and three others, a provincial police source said.

A woman arrived early Monday the house of Shiek Ghadhbhan al-Karkhi, and asked to meet him as he is the head of the Karkhiyah clan in the town of Kanaan, southeast of the provincial capital of Baquba, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The woman blew up her explosive vest when the Shiek came out to meet her with two of his family members and a guard, killing them all, the source said. —MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian President leaves for Iran

JAKARTA, 11 March — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono departed for Iran on Monday to discuss nuclear issue, trade and investment.

The President would also visit Senegal and Dubai, said state spokesman Dino Patti Djalal.

During his visit in Iran from Monday to Tuesday, the President would meet with his Iranian counterpart Mahmud Ahmadinejad and the country’s Supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei, Dino said.

One of the topics to be discussed was nuclear issue, he said.

The visit comes a week after Indonesia, a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, abstained from voting when the Security Council gave an approval on an additional sanction against Teheran over its rejection to stop nuclear programme, which the Council suspects it is directed for mass destruction weapons, but Iran says it is for peaceful purpose.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers remove a car from a canal after a crash near Cardenas, Mexico, on 10 March, 2008. —INTERNET

China to learn from India on outsourcing business

BEIJING, 10 March—The Chinese Government was strongly advised by a senior corporate executive here Saturday to learn from India to effectively develop outsourcing business.

“The government shall expand preferential tax policies on software firms to all outsourcing business so as to help develop an advantage based on low cost,” said Zhang Chun-jiang, a member of the 11th

National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), at a plenary meeting of its first annual full session.

In 2006 Indian firms took up 65 per cent of the world’s IT industry outsourcing market and 47 per cent of office work outsourcing. The major reason was that Indian firms benefited greatly from governmental in-

dustrial strategy, especially free-of-tax policy, Zhang said. Compared with foreign outsourcing companies including Indian ones, Chinese firms are lagged behind in service quality and the attraction of talented people, the political adviser said.

Training programmes in line with international practice shall be introduced, Zhang said.

Xinhua



Polar lights are seen in the sky in Longyearbyen of Norway where China’s Yellow River Station is located, on the early morning of 10 March, 2008.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 10 March, 2008 shows the head of a huge kite in the shape of a python in Linyi, east China’s Shandong Province. The kite is about 320 metres long and 23 kilograms weight. —XINHUA

Migrant workers get defaulted wages in China

BEIJING, 10 March—Chinese legislators have helped millions of migrant workers get defaulted wages and shut down tens of thousands of small, illegal coal mines in the past years, as part of their efforts to supervise the government’s work and promote social harmony, top legislator Wu Bangguo said Saturday.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People’s Congress (NPC), China’s top legislature, made the remarks while delivering a report on his committee’s work over the past five years.

Migrant labourers from rural areas, whose number is estimated at 210 million, have become a pillar of the country’s work force, but they face various problems, including pay arrears, work-place injury compensation, health care and their children’s schooling.

Wu said that legislators found in 2003 in their inspections, visits and appeal letters from ordinary citizens that many migrant workers’ wages were defaulted. The finding prompted the NPC Standing Committee to call on governments at all levels and concerned departments to adopt effective measures to solve the problem.—Xinhua

APEC members agree to boost renewable energy

LIMA, 10 March—Representatives of the 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEC) agreed to boost renewable energy technology and research projects at the 35th APEC Energy Working Group meeting, Peru’s Mines and Energy Ministry (MEM) said on Sunday.

Some 105 officials met in Iquitos, capital of northern Peruvian province of Loreto, on 3-7 March. The MEM said it had presented hydroelectric, wind power and geothermal energy projects at the meeting.

Another topic discussed was the diversification of energy sources to prevent high international energy prices from having such serious consequences for economies such as Peru.

Since its inception in 1989 in response to the growing interdependence among Asia-Pacific economies, APEC has become a major regional forum acting as the primary regional vehicle for promoting open trade and economic and technical cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region. —Xinhua

HK jewellery show attracts over 31,000 buyers

HONG KONG, 11 March—A latest international show has attracted 2,306 exhibitors and 31,333 buyers from around the world, both record levels for the show, organizer Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) said Sunday.

The 25th Hong Kong International Jewellery Show, which the Trade Development Council said was the world’s third largest of its kind, was held from 4 March to 8 March.

The HKTDC said the number of buyers from emerging markets were growing fast, with a 3-per-cent surge for Russia and 28 per cent for the United Arab Emirates.

Hong Kong, a southern Chinese special administrative region and the

world’s fourth largest fine jewellery exporter, saw a growth of 17 per cent in its jewellery exports in 2007 to 33.8 billion HK dollars (4.3 billion US dollars).

Organizers launched a wide range of activities, including seminars,

jewellery parades and networking cocktails to expand the portfolio of the Hong Kong International Jewellery Show and strengthen Hong Kong’s status as the world’s major jewellery sourcing centre. Xinhua



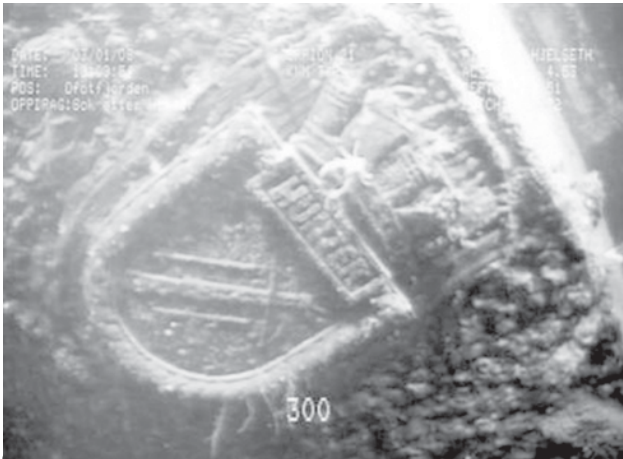
Police officers search for evidence at a bomb site in Colombo on 10 March, 2008. One civilian was killed while four others were injured in the explosion blamed on Tamil Tiger rebels in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo. —XINHUA

Iran, Gulf foreign ministers meet in Damascus

DAMASCUS, 10 March— The foreign ministers of Iran, Oman, Qatar and Syria held an unannounced meeting in the Syrian capital on Saturday ahead of an Arab summit clouded by a crisis in Lebanon.

The four met at a restaurant near the city’s international airport, witnesses said. The Iranian and Qatari ministers left Damascus immediately afterwards.

Diplomats said the meeting most likely followed up on discussions on Lebanon between Iran and Saudi Arabia in Cairo this week and how to adjust proposals submitted by the Arab League to divided Lebanese politicians to end the deadlock. —MNA/Reuters



The wreck of HMS Hunter, found by the Norwegian Minehunter HNOMS TYR, is seen in this handout photograph received in London on 8 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Sudan asks EU to pay compensation for dead nomads

KHARTOUM, 11 March —Sudan wants European peacekeepers to pay 40,000 US dollars compensation after four nomads were killed as they tried to retrieve the body of a French soldier near the border with Chad, a Foreign Ministry official said. The French special

forces sergeant was shot after he accidentally crossed into Sudan from Chad last week and came across a Sudanese Army checkpoint.

Sudan’s Army said four nomads later found the soldier’s body and were killed when one of his hand grenades ex-

ploded as they tried to load him on to a camel.

Sudan’s Foreign Ministry on Monday said officials had requested compensation from a European Union delegation which flew to Khartoum to collect the sergeant’s body on Friday. MNA/Reuters



A Bedlington Terrier licks an ice-cream at the Crufts dog show in Birmingham, central England on 9 March , 2008. Crufts was founded in 1891 by entrepreneur Charles Cruft and has long been established as one of the world’s greatest dog shows.—XINHUA

Jubilant Spanish Socialists see hangover ahead

MADRID, 11 March— Spanish Socialists celebrated their re-election on Sunday with sparkling wine and songs in the streets, well aware that their hangover may last not hours but years.

Spain’s economy is slowing, property prices are faltering and hundreds of thousands of people are losing their jobs as a decade-long construction boom runs out of steam — many of them immig-

rants who have helped fuel Spain’s stellar growth.

“It is going to be very difficult,” said Jorge Moreu Arcos, a 43-year-old draughtsman.

“There’s been a lot of corruption in town halls, and house prices couldn’t keep doubling every six years.

The problem with the economy is a global one now.”

Across town, disillusioned Conservative voter

Pilar Hernandez said the economy was unlikely to improve under either party as global oil and food costs push Spanish inflation over 4 per cent — while real wages have not risen in 10 years.

“It’s amazing how much prices are going up while salaries aren’t at all,” said the 54-year-old, who works in a school cafeteria. “We’re short of decent politicians.”

MNA/Reuters

Atlantic storm lashes southern England

LONDON, 11 March — A storm rushing in from the Atlantic lashed the southwest on Monday as high winds and tides brought the risk of coastal flooding.

Gusting winds brought down trees and ripped tiles off roofs, damaging power lines and cutting electricity to parts of south Wales. The Environment Agency issued seven severe flood warnings around the Cornish and Devon coastlines and advised local people to check the agency’s flood hotline and listen to local radio. Gusts of up to 80 miles an hour are forecast at the height of the storm around midday, with blustery weather expected to continue until Wednesday. A coastguard tug was sent to assist a 7,500-ton tanker with 13 crew on board which was drifting in storm-hit seas off the Isle of Wight.

MNA/Reuters

Afghan intelligence official, ISAF soldier killed

KABUL, 10 March — Unknown gunmen shot dead a district intelligence official in southeastern Afghanistan while a roadside bomb blast killed a foreign soldier in a neighbouring province, officials said on Sunday.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan in the last two years with some 6,000 people killed in 2007, the deadliest year since US-led and Afghan forces toppled the Taleban in 2001. The shooting took place on Saturday in the province of Khost.

“The incident took place in the Mandozai District when the district intelligence chief Habib Khan was leaving home for the office,” said district chief Dawlat Khan. “The incident is under investigation and no one has been arrested yet.” —MNA/Reuters

Police kill suspected robber near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 10 March— A man who attempted to rob a jewellery store and was shot by police has died, authorities said on Sunday.

The suspect shot at police deputies when they confronted him outside the store near a parking structure in the Orange County outside Los Angeles. Police deputies returned fire and struck the man.

The man was treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound but later died, according to Orange County Interim Sheriff Jack Anderson.

The incident occurred just before 5:30 pm Sunday (0130 GMT Monday). There was no report of injuries among the police deputies, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

Forest blaze kills seven firefighters in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 10 March — Seven firefighters died in Honduras on Sunday overwhelmed by a raging forest blaze on the outskirts of the capital, the military said.

The firefighters, four soldiers and three forestry workers, were part of a 200-strong team been battling to contain the fire on a mountainside close to Tegucigalpa since Friday.

They were working to put out the fire and suddenly there was a change of wind direction and they were engulfed by flames, General Orlando Vasquez told local radio.

Honduras is at the start of its summer and forest fires at common at this time.

MNA/Reuters



Waves hit the sea wall in Porthcall, south Wales on 10 March, 2008. A storm rushing in from the Atlantic lashed the south west on Monday as high winds and tides brought the risk of coastal flooding. —XINHUA

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Independence is defined sovereign power. Sovereignty is complete power of the people or the power to serve the interests of the entire people. If the sovereign power of a country falls under colonialists, the people of the country will be enslaved. If so, the colonialists will take control of the sovereign power or the legislative, executive and judicial powers of the country and will promulgate the laws designed to oppress their colony. And they will exploit the country at will and exercise the administrative (bureaucratic) machinery to make the people live in dire poverty. In addition, they will try to prolong their colonial rule through suppressive laws.

Myanmar fell under the yoke of British colonialists for over 100 years. Throughout the period of over 100 years, Myanmar people were rising against the colonialists to regain the independence. In other words, it took over 100 years for Myanmar people to regain their sovereign power, risking lives and limb.

After regaining independence, for nearly half a century, Myanmar had to withstand a wide range of stresses and strains triggered by the armed struggle line the insurgents took at the instigation of aliens and due to doubts, dogmatism, sectarianism, intransigence of the party concerned, and personality cult. During the period, the people lived in a state of panic, let alone enjoying the taste of independence, whereas those vying one another in groups and in parties of different policies for power were in practice of armed insurrection with great relish. The colonialist countries were very pleased to note that the insurgents were troubling the people instead of working in harness with the people for national development with the use of expressive geographical features and rich natural resources. The more Myanmar people suffered from havoc and plights, the colonialist countries were pleased more.

The Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL) government practised the Parliamentary Democracy System from 1948 to 1962. The AFPFL government split into two factions—Stable AFPFL and Clean AFPFL. Moreover, the Socialist Party split into three factions, Communist Party, five factions, and Pyithu Yebaw (PVO), two factions. So, national solidarity built in the time of independence struggles became disintegrated. In the past, they shared national outlook and managed to help the nation regain independence

again. However, sticking to various forms of political dogmatism, they took respective trends that could make the nation lose independence. So, the Tatmadaw in perpetual service of national interests and the people had to safeguard the motherland for many times for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty (independence).

Since 18 September 1988 on which it took up State duties, the Tatmadaw has devoted itself to formidable tasks for restoration of peace and stability, national reconsolidation and all-round development of the nation. In the meantime, it took measures to introduce the multi-party system to the nation. From 1988 to 1989, altogether 235 political parties, leftist and rightist, got registered. To form a political party, it just needed a group of ten people, each of whom would contribute 50 kyats, and they just had to get registered. Over 200 of the 235 registered parties had no specific party policy, party principles or party strength.

Some persons representing 93 parties stood for election at the multi-party democracy general elections in May 1990, and the remaining parties became defunct. The parties, whose representatives were not elected, also became defunct, thus reducing the number to only 10 after the elections. It was exposed that three or four parties were composed of aboveground (UG) representatives planted by the BCP from the jungles. So, the Multi-party General Election Commission had to abrogate those parties.

In the US, Republican Party and Democratic Party organizing small parties compete with each other for power and come to power on the basis of election victory. The two major parties are slightly different from each other in procedures but they pursue the common goal.

In Britain, Conservative Party and Labour Party are major rivals. Liberal is the opposition party. All the parties were given birth by the British capitalism (colonialism). Both the US and the Britain possess a fine tradition: they use force to suppress all forms of movements to secede from them. They never tolerate any movements to break up or secede from them. They remain indifferent if a handful of people hold protests. However, a large number of people stage mass demonstrations strongly, they effectively suppress the demonstrations. They allow demonstrations staged by a small number of people, with the intention of deceiving the other countries.

Each of the two countries allow two parties pursuing common goals to exist. They never allow any parts to secede from the Union. They use force if demonstrations become strong. However, they aid and abet parts of other Union countries to secede. And they recognize the break-away parts immediately. If the protesters become anarchic and violent and the government concerned had to use force, they accuse the government of violation of democratic rights, human rights and freedom. Copying the old methods of the British that it annexed other countries after weakening them first through opium trade plans, the neo-colonialists destroy the patriotic spirit and nationalistic fervour of the youth of their targeted countries. They also emasculate the revolutionary strength of those countries, and deceive anti-government people and use them for the expatriate plans to devastate the countries.

Assessing such plans, patriotic forces and national forces of every country have become vigilant against the political snares set by the colonialists. Every country has to strengthen the military, economic and national forces and serve the interests of the people concerned. Myanmar has managed to avert being caught in the political traps of the colonialists, stand firmly on its own feet, and restore peace and stability for two decades, braving a wide range of destructive acts.

Implementation of national development projects calls for huge funds, and nation-building tasks cannot be carried out effectively so long as peace and stability has not been restored. Despite the subversive acts and economic sanctions by internal and external elements, the government managed to build internal peace and construct a large number of bridges, roads, railroads, schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, industrial zones and irrigation facilities on self-reliant basis throughout the nation. The magnificent progress of the nation is largely due to the hard work the entire people of more than 56 million have exerted in harmony.

Making effective use of the fruitful results thanks to the harmonious work, the entire people will have to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. They will have to do their bit in the processes for timely emergence of a constitution essential for transition to democracy.

We people favour peaceful coexistence with the other world people. We have never done anything harmful to the interests of any other country. We consider that some are trying to harm the interests of our country merely due to their lack of knowledge of our country's culture, customs and traditions.

In the past, our country was not in a position to shape its brighter future. It is believed that unlike that, now our country has a prosperous future ahead of it.

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Homalin People’s Hospital ...

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The new building was constructed at the cost of over K 828 million. As it has been upgraded from the 25-bed facility to the 100-bed one, the hospital can provide health care services to residents in Homalin and townships adjacent to Homalin.

Over K 16.9 million have been contributed to the medical funds of the hospital; over 2.5 million to three station hospitals each and K 500,000 to a rural clinic. Besides, wellwishers donated K 23.1 millions to the hospital to buy medical equipment and furniture.

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Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and ministers inspect 100-bed People’s Hospital in Homalin. — HEALTH



USDA CEC Member inspects regional development tasks in Loikaw and Dimawhso Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by officials went on an inspection tour of Loikaw Township on 8 March. The CEC member and party paid homage to State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Thayhtila Bhivamsa of Minkyaung Monastery in Loikaw Township and donated robes and alms to the Sayadaw and made cash donation for Lawkachantha Shweseikhon Pogada.

Afterwards, he inspected progress in building University of Technology in Loikaw and gave necessary instructions. Then he looked into construction tasks of Basic Education Post-primary School in Loikaw Township and contributed cash assistance for building

the school and gave necessary instructions.

The CEC member paid homage to Chairman Sayadaw of Loikaw Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Maha Saddhamajotika Bhaddanta Sandima, donated robes and alms to the Sayadaw and made cash donation for building Mingala Pagoda.

The CEC member attended ceremonies to open new building of a clinic, Basic Education Primary School and Pre-Primary School in Dimawhso Township and provided necessary assistance.

He also inspected progress in building Kapalkhu village and Withekoo village monasteries and paid homage to members of the Sangha and donated robes, alms and cash to the Sayadaws.

The CEC member met with villagers and left necessary instructions.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects construction of Technological University in Loikaw. — FORESTRY

Wise one protects non-intoxication as supreme treasure

Fools, men of little intelligence, betake themselves to intoxication. The wise one protects non-intoxication as a supreme treasure.

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Development tasks in Kayin State inspected

YANGON, 11 March — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, accompanied by Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials made an inspection tour of Kawkaireik Township on 3 March morning. They inspected river water pumping project and cultivation of summer paddy on 60 acres of farmlands in Kanne village, Kawkaireik Township, Kawkaireik District.

They also inspected the self-reliant reinforced concrete bridge which links Kanne and Tandaoo villages and then donated alms to Presiding Sayadaw Baddanda Suvana of Kanne village monastery.

They met with villagers and the CEC member donated K 800,000 for the building of a bridge and K 100,000 and stationery for Kanne Village Basic Education High School.

During the tour of Kyondoe Township, they donated alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vajena and members of the Sangha. They also met with members of Township USDAs, departmental heads, members of social organizations and the local people. The CEC member donated K 200,000 for Kyondoe Station Hospital and stationery for BEHS.

Next, they inspected cultivation of summer paddy and self-reliant connection of powerlines and progress in paving gravel road in Thanhle and Khayatwin Sanpya villages in Hpa-an Township.

The CEC member and the chairman of Kayin State PDC met with secretaries and executives of USDAs in seven townships of Kayin State at the meeting hall of State Peace and Development Council Office on 8 March.— MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Fire-preventive talks held

YANGON, 11 March—Educative talks on preventive measures against fire were held along with a fire-fighting demonstration at Pazundaung Market here on 9 March.

It was attended by Deputy Head U Tin Ko Ko of Yangon South District Market Department, those in-charge of markets of Pazundaung, Botahtaung, Kyauktada, Dalla, Seikkyi Khanaungto townships and shop owners.

Deputy Head of Kyauktada Fire Service Zone Yethurein Ko Ko Soe gave educative talks on fire-preventive measures, followed by a fire-fighting demonstration.

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Development tasks in Kyunsu Township inspected



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspect fish breeding of KMK (Myeik) Co Ltd in Kyunsu Township, Myeik District. — MNA

YANGON, 11 March —Chairman of Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected development tasks in Kyunsu Township on 9 March.

During the inspection tour of the township, the commander and the minister met with departmental officials, townselders and social ornaization members at Kyun Yadana Hall in the township.

Later, they visited

fish breeding of United KMK (Myeik) Co Ltd in the township.

The minister met with employees of the ministry in Yangon Division at the Fisheries Department in Ahlon Township yesterday.

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Minister visits matric exam centres

YANGON, 11 March —Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein together with Chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations U Ohn Myint today inspected the matriculation examination centres of No 2 Kamayut BEHS, Yangon Institute of Practising School, No 1 Sangyoung BEHS, No 1 Dagon BEHS and No 2 Kyimyindine BEHS and viewed students taking the examination at the centre.

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U Kyaw Kyaw Win (R) and Daw Thi Thi Win pose for photo before their departure for Bangkok. —UMFCCI

Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects Natural Gas Power Plant

YANGON, 10 March—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by officials concerned inspected installation of natural gas-run turbine, generation of electricity at full capacity of the plant, operating of steam power boiler turbine by Computer Control System at the Control Room of Natural Gas Power Plant in Ahlon Township here on 7

March.

Next, the minister and party looked into installation of new No 3 Turbine, running of Turbines at full capacity, running of steam-powered turbine boiler, arrangements made for repairing the old Turbine Rotor and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister presented K 200,000 for accomplishment of replacing new Turbine at

Hlinethaya fire victims get relief aids

YANGON, 11 March —Fire victims in Hlinethaya received relief aids from donars today and CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented food-stuff worth K 630,000 to the victims.

The ceremony was held at No 16 Basic Education Primary School

in Hlinethaya Township, and the mayor handed over food and provisions donated by Yangon Division USDA to the fire victims of Yayokkan Village. Chairman of Township PDC U Khin Maung Thein accepted the aids.

After the ceremony, the mayor met with the fire victims and visited the relief camps.

Yangon Division USDA and wellwishers had already donated 50 bags of rice, 50 viss of edible oil and K 3.5 million to the fire victims on 26 February.

The mayor later inspected construction of two-storey building of Phyo Cetana Clinic and road works at Ward 18 in the township.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin hands over foodstuff to responsible person for fire victims in Hlinethaya Township. —YCDC

Research and teaching treatise and poster exhibition holds

YANGON, 11 March—The opening ceremony of research and teaching treatise and poster exhibition (2008) of Yangon West University was held at the university here this morning.

Rector Dr Aung Aung

Ahlon Natural Gas Power Plant and K 100,000 for maintenance of NEDO Turbine at Ywama Natural Gas Power Plant to the personnel and fulfilled the requirements.

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Min formally opened the ceremony. Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo and guests viewed the booths around the exhibition.

Displayed at the exhibition are research on solar power, generating of electricity from solar power, research treatises, books and research posters of Oriental Studies, Philosophy, Myanmar, Mathematics, Physics, Law, Industrial Chemistry, Chemistry, History, Geography, English, Botany and Zoology and poster and research treatise books of extracting biodiesel from edible oil waste by Chemistry Department. The exhibition continues till tomorrow.

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UMFCCI officials to take Managing Competitive Export Business course in Bangkok

YANGON, 11 March —An executive and a staff of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will take the Course on Managing a Competitive

Export Business from 10 to 19 March at University of Thai Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok, Thailand.

U Kyaw Kyaw Win, an executive of

UMFCCI, and Daw Thi Thi Win, staff of UMFCCI left herefor Bangkok on 9 March by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned. —MNA

Malta’s ruling Nationalists win general election

ROME, 11 March — The ruling Conservative Nationalist Party scored a narrow win in Malta’s general election, beating its traditional rival, the Labour Party, election officials said Monday.

The Nationalists have won 49.3 per cent of the vote, compared to Labour’s 48.8 per cent.

Saturday’s vote was the first since the tiny

Mediterranean state joined the European Union in 2004. The Nationalists, in power since 1998, faced a tough challenge from Labour.

The island state south of Italy has been ruled by one or the other of the two parties since its independence from Britain in 1964.

While the 54-year-

old incumbent Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi ran on economic achievements, his less charismatic opponent, Labour Party leader Alfred Sant, 60, pushed an anti-corruption platform.

In the 2003 vote, the Nationalists won 34 seats and Labour 31 in Malta’s 65-seat Parliament.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya security forces attack land clash area

ELDORET (Kenya), 11 March—Kenyan military helicopters fired at targets in the volatile Mount Elgon Region on Monday to flush out gunmen blamed for killing at least 12 people in the latest land dispute, witnesses said.

A Reuters reporter, who visited the scene, said Army helicopters struck the forested mountain area

as part of a security operation following last week’s attack in which civilians were hacked, shot or burned to death.

“There are five helicopters at Cheptais firing in the forest,” he said.

Human rights group say more than 500 people have been killed in Mount Elgon clashes over the past

year and a half in violence that precedes a wave of ethnic violence over President Mwai Kibaki’s disputed re-election in December.

G o v e r n m e n t spokesman Alfred Mutua confirmed the operation near the Uganda border, saying the Army was providing logistical support to police hunting “criminals operating from mountain hideouts”.

MNA/Reuters

Israel arrests 30 Palestinians in West Bank incursion

RAMALLAH, 11 March — Israeli troops arrested 30 Palestinians in the West Bank, mostly in the town of Nablus, during an overnight incursion, local sources and witnesses said on Monday.

In Nablus and its refugee camps, Israel arrested 29 Palestinians who were either members of Islamic Hamas movement or of the

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Hamas sources said.

The detentions took place in the city’s al-Ein and Balata refugee camps, local sources said, adding that more than 30 Israeli Army vehicles rolled into the city and withdrew in the morning after arresting the activists from their houses. —MNA/Xinhua

Eight killed as cyclone “Jokwe” lashes Mozambique

MAPUTO, 11 March—Tropical cyclone Jokwe battered parts of Mozambique for a third day on Monday, killing at least eight people and destroying thousands of homes in the northern Nampula Province, Radio Mozambique reported.



Photo taken on 10 March, 2008 shows the construction site of the second project of west-to-east natural gas transmission pipeline in Fengle Town of Wuwei City, northwest China’s Gansu Province. The pipeline will carry natural gas from Turkmenistan and China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to the central and west China’s areas as well as the Yangtze and Pearl River deltas. — XINHUA

Exchange bets favour Obama for Democratic nomination

WASHINGTON, 11 March — Hillary Clinton will win Democratic primary elections in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia in the coming weeks, but rival Barack Obama will ultimately capture the party’s presidential nomination, traders were betting on Monday.

Traders on the Dublin-based Intrade prediction market also put their bets on the Democratic Party to hold new primary elections before 30 June in Michigan and Florida, where earlier results were declared invalid in a fight over the date of the elections.

But even that, the traders were betting, would not be enough to help Clinton win the Democratic nomination to oppose Republican John McCain in the November general election.

Intrade traders gave Obama a 75-per-cent chance of winning the Democratic nomination for US president, versus 23.5 per cent for Clinton. Traders on the Iowa Electronic Markets, a nonprofit exchange run by the University of Iowa for research purposes, gave Obama a 74 per cent chance of winning, versus 24 per cent for Clinton.

MNA/Reuters



Two explosions took place in eastern Pakistan on Tuesday morning, killing at least 20 people, local TV channel DAWN NEWS reported.—XINHUA

British WWII ship found in Norwegian fjord

OSLO, 11 March — The wreck of a British warship sunk by the Germans during World War II, killing more than 100 men, has been discovered on the bottom of a deep fjord in the north of Norway, the Norwegian Navy said.

HMS Hunter went down on April 10, 1940, in the Ofot fjord outside of the Arctic port of Narvik during the first of two battles between the British and the Nazis, during which several other ships were sunk and never seen again in the deep inlet.

“We searched the area where HMS Hunter most likely was located and spent around 14 hours before we found the vessel,” said lieutenant Tom Thorgrimsen at KNM Tyr, the ship that made the discovery last week.

A memorial ceremony was held on Saturday for the victims, with over a thousand British and Norwegian soldiers taking part. —MNA/Reuters



A person walks past a “Gassho Zukuri,” traditional Japanese thatched house at the snow-covered Shirakawa village in Gifu prefecture, central Japan. Historical villages Shirakama and Gokayama are famous for the well-preserved Gassho Zukuri farmhouses, which were listed as one of the World Cultural Heritage sites by UNESCO in 1995.—XINHUA



View of the Belgium’s Princess Elisabeth polar station, received at a news conference on the first phase its construction, in Brussels March 11, 2008. Belgium is building the first ever zero-emission polar station in the Antarctic, powered by solar panels and wind turbines and designed to have minimal impact on the climate change its scientists are studying. —INTERNET

Images of the Day



Japanese jazz pianist Yosuke Yamashita, in fireproof gear, plays the piano which was set ablaze for his performance in Shika town, Ishikawa prefecture, central Japan, Saturday, March 8, 2008. His 10 minutes performance, for his first time in 35 years, attracted some 400 audience at the coastal town. XINHUA



Workers prepare the beach around the grounded Dutch cargo ship ‘Artemis’ in Les Sables d’Olonne, on France’s west coast, Tuesday March 11, 2008 after Monday’s strong winds lashed the coast. Maritime officials said the ‘Artemis’ was approaching the port when high winds pushed it off course.—INTERNET



The space shuttle Endeavour lifts off to begin mission STS-123 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida March 11, 2008.—XINHUA

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4.	Tractor Spares (Zwe, 6711,7011, SH-50, SH-654, TN-800 JD-2800 & MF 273)	7-Lots,276 Items
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Director General
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Bird flu strikes new Bangladesh district

DHAKA, 10 March—Bird flu has spread to another district in Bangladesh despite massive culling by authorities to control the outbreak, officials said on Sunday, bringing the number of affected districts to 47 out of 64.

The new case of the avian influenza was found in Brahmanbaria, in the east of the capital Dhaka, livestock officials said. They added that the spread

of bird flu had slowed in the previously affected areas in recent weeks.

Nearly 1.25 million birds have been culled since the virus was first detected in March 2007, threatening the impoverished country's growing poultry sector.

Industry officials said bird flu had caused losses of about 45 billion taka (650 million US dollars) to the poultry sector, which accounts for 1.6 per cent of

gross domestic product.

Around five million of the country's more than 140 million people are directly or indirectly involved in poultry farming, of whom officials estimate more than 1.5 million have now become jobless.

No human bird flu cases have been reported in Bangladesh, a densely populated nation where poultry is commonly kept by households.

MNA/Reuters

HK, Macao, Guangdong in deal to build bridge

HONG KONG, 10 March—Hong Kong, Macao and the southern Chinese province of Guangdong have reached agreement on the partial funding of a bridge linking the three, a project that will cost a total 42.2 billion yuan (5.9 billion US dollars), media reported.

The *South China Morning Post* reported that the governments of the three regions would

need to pay 20 billion HK dollars (2.6 billion US dollars), with Hong Kong contributing 50.2 per cent, Guangdong 35.1 per cent and Macao 14.7 per cent.

The rest of the funding would be sought from the private sector through public bidding, the *Xinhua* news agency said, citing remarks by Guangdong Governor Huang Huahua on the sidelines of the annual session of China's

Parliament, the National People's Congress.

The total cost is higher than earlier projections for the 29.6-kilometre (18-mile) bridge and does not include the cost of building and operating cross-border facilities and connecting roads, the *Post* reported.

MNA/Reuters

New Spanish PM faces economic headache

MADRID, 11 March—One of the first tasks of newly re-elected Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero will be to inject life into Spain's faltering economy to prevent a crisis of confidence turning into something worse.

The governing Socialist Party won Sunday's parliamentary election, without an absolute majority, after a bitter campaign where the faltering economy took a central role.

MNA/Reuters

Invitation for ASEAN Energy Awards 2008 Competitions

ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) is now accepting entries to the competitions for (1) ASEAN Renewable Energy Project, (2) ASEAN Energy Efficient Building and (3) ASEAN Best Practices for Energy Management in Buildings and Industries under the ASEAN Energy Awards 2008.

The entries may be from Government sectors and Private sectors.

Application Forms are available from Myanmar Engineering Society, Hlaing Universities' Campus, Hlaing Township, Yangon. (Tel: 95-01-519673~76, 579038), until (21st March, 2008).

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.3.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Seven in Macao detained for drug trafficking

MACAO, 10 March—Seven teenagers involved in five separate drug trafficking cases, which were cracked by local police last week, have been taken into custody, according to a Press statement released Sunday by the Public Prosecutor-General Office of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

All of the suspects in the five cases are local teenagers, some of whom are students and croupiers working at local casinos.

The cases took place from 29 February to 7 March, the office said, adding that it is "rare" in recent years for so many drug-trafficking cases involving teenagers in just a week.

The office also said that besides smuggling and peddling drugs, some of the suspects even robbed a pregnant woman so as to collect money to buy drugs.

The suspects, whose age the authority did not reveal, will face charges of drug trafficking, robbery and possession of illegal weapons, and given the seriousness of these crimes, the suspects were remanded in Macao's prison pending court trial, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany's SPD denies party head will go

BERLIN, 10 March—Germany's Social Democrats (SPD) denied suggestions on Saturday that party leader Kurt Beck would resign over an internal debate on whether to cooperate with a far-left party that has surged in recent state elections.

The SPD, which rules in an uneasy coalition with Chancellor Angela Merkel's Conservative Christian Democrats (CDU),

has long been divided over how to deal with the Left party, a group of former Communists and former SPD members.

But the internal debate reached a crisis point on Friday, when state SPD leader Andrea Ypsilanti said she did not have enough backing inside her own party to form a minority government in Hesse using votes from the Left party.

Beck had given Ypsilanti a green light to cooperate with the Left party despite opposition from more centrist party members.

"Will Beck fall?" *Bild* daily said in a banner headline on its frontpage, adding SPD officials were pondering whether to reinstall former party chief Franz Muentefering to the top post.

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Food poisoning claims 258 lives in China in 2007

BEIJING, 10 March—Food poisoning claimed 258 lives in China last year, up 31.6 per cent year-on-year, the Ministry of Health said here on Wednesday.

In total, 506 food poisoning cases were reported last year, down 26.5 per cent from the previous year. They involved 13,280 people.

There were 11 food poisoning incidents involving 100 people or more, down 15 per cent year-on-year, according to the ministry.

Most of the fatal food poisoning incidents were caused by toxic seafood, meat and produce, accounting for 37 per cent of the cases and 64 per cent of the deaths.

Toxic mushrooms were the top killer. The 88 cases reported left 113 people dead and 526 people affected, the figures showed.—MNA/Xinhua

China foils attack on passenger plane

BEIJING, 10 March — China on Friday foiled a planned attack on a passenger plane taking off from Urumqi, capital of the northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, an official said here on Sunday.

The China Southern Airlines aircraft took off at 10:35, and landed in Lanzhou, capital of neighbouring Gansu Province, at 12:40 Friday, before reaching its destination Beijing, because “some people were attempting to create an air disaster,” said Nur Bekri, chairman of the Xinjiang regional government, on the sidelines of the ongoing Parliament session.

The attackers were stopped in time by the air

police, and all the passengers and crew members on board are safe, he told reporters after a panel discussion at the ongoing session of the National People’s Congress (NPC). The plane arrived in Beijing Saturday morning.

An official with the airliner told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview that he cannot confirm whether the incident was a terror attack, “it’s up to the police department to verify”.

The crew and air police reported the incident to the control tower, and landed in Lanzhou under the instruction of the tower, said the aviation official on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua



NASA visitors gather near Space Shuttle Endeavour at Kennedy Space Centre, Fla, on 10 March, 2008. Endeavour will launch on Tuesday morning with a crew of seven and deliver Japan’s Kibo laboratory and Canada’s two-armed robotic system to the International Space Station.

INTERNET

Education in world lacks 18 million teachers

JAKARTA, 10 March — An official of the UNESCO has said here that education in the world is still lacking 18 million teachers to complete the nine-year basic education.

This shortage will be one of subjects of discussion at the meeting of Education Ministers from nine countries with the biggest population in the world, E-9, in Indonesia’s Bali Province from 10 to 12 March, 2008.

“Some 40 per cent of 18 million teachers are required by the E-9 countries alone”, *Antara* news agency Monday quoted Caroline Pontefract, UNESCO Chief Section For Teachers as saying.

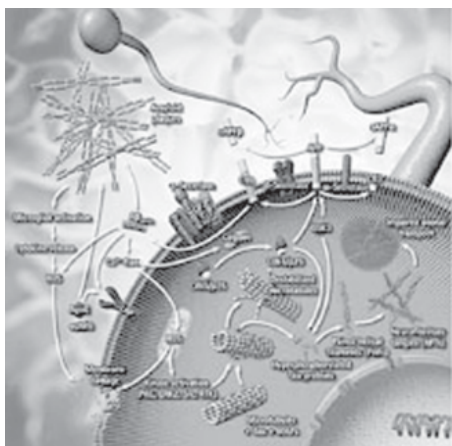
The E-9 groups Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan.

The additional 18 million primary school teachers were to meet the “Education For All” target to eradicate illiteracy by 2015, Caroline said on Sunday.

“Focus of the meeting is not only on meeting the additional number of teachers, but also improving the quality of the teachers,” Caroline said, adding that the meeting will also underline the importance of stepping up education and training of teachers apart of educational reforms.

MNA/Xinhua

Kids of parents of Alzheimer’s face its high risk



The ApoE gene is involved in making a substance in the body that helps carry cholesterol in the bloodstream and the gene seems to influence the age of onset of Alzheimer’s.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 11 March — If both parents have Alzheimer’s disease, their children

face an increased risk of developing the condition, U S researchers were quoted as saying by media reports Tuesday.

Their study focused on 111 families in which both parents were diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and assessed the risk for developing it among the offspring.

The parents had 297 children who lived into adulthood. Of the 98 men and women who were at least 70 years old, 41 of them — about 42 per cent — developed Alzheimer’s disease, researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle found. That’s greater than the percentage in the general population in that age group, Dr Thomas Bird, one of the researchers, said. In the general population, risk for the disease begins to rise at about age 65, with the number of people developing the disease doubling every five years beyond that, experts said. —Internet

Cuba, EU favour dialogue to improving relationship

HAVANA, 10 March — Constructive dialogue is the best way to normalize Cuba-EU relations and both sides would like to see relations improve, the two sides said in a joint statement on Sunday.

“The European Commission accepts the position that the measures adopted by the Union in 2003 are the main obstacle to establishing a political dialogue and should be eliminated,” the statement added.

The statement sums up the results of a three-day visit that began Friday by

Louis Michel, the EU’s commissioner for humanitarian assistance and development.

Michel, who arrived in Cuba on Thursday, met with top Cuban officials including Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, Vice-President of the Council of State Carlos Lage, President of the National Assembly of

People’s Power Ricardo Alarcon, Foreign Investment and Cooperation Minister Marta Lomas and chief of the Civil Defence Staff Ramon Pardo Guerra, and held talks covering politics, human rights, trade, economics, science and culture, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

High winds batter northwest France, man drowned

RENNES (France), 11 March— A man drowned off northwest France overnight when his boat capsized in high winds and a cargo vessel was blown aground on France’s Atlantic Coast, French officials said on Monday.

A storm that swept in from the Atlantic battered northwest France and southern areas of Britain, bringing down trees and

power lines and pounding coastal defences.

French maritime authorities said a 26-year-old man fell into the water when his small boat was hit by a large wave late on Sunday in the small port of Relecq-Kerhuon, near Brest in the far west of Brittany.

His body was found early on Monday. A second man who was in

the vessel was rescued by friends in another boat nearby.

The Dutch-registered cargo ship *Artemis* was blown onto a beach at the Atlantic coastal resort of Les Sables d’Olonne and an attempt would be made to refloat it later on Monday, they said, adding there was no danger to the environment.

MNA/Reuters

An Afghan Hound waits for judging at the Crufts dog show in Birmingham, central England on 9 March 2008. Crufts was founded in 1891 by entrepreneur Charles Cruft and has long been established as one of the world’s greatest dog shows.

INTERNET



SPORTS



Denver Nuggets forward Eduardo Najera (21), of Mexico, battles for a rebound over San Antonio Spurs forward Matt Bonner (15) and teammate guard JR Smith (1) during the second quarter of their NBA basketball game in San Antonio, on 10 March, 2008.—INTERNET

United assistant Queiroz apologizes for Taylor remark

LONDON, 11 March — Manchester United’s assistant manager Carlos Queiroz has apologized to Birmingham City defender Martin Taylor for comments he made on Saturday.

Queiroz was angered by the treatment of Cristiano Ronaldo during United’s FA Cup defeat by Portsmouth and said referees were not doing anything to stop “the Taylors of this game” using rough treatment to stop the flair players.

Taylor was sent off for the tackle that broke Arsenal striker Eduardo da Silva’s leg last month.

The Portuguese could still find himself in trouble with the FA, however, after other remarks about referee Martin Atkinson, including calling him a “robber”.

“I am deeply sorry if my comments, made when emotions were running high after the Portsmouth game, were misconstrued,” Queiroz told United’s website (www.manutd.com) on Monday.

“Everyone at Manchester United knows that Martin Taylor is not that type of player. All I sought to say was that in the modern game, because of its speed, we need to have more vigilance on mistimed tackles. I apologise for any upset my remarks may have caused.”

MNA/Reuters

Brazilian referee suspended for miscounting yellow cards

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 March — A Brazilian referee was given a 15-day suspension on Monday for failing to send off a player despite showing him two yellow cards.

The incident occurred in the Paulista championship on Sunday when referee Jose Henrique de Carvalho twice booked Guaratingueta midfielder Magal in the first half of the 2-0 defeat by Corinthians.

“He (Carvalho) made some serious mistakes,” Marcos Maurinho, head of the Paulista federation’s refereeing committee, told Jovem Pan radio.

“There was a procedural error when he wrote down he had given a card for the number five (Jackson) instead of number eight (Magal). He maintained the decision even after being told by the fourth official.”

Carvalho, who sent off Corinthians player Bovio in the first half, acknowledged the mistake in a television interview after the game and apologized to supporters.

MNA/Reuters

Blatter says artificial pitches possible at World Cup

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 11 March — Artificial pitches could be used in the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting of FIFA’s International Football Association Board in Scotland on Saturday, Blatter said artificial pitches might be necessary because the tournament was not being staged in the South African summer.

“If there are any problems with pitches because we play when it is not summer

time in South Africa, it will not affect the stadia in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town or Durban because they are at sea level,” he said.

“But perhaps up in the mountains, if there are any problems then it is a possibility that some matches could be played on artificial turf. This is not only a point to make headlines, it is the truth.

“Football on artificial turf is the future. More and more. The only opponents are people who have never played on it.” — MNA/Reuters

Manucho off the mark as Panathinaikos stay clear

ATHENS, 11 March — Angola striker Manucho scored his first goal for Panathinaikos on Sunday as the league leaders beat Larissa 2-0 to keep clear at the top of the Greek Super League.

Manucho, who joined on loan from Manchester United after the Africa Nations Cup in January, opened his account when he converted a 61st minute Nikos Spyropoulos cross with a left-foot volley.

Larissa had been reduced to 10 men when Georgos Galitsios was sent off for a second yellow card just before halftime and four minutes from time Dimitris Salpigidis got his head on a floated freekick from Andreas Ivanschitz to make it 2-0.

With six matches remaining, Panathinaikos, in their centenary year, have 56 points, one ahead of Olympiakos while third-placed AEK

Athens have 52.

Both of the other challengers for the title kept up their chase with wins on Sunday.

Olympiakos found it tough work against relegation strugglers Veria but took the points thanks to a seventh-minute goal from Christos Patsatzoglou.

AEK had a more comfortable ride with a 4-1 win against OFI Crete aided by two own goals.

MNA/Reuters

Stuttgart resigned to losing top striker Gomez

BERLIN, 11 March — VfB Stuttgart striker Mario Gomez is in such good form that the Bundesliga club have given up hope of keeping him for the remaining four years of his contract.

Gomez, the Bundesliga’s player of the year last season, took his tally for the current campaign to 14 league goals after scoring a hat-trick in Saturday’s 6-3 win over Werder Bremen.

“It’s unrealistic to think that Mario will stay to the end of his contract in 2012,” Stuttgart sporting director Horst Heldt was quoted as saying by German media on Monday. — MNA/Reuters

Ghanaian player injured in racist attack in Serbia

BELGRADE, 11 March — A Ghanaian player on trial with Serbian First Division club Borac Cacak suffered minor injuries when he was attacked by fans shouting racist insults after a league match on Saturday, Belgrade media reported.

Solomon Opaku was confronted by 10 attackers, daily Sport said on Monday. Six people were arrested, of whom four have been charged with ethnic and racial offences, the newspaper said.

“I was on my way back to the hotel with two friends when I felt a thumping blow to the back of my head,” the 20-year-old told the newspaper. — MNA/Reuters

Spaniard Camacho quits as Benfica coach

LISBON, 11 March — Spaniard Jose Antonio Camacho has resigned as Benfica coach, the Lisbon club’s president Luis Filipe Vieira said on Sunday.

Camacho’s assistant Fernando Chalana will take charge of the team for the UEFA Cup last-16 second leg game against Getafe on Wednesday, Benfica said on their website (slbenfica.pt). Benfica lost the first leg at home 2-1.

They were held to a 2-2 draw by bottom-of-the-table Uniao Leiria on Sunday, a result which left them 14 points behind Portuguese Premier League leaders Porto with eight games remaining this season. “I think it is best (my resignation) for the team,” the former Spanish national coach told a news conference. “I hope that the players improve with another coach.”

Camacho, who led Benfica to second place in the standings in a previous spell in Lisbon in 2004, was appointed coach in August after Fernando Santos was sacked.

The Spaniard made his name as a hard-tackling defender for Real Madrid and Spain in the 1970s and 80s.

He was assistant to Real first-team coaches John Toshack and Alfredo Di Stefano in the early 1990s before steering both Rayo Vallecano and Espanyol to promotion to the top flight.

MNA/Reuters



Pete Sampras of the US serves to Roger Federer of Switzerland during the first set of their exhibition match at New York’s Madison Square Garden, on 10 March, 2008. Federer beat former No. 1 Sampras 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6).—XINHUA

Magnitude 5.5 quake hits Chile, no damage reported

SANTIAGO, 11 March — A 5.5 magnitude earthquake shook northern Chile on Monday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damages.

The epicentre of the quake was 94 miles (152 kilometres) southeast of Copiapo at a depth of 53.6 miles (86 kilometres), the US Geological Survey said. Copiapo, about 500 miles (800 kilometres) north of Santiago, is the capital of a province of the same name.

“There have been no reports of personal or material damages,” Chile’s National Emergency Office said in a statement.

Chile is the world’s biggest copper producer and most of its mines are in its northern region. However none of the major copper mines are located in the immediate vicinity of Copiapo. — MNA/Reuters

S Korea clips astronaut’s wings after rule-break

SEOUL, 11 March — The man intended to be the first South Korean in space has been grounded for violating security protocol and will be replaced by a female biotechnology engineer, the Science Ministry said on Monday.

Ko San, 31, was dropped from the top pick for the April 2008 flight on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft and is now the backup for the mission after he

removed sensitive training material from a Russian centre, the ministry said.

“The Russians emphasized the importance of abiding by the rules, as even small mistakes can bring about grave consequences in space,” an official told a news conference, adding Ko appeared to have made innocent mistakes.

Ko, a technology researcher and a bronze medal winner in a 2004 national amateur boxing contest, is being replaced by Yi So-yeon, 29, who is finishing her doctorate.

Yi will serve as a payload specialist with two Russian cosmonauts for a seven or eight-day mission to the International Space Station, the ministry said. The two were selected from a list of more than 36,000 candidates.

MNA/Reuters

Promising cancer drug may endanger child’s bones

WASHINGTON, 11 March — A compound that looked promising for treating a brain tumour found mostly in children may damage growing bone — possibly making it too dangerous to use in young patients, researchers reported on Monday.

The drug fully eradicated medulloblastoma tumours in mice in 2004. But further testing showed it caused permanent bone damage in immature mice, Tom Curran of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and colleagues found.

Writing in the journal Cancer Cell, they said the drug, known by its experimental name HhAntag, will need to be developed with caution.

And, they said, similar drugs will need careful testing.

HhAntag, made by California-based Genentech, affects a gene called Hedgehog, involved in both normal development and in cancer.

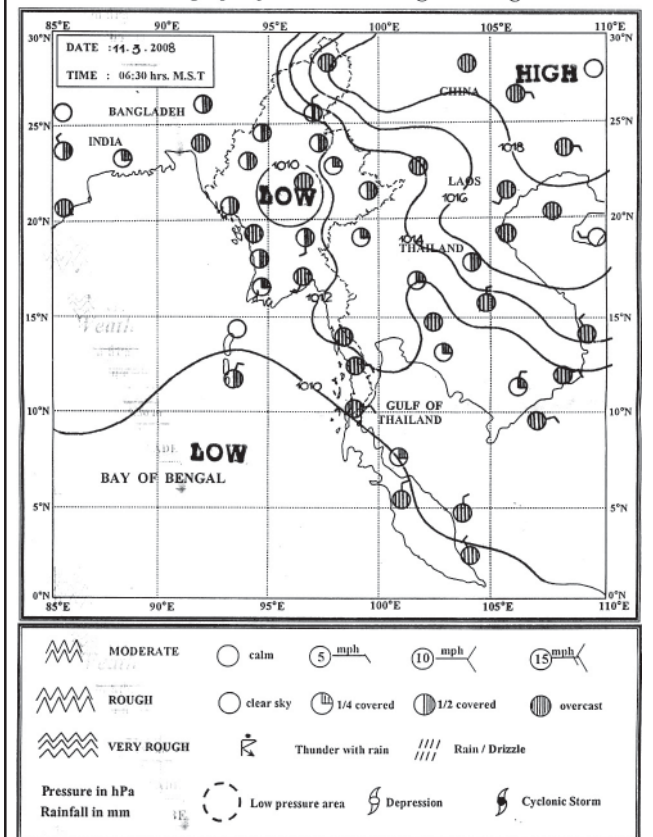
It is a so-called signal transduction inhibitor, designed to interrupt Hedgehog’s cancer-causing effects.

Several such drugs are currently in pediatric clinical trials.

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“While it is not clear that the bone defects we observed in mice would also occur in children, and while signal transduction inhibitors may still represent a highly promising approach to treating pediatric cancer, it may be important to perform preclinical testing in young animals before moving ahead to clinical trials,” Curran said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 11 March, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Day temperatures were (4°C) below March average temperatures in Bago Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperature was Chauk (38°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2008 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-3-2008 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 10-3-2008 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-3-2008 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 North at (16:30) hours MST on 10-3-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-3-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of day temperatures in Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-3-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-3-2008: Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, 12 March
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Under heaven's skies
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Love train
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -World filled with love
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Somebody
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Love so right
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune "In the summertime" -Dorset
- 9:15 pm Music at your request -I only want to be with you
- 9:25 pm News/Slogan
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 12 March
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌရူပ၊ 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
 - မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:00 am
 - ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ်ချစ်ကြီးနွယ် (ကရင်၊မွန်)
- 8:15 am
 - (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am
 - International news
- 8:45 am
 - Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 - Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
 - Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
 - တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း ဖြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်)
- 5:10 pm
 - မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm
 - Classical song
- 5:30 pm
 - ရှုဖွယ်ခံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm
 - ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
 - Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
- 6:50 pm
 - "ကုသမနေးတိဘိဘေး" (ရာဇာနေဝင်းသုမောင်ညီရော်မကူး)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီရိုးရိုး)
- 7:05 pm
 - ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:30 pm
 - The mirror image of the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm
 - (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 pm
 - News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. Myanmar video feature "ရင်ခုန်သံဖြိုင်ပွဲ" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)
- 21. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

Relief supplies and cash provided to fire victims

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — A ceremony to provide relief supplies and cash to fire victims was held at Pyilonechantha Dhammayon of Inbu monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe this morning.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Peace and Development Council U Naing Tun explained about the condition of fire outbreak on 9 March. Next, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District In-Charge of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe comforted the fire victims.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District PDC U Khin Maung Zaw presented clothing and K 10 million donated by the Commander of Central Command the Chairman



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents relief aids for fire victims of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe. — MNA

of Mandalay Division PDC and K 1 million donated by the Nay Pyi Taw Command through Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township PDC U Naing. Tun Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented relief supplies to the fire victims. K 1 million, 50 bags of rice and clothing were donated by CEC

Member of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe. Cash assistance and supplies of the Ministry of Industry-1 were donated by Director-General of Directorate of Industries U Thein Aung.

Wellwishers donated cash and supplies to the fire victims. On behalf of the fire victims, Chairman of No 5 Ward PDC U Min

Thu spoke words of thanks. Next, Chairman U Khin Maung Zaw explained about the resettlement of the fire victims.

The donations were K 23.6 million in total. Next, USDA CEC Member Maj-Gen Thein Swe and officials comforted the fire victims at the relief camps. — 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

Weather forecast for 12-3-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:
Partly cloudy.

Yangon and neighbouring area:
Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and neighbouring area:
Partly cloudy.

- ★ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ★ BBC lying
- ★ VOA deceiving
- ★ RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers