



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Established 1914

Volume XVI, Number 312

1st Waxing of Taboung 1370 ME

Tuesday, 24 February, 2009

Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness

Central Committee Prime Minister

General Thein Sein inspects the new

two-storey building of Chaungwa

BEHS (Branch) in Labutta Township.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend 14th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—At the invitation of H.E Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar will be attending the 14th ASEAN Summit scheduled to be held in Hua Hin, Thailand, in the near future.—MNA



As education opportunities within reach, students should try to become outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia

PM looks into progress in storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division

Arrangements are being made for establishment of technical school in which youths in Pyin Khayaing are able to seek vocational knowledge such as carpentry, masonry, lathe skills, mechanics and electronics both theoretically and practically.

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence,

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Director-General of Government Office, and de-

partmental officials, on 22 February, went to Integrated Farm of Division Fisheries Department in Nga-auk-chaung in Pathein and inspected water convolvulus, chilli, roselle, onion tops and
(See page 8)

*Chairman of
National Disaster
Preparedness Central
Committee Prime
Minister General
Thein Sein looks into
construction of
Yazudaing Bridge in
Mawlamyinegyun
Township.—MNA*



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 24 February, 2009

Strive for timely completion of road networks

The government is carrying out tasks for rehabilitation of the cyclone-hit villages in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions with added momentum. As a result, main businesses such as agriculture and salt industry in the affected areas are coming back to normal.

In rehabilitation of the storm-ravaged villages, priority is being given to better transport, health care services, education and regeneration of livelihood of local people.

A road network development project was launched in Ayeyawady delta region. The project covers the Maubin-Yaylekalay-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road, the Mawlamyinegyun-Hlaingbon-Thitpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road, the Labutta-Thingyangyi-Pyinsalu road, the Bogale-Kyeingyaung-Kadonkani road and the Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin-Htaikson road. And arrangements are being made for construction of new Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahma road.

Those roads will not only benefit local people but also protect them from the danger of possible natural disasters as hillocks.

Meantime, cyclone shelters and hillocks are being built to protect lives and property in the event of natural disasters. At present, the companies concerned are actively engaged in the construction of cyclone shelters in Ngapudaw, Labutta, Bogale and Dedaye townships.

The ministries concerned, local authorities and those engaged in the drive are striving for timely completion of the tasks. Therefore, we firmly believe that the tasks for rehabilitation of villages in the storm-hit regions and construction of cyclone shelters will soon be completed.

Press conference on Myanmar Masters golf tournament in progress.—MGF



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

Upgrading of Sumprabum-Putao road in progress



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence looks into Swampiyan bridge in Swampiyan village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected Hsonhseeyar Education Centre in Putao Township, Kachin State,

on 17 February.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe

Win, who accompanied Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, presented gifts and foodstuff to students.

After visiting Putao Station, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected Malikha Hotel project at Mulashidee village in the township. He then met with departmental personnel at the hotel and discussed regional development undertakings.

His tour included the inspection of the durability of Mulashidee suspension bridge, situation of Nanthlaing creek and repair of Nantmalikha bridge.

At the worksite of Putao District Public Works, he heard a report on upgrading of the 218-mile section of

Sumprabum-Putao road presented by the Kachin State superintending engineer. The commander presented a supplementary report.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected the road. The road project is being implemented in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, he said. He spoke of the need to ensure durability of the road which is included in the special projects of the nation.

Along the road, he inspected durability of Swampiyan bridge, heavy machinery at work, earthworks and road expansion task.

In Sumprabum, he attended to the needs of local people.—MNA

Myanmar Masters golf tourney 12 to 15 March

YANGON, 23 Feb—Over 70 professional golfers will participate in Myanmar Masters 2009 golf tourney to be held at Pan Hlaing Golf Club in Hlaingthaya Township from 12 to 15 March.

A press conference was held at Traders Hotel here on 20 February in connection with the holding of the tourney

under the sponsorship of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and with the support of Air Bagan Ltd.

Patron of Myanmar PGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) and General Secretary of Myanmar PGA Myanmar Professional Golfer U Chan Han spoke on the occasion.

Officials concerned replied the questions raised by journalists.

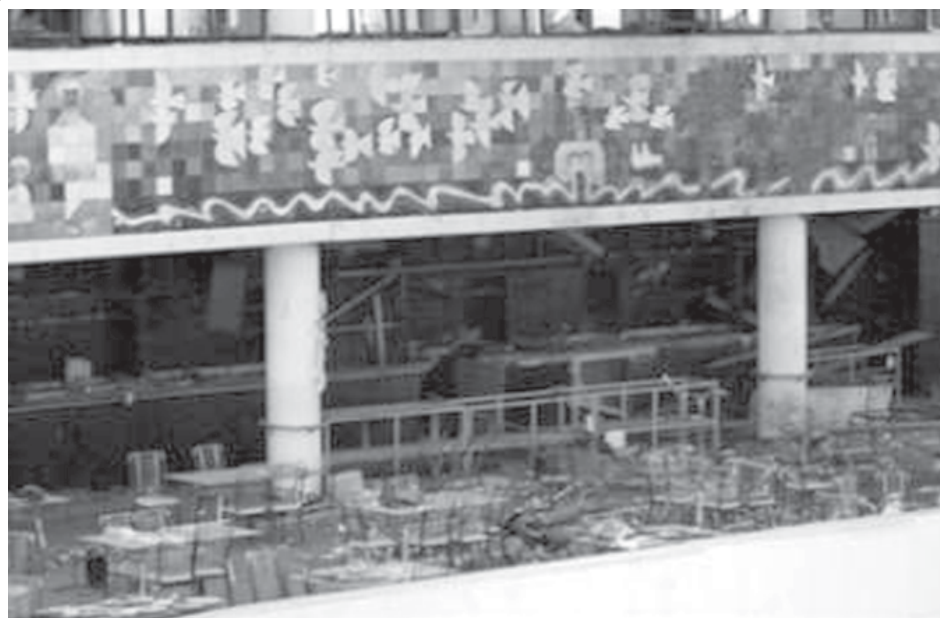
Also present were General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, Vice-Presidents of MGF U Zaw Min and U Min Thein, General Secretary U Aung Kyi and executives, invited guests and media persons.

MNA

Winners of CPA, DA exams to be honoured

YANGON, 23 Feb — Those who passed the Certified Public Accountant-CPA and Diploma in Accounting-DA examinations (part 1 and part 2) held in 2007 and 2008 will be honoured on 29 March.

Those who passed the part 2 examinations will be conferred on certificates during the ceremony to be held at the training school of the Auditor-General's Office at No 1/19, Thakhin Mya Garden Road, Ahlon Township, Yangon.—MNA



The destroyed restaurant inside the Iraqi parliament building after a suicide attack on 12 April, 2007. A Sunni Muslim MP has been accused of ordering the deadly blast in the parliament canteen that killed eight people including a fellow lawmaker.—INTERNET

Iraq accuses lawmaker of bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 23 Feb— The government of Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki is seeking the arrest of a Sunni politician accused of masterminding a string of attacks including a suicide bombing inside the Iraqi Parliament.

Officials have asked Parliament to lift the immunity of Mohammed al-Daini, a member of the Iraqi National Dialogue Front, after issuing a warrant for his arrest and detaining two of his bodyguards, said Qassim Moussawi, a military spokesman.

Moussawi broadcast tapes at a news conference of the bodyguards, Riyadh Ibrahim al-Daini and Alaa al-Maliki,

apparently recounting their involvement in kidnappings, mortar attacks and car bomb attacks ordered by Daini.

“When 11 of Daini’s security guards were killed ... he asked militant groups to abduct about 100 people—he wanted 10 people for each of his guards,” one of the guards, who is also Daini’s nephew, said in what Moussawi called a “confession”.

Daini’s nephew said his uncle was involved in the suicide bombing in 2007 that killed eight people in Parliament in the heart of the heavily fortified Green Zone.

MNA/Reuters

Iran to begin operation of 1st nuclear power plant

TEHERAN, 23 Feb—Iran’s first nuclear plant will begin long-delayed pilot operations on Wednesday, the state atomic energy agency said.

A nuclear official in Russia, which is helping build the plant, however, said no major milestone is expected on that day.

“The pilot stage operation of the power plant will start on Wednesday,” Iranian atomic agency spokesman Mohsen Delaviz told the state news agency on Sunday. He added that the preliminary phase will take place during a visit by Sergei Kiriienko, the head of Russia’s state nuclear agency.

The long-awaited 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor, which was built in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr with the help of Russia under a \$1 billion contract, was previously scheduled to become operational in fall 2008. Some 700 Iranian engineers were trained in Russia to operate the power plant.

Rosatom spokesman Sergei Novikov, however, said no major milestone in the preparations for Bushehr’s start-up is expected during Kiriienko’s visit.

Internet

Phone call, mysterious speed-boats threaten Mumbai whole day

NEW DELHI, 23 Feb—The Indian financial capital Mumbai lived a day of high tension Sunday as the city’s railway stations received a phone call threatening bombing attacks and fishermen reported seeing two mysterious speed-boats off the coast of the city.

The Coast Guard and Mumbai Police were put on alert after fishermen reported sighting two unidentified speed-boats Sunday afternoon off the north Mumbai coast, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported quoting an official source.

Some fishermen saw the mysterious speedboats around 110 kilometres to the north near Tarapur, “where sensitive installations of national importance are located,” said the report.

The Police in Mumbai Sunday also staged a research operations in the city’s railway stations after receiving a phone call threatening to blow up four train stations of the city.

The Police said nothing substantial has been found and the threat call could be a hoax.—MNA/Xinhua

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,247

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb— As of Sunday, 22 Feb, 2009, at least 4,247 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,411 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet



Iraqis search for recyclables on a garbage dump near Najaf, Iraq, on 20 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

14 militants killed in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 23 Feb—A battle just outside southern Afghanistan’s largest city has killed at least six Taliban fighters, while an airstrike against militants elsewhere in the south killed eight, officials said Sunday. A battle in the Panjwayi district — 15 miles (25 kilometers) west of Kandahar city — began late Saturday after Taliban militants ambushed a police patrol, wounding two officers, said Abdullah Khan, the province’s deputy police chief.

NATO and Afghan forces responded, unleashing bombs that could be heard by residents in Kandahar city. Khan said at least six militants have been killed in the fighting, which continued into Sunday. In neighboring Helmand Province, an airstrike on a minivan killed eight militants late Saturday, said Daud Ahmadi, the governor’s spokesman. Ahmadi said an informant told the government that insurgents were riding in the vehicle and authorities told coalition military officials, which hit it with an airstrike.—Internet



Protesters hold banners and flags as they gather for anti-NATO demonstrations in Krakow, Southern Poland on 19 Feb, 2009. European countries are expected to come under increased US pressure to send troops to Afghanistan at high-level NATO talks which opened in Krakow on Thursday after Washington announced it would send an extra 17,000 soldiers there.

INTERNET



Photo taken on 22 Feb, 2009 shows the exhibits at China's booth during the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) 2009, in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates(UAE). —XINHUA

UAE to upgrade armed forces with advanced equipment

ABU DHABI, 23 Feb — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) intended to modernize its armed forces with the world's most sophisticated equipment, UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al-Nahayan said on Sunday as his nation is holding the biggest Middle East defence show.

"The military strategy of the UAE and its plans for building an integrated, strong defence system are based on determination to protect its higher interests, defend the nation," the

president was quoted by WAM news agency as saying. "We will forge ahead with our drive to back our strategic plans and modernization of our armed forces... with the most sophisticated equipment and weaponry ever produced by the world's defence industry," Sheikh Khalifa added.

He said that to modernize the military is in response to regional threats, and the UAE will lay particular emphasis on developing anti-missile defence technologies.

In December, the UAE signed deals totaling nearly 4 billion US dollars with two major US defence firms, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, including providing an advanced version of the advanced Patriot anti-missile system, according to UAE daily *The National*.

Defence experts said anti-missile systems are vital for the UAE and other Gulf states because a number of countries in the Middle East have large stocks of ballistic missiles. *Internet*

One killed, three hurt in Los Angeles shooting

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb — Police say one man has been killed and three people are injured in a suspected gang-related shooting near downtown Los Angeles.

Officer Karen Smith says the four victims were leaving a party early on Sunday when a gunman in a sport utility vehicle opened fire.

She says the shooting

was believed to be gang related.

Police say some of the victims returned fire.

Smith says two of the four were taken to hospitals in critical condition, but the man died several hours later.

The two other wounded victims are hospitalized in stable condition. *Internet*

Syria urges to stop war against civilians under various pretexts

DAMASCUS, 23 Feb — Syrian President Bashar al-Assad urged on Sunday to stop war and aggression against innocent civilians under various pretexts, the official SANA news agency reported.

Assad made the remarks while meeting with visiting President of the UN General Assembly Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, stressing the importance to activate the role of the UN with all its bodies in implementing international resolutions.

Assad also called for more efforts to immediately lift the Israeli siege on Gaza Strip and open all crossing points.

The two sides also discussed the global economic crisis and how to deal with it and the necessity to reform the United Nations. D'Escoto, a former foreign minister of Nicaragua, took up his one year term in September 2008 and presides over the 63rd session of the UN General Assembly. —*Internet*

In this image made from amateur video footage provided by Alter TV, a helicopter is seen flying above Korydallos prison, as two robbers make their escape from the high security prison, in Athens, Greece, on 22 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA

Top Republican senator says US embargo on Cuba "has failed"

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb — The US economic embargo on Cuba "has failed," top Republican lawmaker Richard Lugar has said in a report likely to fuel momentum for a shift in US' decades-old policy toward the island.

"After 47 years ... the unilateral embargo on Cuba has failed to achieve its stated purpose of 'bringing democracy to the Cuban people,' said the senator from Indiana — a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "it may have

been used as a foil by the regime to demand further sacrifices from Cuba's impoverished population."

The report, entitled "Changing Cuba Policy - In the United States National Interest," is due for release on Monday.

It is likely to frame the debate on overhauling US policy after almost five decades of policy seeking to isolate Americas' only communist country.

The report also comes one year after former leader Fidel Castro stepped aside after

decades as the island's president, although he remains from all appearances an important behind-the-scenes player in the island's politics.

US President Barack Obama has pledged dialogue with all foreign leaders including the US' traditional foes, in sharp contrast to successive US administrations which have sought to isolate Havana. But so far he has offered few details on how far he might be willing to go in reaching out to Cuba. *Internet*

Egypt briefly opens Gaza border for 1,000 to cross

GAZA CITY, 23 Feb — Hundreds of travellers left blockaded Gaza for Egypt on Sunday, in one of the sporadic openings that enable students, patients and others with Egyptian visas to cross the border.

About 1,000 university students and holders of foreign residency permits were eligible to cross, and by mid-afternoon on Sunday, about 600 people had made the trip, border officials said.

Also Sunday, the

bodies of four people were found in a smuggling tunnel under the Gaza-Egypt border, a day after another body was discovered in the area. Medics said all five suffocated.

The 20-month closure of Gaza by Israel and Egypt has boosted smuggling of arms and consumer goods through hundreds of border tunnels.

Israel destroyed dozens of tunnels during its three-week offensive

against Gaza's Hamas rulers last month, but smuggling continues.

The fate of Gaza's borders is key in two sets of Egyptian-brokered talks — on a truce deal between Israel and Hamas, and on a power-sharing agreement between Hamas and its rivals from President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement.

Hamas ousted Abbas' forces in a violent takeover of Gaza in June 2007. *Internet*

Two escape Athens prison by helicopter, for 2nd time

ATHENS, 23 Feb — For the second time in their lives, two robbers escaped from a high-security prison Sunday by scaling a rope ladder to a hovering helicopter amid a gun battle with guards.

The men remained missing late Sunday night. They had been scheduled to appear before a magistrate Monday about their first escape — from

the same prison — three years ago.

The shaken government quickly dismissed three Justice Ministry officials, and the prime minister scheduled an emergency meeting of part of his cabinet Monday to discuss the country's prisons.

"This was an insult which I will not accept ... I will take measures as

harsh as necessary," Justice Minister Nikos Dendias announced.

Vassilis Paleokostas, 42, and Alket Rizaj, 34, were picked up by a helicopter that flew over the courtyard of Athens' Korydallos prison Sunday afternoon. They climbed a rope ladder thrown to them by a woman passenger, the Justice Ministry said. —*Internet*





Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping (R, front) inspects the honour guards at a welcoming ceremony held by Maltese Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi (L, front) in Valletta, capital of Malta, on 22 Feb, 2009. —XINHUA

Chinese Vice President wraps up six-nation tour

VALLETTA, 23 Feb—Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping concluded his six-nation tour here Sunday and left for home.

Xi arrived in Valletta on Saturday for a two-day official visit to Malta. During his visit, Xi met with Acting Maltese President George Hyzler, Speaker of House of Representatives Louis Galea and held talks with Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi.

During the meeting with Hyzler, Xi said that Sino-Maltese relations have been developing very well in recent years, with a frequent exchange of high-level visits, enhanced mutually beneficial co-operation, and active ex-changes in such fields as culture, education and judicature. China and Malta understand and support each other in major international and regional af-

fairs, he said, adding that the two nations are “old friends and good friends” that have stood the test of time. For his part, Hyzler thanked China for the sincere help it has provided for Malta, and congratulated China on the great achievements of its modernization drive. He also noted that there has been a good cooperative relationship between Malta and China.

Xinhua

2010 World Expo, challenge and opportunity

BEIJING, 23 Feb—Hosting a successful World Expo in 2010 is always going to be a tall order. It becomes even more formidable after the splendid Beijing Olympics last August. Now, the world economic crisis has made this “economic and technological Olympics” even more arduous.

To call it an arduous and exciting task reflects the Chinese perception of a crisis, which brings both danger and opportunity.

A triumphant expo would bring much-needed hope and confidence to China and the world to combat sweeping economic woes, which are spreading like wildfires from the developed world into developing countries.

In this sense, the Shanghai Expo could be a great platform for countries and corporations to prove what they are capable of in times

of great difficulties. This is indeed challenging and exciting.

Also exciting is the fact that the Shanghai Expo is likely to be the largest of its kind in history, regardless of the economic hardships. Already 231 countries and inter-national organizations had promised by 4 Feb to attend the extravaganza.

Xinhua



Local Russians sit on the ice to fish near the harbour of Russian's far east city Nakhodka on 22 Feb, 2009. Local people have the habit to go ice fishing in

winter.

XINHUA

Mexican tourism revenue exceeds \$13 bl in 2008

MEXICO CITY, 23 Feb—Mexico's tourism revenue reached 13.289 billion US dollars in 2008, up 3.4 percent from that in 2007, Tourism Minister Rodolfo Elizondo said on Sunday.

Mexico received 22.6 million foreign visitors in 2008, up 5.9 percent from that in 2007, Elizondo said.

Foreign visitors spent an average 760 dollars per person, up 1.4 percent from that in 2007, the minister added. Hotels in Mexico received 62 million local tourists in 2008, an increase of 1.4 percent over that in 2007.

The ministry said the positive tourism balance in 2008 amounted to 4.763 billion dollars, an increase of 6.4 percent over 2007.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Explosion occurs in NHK building, no one hurt

TOKYO, 23 Feb—A suspected manipulated blast occurred on Sunday at a regional office building of Japan Broadcasting Corp, known as NHK, but no one was hurt, local police said.

The explosion happened at an entrance of the Fukuoka bureau around 5:30 pm. The NHK bureau said its security camera recorded a man wearing a white mask and sunglasses placing a bag at the site and walking away shortly before the explosion.

The police have begun an investigation on suspicion of attempted arson, as a bag containing a polyethylene tank with gasoline or oil and a cooking gas canister was found at the site of the explosion.

The broadcaster said it had not received any blackmails or threats.—Xinhua

Cairo blast kills French woman, injures 20

CAIRO, 23 Feb—At least one French tourist was killed and 20 people were wounded in a blast in Cairo's populous al-Hussein district on Sunday evening, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

A French woman died in hospital of wounds sustained in the explosion, which happened on a small square between the al-Hussein mosque and the Khan al-Khalili bazaar, a tourist attraction, at 6:50 pm local time (1650 GMT).

The 20 injured, one of them in critical condition, included 13 French tourists, three Saudis and four Egyptians, said the statement, adding that they were rushed to five nearby hospitals for treatment.

According to Egyptian Attorney General Abdel-Hegid Mahmoud, who has inspected the scene, the body of the French woman would be handed over to the French Embassy in Cairo.

Police have cordoned off the scene of explosion and investigation is under way as high-level security officials arrived at the area soon after the explosion.

Security forces were combing the place with explosive detectors and sniffing dogs.—Xinhua



Egyptian policemen collect bomb debris in the blast scene located between the al-Hussein mosque and the Khan al-Khalili bazaar in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 22 Feb, 2009.—XINHUA

Shanghai offers permanent residence for some after seven years

SHANGHAI, 23 Feb—People who have lived for seven years cumulatively in Shanghai, China's leading economic hub, could have a chance to get permanent residence, under a regulation posted on Monday on the municipal government website.

Applicants for resident status should also have participated in the social security system for seven years and paid taxes in Shanghai.

Other conditions include holding middle-level professional certificates and abiding by the country's "one-child" policy.

Under the regulation, the city will impose an unspecified quota on new permanent residents.

Internet



Workers pump the first commercial product during the inauguration ceremony of Dung Quat oil refinery in the central province of Quang Ngai. Vietnam opened its first oil refinery after more than a decade of delays, with Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung declaring the complex was vital for "national energy security".—INTERNET

Oil hovers near \$40 amid weak demand, OPEC cuts

SINGAPORE, 23 Feb—Oil prices hovered near \$40 a barrel on Monday in Asia as investors weighed a deepening US recession against signs that OPEC production cuts are eroding supply.

Benchmark crude for April delivery rose 25 cents to \$40.28 a barrel by midday in Singapore on the New York Mercantile

Exchange.

The contract fell 15 cents to settle at \$40.03 on Friday.

The March contract expired Friday at \$38.94 a barrel.

Dismal jobs, industrial production and corporate earnings reports so far this year have heightened investor fears that the worst US recession in decades is

deepening.

JC Penney Co reported a 51 percent drop in fourth-quarter profit as customers sharply cut spending on clothing and other more discretionary items.

The department store chain also projected a wider first-quarter loss than analysts had predicted.—Internet

AU strongly condemns attacks on Somalia peacekeepers

ADDIS ABABA, 23 Feb—The African Union (AU) on Sunday evening condemned serious attacks on Somalia peacekeepers "in the strongest terms," describing these as "criminal and cowardly attacks."

In a statement, AU Commission Chairperson Jean Ping said he was following "with utmost concern" the ongoing developments in Mogadishu, where the Burundian contingent of the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has been under intense mortar attacks.

"These attacks have reached today an unprecedented level, resulting in the killing of 11 Burundian soldiers, while 15 others have sustained serious injuries," Ping said.

These attacks were perpetrated "by elements bent on undermining the ongoing efforts to promote peace and security in Somalia, and whose only aim is to bring about more violence and destruction, incomplete disregard of the aspirations of their people and the interest of their country," he said.

Internet

In Dubai, guest workers are stranded without jobs

DUBAI, 23 Feb—The world's economic shadows caught up with Employee N 861 at the lip of a construction site on Dubai's desert outskirts.

The foreman tapped on the dump truck's window and broke the news: The project was slowing and fewer workers were needed. Muhammad Munir Bahadar's next paycheck would be his last.

Such scenes have been repeated in millions of variations from corner offices to factory lines as the global economic landslide rumbles on.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



Angel Falls is seen at Canaima National Park in the state of Bolivar, southeastern Venezuela. Located at Canaima National Park, Angel Falls is the world's highest waterfall at 979 metres. Established on 12 June, 1962 and covering an area of 3,500,000 hectares, Canaima National Park is the second largest park in Venezuela and was listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 because of tepuis (table-top mountains) that are characteristic of this area. Rainforest, grassland, rivers and a cluster of waterfalls map out a magnificent scroll painting here attracting visitors from across the world.



Police shoot chimp after it attacks woman

A 175-pound chimpanzee kept as a pet was shot and killed by a police officer on Monday after it attacked a woman visiting its owners' home, leaving her with serious facial injuries, authorities said.

The injured woman, described by police as in her 50s, was taken to a hospital; her condition and identity were not immediately available. The 15-year-old chimpanzee's owner and two officers also were hurt, though police said the extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

The Advocate of Stamford reported on its Web site on Monday night that the primate's owner called 911 and tried to stop the chimp from attacking the woman by stabbing it with a butcher knife.

As emergency crews arrived to treat the victim, the chimpanzee—named Travis—revived and opened the door of a police cruiser. The officer inside fired several shots, killing the chimp, The Advocate reported.

Christine Hsu pets two Paro therapeutic robots on display at the 2009 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. The show kicked off with exhibitors displaying gadgetry ranging from snazzy new smart phones to envelope-sized computers to 3D high-definition television sets.

Rookie patrol dog sniffs out marijuana stash

A drug-sniffing patrol dog on its first night on duty found a 477-pound stash of marijuana, the US Customs and Border Protection agency said on Thursday.

The 2-year-old male German shepherd was working with its handler Tuesday night when it discovered the drugs stashed in nine duffel bags off Old Highway 80 in Jacumba, some 75 miles east of San Diego, the agency said in a statement. The remote stretch of border is a popular route for traffickers to bring drugs into the US.

Agents arrested two suspected illegal immigrants who allegedly brought the drugs across the border, the agency said.

The drugs were estimated to have a street value of about \$380,000.

Man tries to steal six-storey building

A New York man is facing charges he stole a six-story apartment building and then tried to get a \$1 million mortgage on it, city officials said.

Fernando Maldonado, 47, of Brooklyn allegedly filed a phony deed with the New York City Finance and Buildings departments and then tried to defraud a lender, the city said in a news release. He now faces numerous charges that could land him behind bars for years, city officials said.

"Stealing a building and using it in an effort to steal more than a million dollars in loan money, as charged here, is about as brazen a scam as can be imagined," city Investigation Department Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said. "But with a paper trail of phony documents, and a string of charges that can lead to substantial prison terms, the foolishness of the scheme has been exposed."



This undated handout photo released by the International Polar Foundation shows Belgium's new Princess Elisabeth base in Antarctica. Forty years after the closure of King Bauduin base, Belgium inaugurated a revolutionary scientific research station combining high-end technologies and a total respect for the environment. The "zero emission" station is the only station to be entirely built during the International Polar Year.



Anawrahta Bridge (Chauk) linking Chauk with Seikphyu

Article, photos: Reporter Magway Hla Myint

(from page 16)

They had to spend excessive money and time if they wanted to travel from one side to the other side.

Now, the situations have changed a lot. The meeting 2/95 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee of the Union of Myanmar held on 24 May 1995 gave the green light to launch Anawrahta Bridge

but now I don't need to do so. After drawing money, I can go back the same day. So, I am grateful to the government."

A three-wheeled motorcycle driver said, "We three-wheeled cycle drivers are making a lot of money due to the bridge. On average, we make four or five runs a day. We have to pay 200 kyats to the toll gate for a run. We charge 300 kyats per

to take much time, waiting motorboat and crossing the river. So, we had to spend much time and money to make a trip. Now, I have sent my goods (roasted and fried

to do my business, now. So, I thank the government for that."

Pony cart driver U Saw Tun said, "Really, I had never dreamt about such a fine bridge. We

ity prices are going down."

So, it is fair to say that the bridge helps improve the living and work-

ing conditions of local people or nearby regions.

Translation: MS

Myanma Alin:

16-2-2009



I have never dreamt of seeing such a large bridge in my region.

(U Saw Tun, pony cart driver)—MNA

Project. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Public Works of the Ministry of Construction launched the project on 26 July 1996. The project finished on 10 March 2001. Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe opened the facility on 4 April 2001. The upper structure of the 5090 feet long bridge is of steel girder type, and the lower structure, of reinforced concrete type. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

The bridge was coping with a constant flow of vehicles including three-wheeled motorcycles and pony carts. In an interview, a traveler said, "I am Maung Kyaw. I am from Sinbyugyun. I am a farmer. Now, I am on my way to Chauk to draw some money from the bank. Sinbyugyun is more than 20 miles from Chauk. Previously, I had to spend a night there,

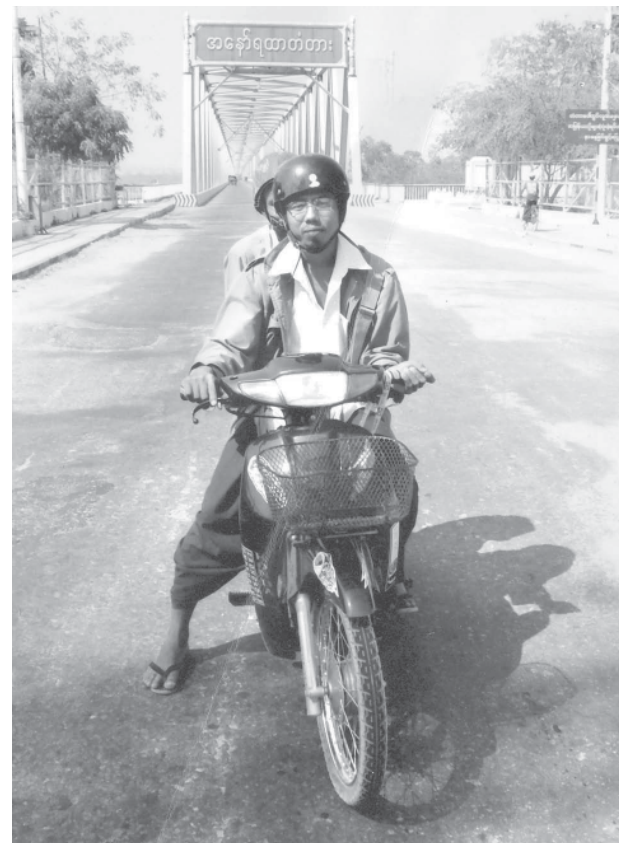
head."

Daw Htay Htay of Seikphyu said, "Previously, it was very difficult for us to get across the river. Chauk was not far from here, but we had

We three-wheeled cycle drivers are making a lot of money due to the bridge.
(A three-wheeled motorcycle driver)

lablab beans) to the market of Chauk by 8 o'clock in the morning, but I don't have to spend much for transport charges. I distribute roasted lablab beans wholesale to my customers at the price of 600 kyats a quarter of a viss. I get back to Seikphyu before lunchtime. Then, I go home by three-wheeled motorcycle, or by pony cart. It is very convenient for me

pony cart drivers have got one more run between Chauk and Seikphyu. We have to pay 100 kyats to the toll gate for a run and we charge 200 kyats per head. Now, we can lead a secure life. If there is a sick person, we can send those, who badly need prompt medical treatment, to the hospital in time. The commodity flow has got quicker at low fares. So, commod-



I am on my way to Chauk to draw some money from the bank. Sinbyugyun is more than 20 miles from Chauk. Previously, I had to spend a night there, but now I don't need to do so. After drawing money, I can go back the same day. So, I am grateful to the government. (Maung Kyaw of Sinbyugyun)



Trucks passing on Anawrahta Bridge linking Chauk to Seikphyu.



Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into plantations in Integrated Farm of Division Fisheries Department in Nga-auk-chaung in Patheingyi.—MNA

Objectives of the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To work hard together with the people to accomplish the State's seven-step Road Map in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation
2. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy at risk to life
3. To crush, in cooperation with the people, internal and external subversive elements that are disrupting stability, peace and development of the nation
4. To build a strong and patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

As education opportunities within...

(from page 1)

aubergine plantations, cultivation of mushrooms and worm breeding tanks.

Next, the Prime Minister looked into breeding of pigs, ducks, cows, and goats, construction of biogas digesters, and gave instructions on conducting training courses for Mobile Community Development Team for the dissemination of integrated farming system among rural folks.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister left Patheingyi for Labutta in helicopters to inspect the developments of storm-ravaged areas, road networks projects and construction of cyclone shelters in Ayeyawady Division and arrived at Pyin Khayaing of Labutta



Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets local people in Kanhtu Kantha ward in Pyin Khayaing, Labutta Township.—MNA

Township at 9 am, welcomed by Brig-Gen Myo Myint Than of the local station and personnel.

At the briefing hall, U Kyaw Naing, General Manager of Shwe Thanlwin Co explained facts about earthworks, bore piles and storage of construction materials for construction of cyclone shelters and the Prime Minister stressed the need for completion of cyclone

shelters before monsoon season.

The Prime Minister and party then looked into cyclone shelter near Kanhtu Kantha ward donated by Mitta Development Foundation where they were conducted round by patron of the Foundation Daw Tin Aye.

The Prime Minister proceeded to Kanhtu Kantha ward where he cordially greeted the locals

and urged them to strive for progress of their own region, cultivation of shady trees as windbreak and growing of vegetable plants in vacant lands.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister looked into growing of vegetable plants in households, CDMA telephone service of Myanmar Post and Telecommunications.

On arrival at affiliated BEHS of Chaungwa vil-

lage in Labutta Township, the Prime Minister inspected the two-storey RC building donated by Shwe Thanlwin Co.

In his speech at a ceremony to hand over the new school building to Ministry of Education held at the temporary classroom in the school compound, the Prime Minister said that he was there to inspect the developments of storm-ravaged

regions, road networks and cyclone shelters construction projects and fulfill the needs for completion of the projects before rainy season.

The Prime Minister said that he was attending the ceremony to handover the new two-storey building of Chaungwa village sub BEHS to Ministry of Education during his trip, he said.

(See page 9)



Cyclone Shelter in Kanhtu Kantha ward of Pyin Khayaing in Labutta Township donated by Mitta Development Foundation.—MNA



Cyclone Shelter in Auk-pyun-wa village of Labutta Township constructed by FMI Co.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects building of a hillock by A-I Construction Company in Pyinsalu.—MNA

As education opportunities within...

(from page 8)

The new school building opened today is strong, firm and the height of the building was raised higher than the older one for enduring water and wind, he said.

The Prime Minister continued to say that arrangements are also being made for establishment of technical school in which youths in Pyin Khayaing are able to seek vocational knowledge such as carpentry, masonry, lathe skills, mechanics and electronics both theoretically and practically.

So, youths in the region will be able to pursue vocational knowledge as well as basic education in their own regions easily, he said.

The Prime Minister said that parents should enroll their children at schools as soon as they reach the school age and should encourage their children to pursue education till completion of basic education. As the education opportunities are

within their reach, students should try to become outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia. Parents as well as children are required to effectively use the sound opportunities for education created by the government. Service personnel, local elders and social organizations should lend a helping hand to youths further improve their social lives.

Teachers on their part are responsible for nurturing their pupils to become the ones who know the morals and manners, observe discipline, and possess strong patriotism and Union Spirit in addition to disseminating knowledge.

Next, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and General Manager of Shwe Thanlwin Company U Kyaw Naing presented the related documents.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint handed over the Prime Minister's gift, a computer and a printer,

to Headmaster U Tun Myint.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented stationery, school uniforms and sports gear to a teacher.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein spoke words of thanks.

The Prime Minister and Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence presented gifts to mobile rural development education team No 1 and No 2.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

The Prime Minister and party inspected Labutta-Thongwa-Oktwin-Htaiksoon Road. They went to Konthaya Village where they toured development in motorcade. They attended a ceremony to hand over a new building of Konthaya Basic Education Middle School.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Managing Director of Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise U Win Htein

and General Manager of Shwe Thanlwin Co U Kyaw Naing presented related documents to Minister Dr Chan Nyein.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented sports gear, school uniforms and exercise books to the Headmaster and teachers.

The new building, 120 feet long and 30 feet wide, is built of iron at a cost of about K 65 million includ-

inspected construction of cyclone shelters in Kwingyi Village by FMI Co, salt farms and construction of Thingangon-Thongwa-Labutta road.

The Prime Minister met village people in Magyibin Village and had a chat with them about economy, employment and education. He fulfilled the requirements for construction of basic education high school (Magyibin branch).

ment of land.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on allotment of land, construction of port, cold storage and hospital and water and power supply.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on construction of the houses, hospital and factories in accord with the character-

Parents as well as children are required to effectively use the sound opportunities for education created by the government.

ing K 27 million by the Ministry of Industry-2 and the rest amount by Shwe Thanlwin Co.

The Prime Minister inspected construction materials shop jointly run by the Union Solidarity and Development Association and local people.

The Prime Minister left for Aukpyunwa Village by helicopter. He inspected a bird's-eye view of the development of villages on the route, salt farms and construction of Htaiksoon-Kyaukkalath-Thingangon Road.

The Prime Minister inspected construction of cyclone shelters by FMI Co at the village and fulfilled the requirements for construction of a monastery.

The Prime Minister and party left for Magyibin Village by helicopter. On the route, they

On arrival at the briefing hall of road construction project special group-2, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Shein briefed the Prime Minister on construction of 34-mile embankment on 39-mile Labutta-Thongwa-Oktwin-Htaiksoon road and construction of bridges and hillocks.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on completion of road projects before monsoon, completion of small bridges except major ones, maintenance of the piles of the bridge, construction of wooden, bailey and reinforced concrete bridges and hillocks in time.

The Prime Minister and party left for Labutta 3-mile camp and inspected construction of Thongwa-Labutta Road and allot-

istics of the town. He inspected allotment of land and visited basic domestic science course No. 1 at Ywaynadi Hall in Labutta. He inspected tailoring, knitting and clothes made by the trainees.

The Prime Minister presented cash assistance and gifts to the course in-charge and mobile rural development education team and the trainees.

They arrived back in Patheingyi in the evening.

This morning, the Prime Minister and party inspected Labutta-Thingangyi-Saluseik road section and construction of bridge.

On arrival at the site of Nalinkyaw Bridge, the Prime Minister inspected construction of the bridge and Labutta-Thingangyi-Saluseik road, construction of residential quarters by Wah Wah Win Co (See page 10)



Photo shows the cyclone shelter built by Industry-1 Ministry in Pyinsalu.—MNA

As education opportunities within...

(from page 9)

and construction of cyclone shelters by TZTM Co.

Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Lwin reported on construction of Labutta-Thingangyi road section, Thingangyi-Saluseik road section, Saluseik-Pyinsalu road section and 18 hillocks and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Lin on construction of 150 feet Nalinkyaw Bridge. The Prime Minister said local people can use the roads and bridges as emergency escape routes. The roads and bridges contribute towards the education and health conditions of local people and their families and others. He urged the officials to complete the projects before monsoon.

The Prime Minister and party inspected Labutta-Thingangyi road section and they arrived at Zinywelay Village.

They inspected the sites for construction of cy-

clone shelters and hillocks where Director U Thaung Sein of Eya Shwewa Co reported on the projects.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on growing of windbreak trees, coconut trees and areca palms around the hillocks and bananas on the embankments.

The Prime Minister and party inspected Thingangyi-Saluseik-Pyinsalu road and construction of hillocks and cyclone shelters in Pyinsalu by Max Myanmar Co and A-1 Co.

He gave instructions on completion of the construction before monsoon and inspected cyclone shelter donated by the Ministry of Industry-1.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements for development of the town.

He left Pyinsalu by helicopter. On the way, he inspected construction of Pyinsalu-Kwinpauk-Polaung-Hlinebone road, bridges, cyclone shelters and hillocks.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Mawlamyinegyun and gave necessary instructions.

They visited basic domestic science course No 1 at the Township General Administration Department. The Prime Minister presented cash assistance and gifts to the course in-charge and the trainees and mobile rural development educative team No 1 and No. 2.

Next, wellwishers presented 31 sewing machines to the course in-charge and the trainees.

The Prime Minister went to the project site where departments and residential houses are to be built near the market. Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on programmes.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the site for construction of Yazudaing Bridge. Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin reported on construction of the bridge. It is 540 feet long and 18 feet wide and it has three feet wide walkways on each side.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on completion of the bridge and road work. They arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint launches the 380-mile cycling race at Thuwunna Sports Ground.—SPED

380-mile cycling race launched

YANGON, 23 Feb — A cycling race of 380 miles from Yangon to Mawlamyine and from Mawlamyine to Yangon was launched here today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint fired a shot into the

air to launch the race at Thuwunna Sports Ground.

The ceremony to kick off the race was attended by Chairman of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials from Ministry of Sports, officials of Myanmar Cycling Federation and sports athletes.

A total of 66 cyclists are participating in the race and they will cross the finishing line near the Htaukkyant Toll Gate.

MNA

Educative talk at MAAF

YANGON, 23 Feb — An educative talk conducted by Nationalities Affairs of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at Central Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and

Development Affairs in Dagon Myothit (North) Township today.

Present were the responsible personnel from MAAF, 23 trainees from Advanced Domestic Science Course No. 20, 160 trainees from Clerical Course No. 58 and 59 and 37 staff from CTS.

Daw Kyin Khaing, the Leader of Working Group on National Races Affairs of MAAF, made an opening speech on the occasion.

The regional organizer Dr Daw Hla Dar Ni Chain gave a talk on dental and oral health.

MNA



Regional organizer of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Hla Dar Ni Chain gives a talk on dental and oral health.

MNA

Minister meets villagers in two townships

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited cotton purchasing centre of Myanmar Textile Industry in Myakantha village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division on 20 February and inspected the purchase of Ngwechi -6 long staple cotton and Winthuza shop. The Minister also visited the cotton purchasing centre in Kyauktada village, Madaya.

In Madaya, the Minister met with the local people and social organizations of Sakyi, Winsu, Tangamyauk, Yenatha, Mwehintha, Mweponkan, Myashwekhe and Tangataw village-tracts. He presented K 10 million for construction of a road between Sakyin and Tangamyauk villages.

At No 2 Marble Factory (Branch) of Myanma Ceramics Industries, he observed production of decorative tiles. The minister spoke of the need to strive to meet the target.

He also met departmental personnel and local people and social organizations of 29 villages in Nandataung village, Patheingyi Township.

MNA



Chargé d' Affaires of Brunei Darussalam Mr Pengiran Husaini Alauddin and wife welcome Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu and wife at a reception to mark the 25th Anniversary National Day of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA



Government's achievements in power supply sector



Thahtay Hydropower Project of Rakhine State.

Nowadays, anti-government groups are trying to deceive the people into misunderstanding the government, under the pretext of the shortage of electric power and water supply, instead of following an honest way.

The government is working with might and main to complete the projects for adequate supply of electric power and safe water for the entire people.

The following table depicts the success the government has achieved in implementing the projects for development of electric power sector the length and breadth of the country.

Subject	Unit	1988	After 1988	Progress
Power consumption in units	million	1559.308	4507.916	2948.608
Hydro Power Stations	station	14	50	36
Hydro power Projects under construction	project	-	23	23
Joint-venture projects	project	-	13	13
Hydro power projects to be implemented	project	-	13	13

- * Out of 14 hydro power stations before 1988, there are only two major hydro power stations — Bilu Chaung-2 (Lawpita) Hydro Power Station and Kintar Hydro Power Station. Today, there are 15 major hydro power stations out of 50 stations.
- * Among 23 hydro power stations which are under construction, Ahtet Paunglaung, Nancho, Yeywa, Kunchaung and Pyuchaung will be completed in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Thaukyekhat-2 and An projects will be completed in 2010-2011; Thahtay Hydro Power Project in 2011-2012 and Ahtet Kengtawng project in the 2012-2013. Upon completion of those projects, the electricity production will reach 2999.5 megawatts and the electricity will be in surplus in the country.
- * Upon completion of the 13 joint-venture projects, over 21,000 megawatts would be generated and would sell the electricity to neighbouring countries. Those 13 projects are Shweli-2, Htamanthi, Tarhsan, Hatgyi, Ayeyawady confluence Chibwe, Chibwe Nge, Tarpain-1, Tarpain-2, Ahtet Thanlwin, Taninthayi, Biluchaung-3 and Saitin.
- * Plans are under way to implement 13 more projects, and on completion, those projects will generate 11,850 megawatts.
- * To supply power to the people sufficiently, power grid and main sub-power stations are being constructed in states and divisions.

Upon completion of the 23 hydropower projects, electricity production will reach 2999.5 megawatts exceeding the domestic demand.

The following table shows the achievements in implementing the projects for sufficient supply of power in Mandalay Division.

Subject	Unit	1988	After 1988	Progress
Power Consumption in units	million	183.59	1058.613	875.023
Households	household	81421	311696	230275
Hydro power stations	station	1	3	2
Hydro power Stations under construction	station	-	3	3

- * Before 1988, there was only Kintar Hydro Power Station in Mandalay as a major hydro power station. After 1988, Hsedawgyi Hydro Power Station (25 MW) and Paunglaung Hydro Power Station (280 MW) were constructed in Mandalay Division.
- * Hydro power stations which are under construction in Mandalay Division are Yeywa Hydro Power Station (790 MW), Ahtet Paunglaung Hydro Power Station (140 MW) and Nancho Hydro Power Station (40 MW), and on completion, those projects will generate 970 megawatts in total.
- * As part of power supply in Mandalay Division, eight 230-KV cable system and seven 132-KV cable system including Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan Power grid, seven 230-KV main sub-power stations and two 130-KV main sub-power stations have been constructed to supply power to the people.



Bilu Chaung No. 1 Hydropower station (Lawpita) Lawpita.



TRADE MARK CAUTION NOTICE
HERTZ SYSTEM, INC., a Delaware corporation of 225 Brae Boulevard, Park Ridge, State of New Jersey 07656, U.S.A is the owner and sole proprietor of the following Trademark :-



Reg. No. 1712/1991
Used in respect of :-
"Cover:printed matter, including brochures, maps, mileage charts, maintenance manuals and various types of directories. Vehicles"
Any unauthorized use, imitation, infringements or fraudulent intentions of the above mark will be dealt with according to law.
Tin Ohnmar Tun
B.A(LAW) LL.B,LL.M (UK)P.O. Box 109,
Ph:723043
(For: Domnarn Somgait & Boonma, Attorneys at Law, Thailand)
Dated 24 February, 2009.

TRADE MARK CAUTION
SCG Building Materials Co., Ltd., a Company incorporated in Thailand, of 1, Siam Cement Road, Bangsue Sub-district, Bangsue District, Bangkok, Thailand, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

PRESTIGE

Reg. No. 1239/2005
in respect of "International Class 19."

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for SCG Building Materials Co., Ltd.
P. O. Box 60, Yangon
Dated: 24 February 2009

An Indonesian conservationist pours a bucket of water into a trap in which a wild Sumatran tiger that is believed to have killed three people is caught, at a palm plantation in Sungai Gelam, Jambi Province, Indonesia, on 11 Feb, 2009.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (473)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (473) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.2.2009 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV HONG LINH VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HONG LINH VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NOBLE PACIFIC WORLD WIDE CO**

Phone No: 256919/256916/256912



Brain injury raises epilepsy risk for years

LONDON, 23 Feb—A severe brain injury puts people at high risk of epilepsy for more than a decade after they are first hurt, a finding that suggests there may be a window to prevent the condition, researchers said on Monday.

A Danish team found that the odds of epilepsy more than doubled after mild brain injury or skull fracture and was seven times more likely in patients with serious brain injury. The risk remained even 10 years on, more so in people older than 15, Jakob Christensen and colleagues at Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark and colleagues wrote in the journal *Lancet*.

"Traumatic brain injury is a significant risk indicator for epilepsy many years after the injury," they wrote.

Internet

Illegal trade threatens Indonesia's box turtles



A small box turtle is seen crossing a road. Southeast Asian box turtles are being wiped out from parts of Indonesia, where millions are butchered for their meat or sent to pet shops in the US and Europe, according to campaigners.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Feb—Southeast Asian box turtles are being wiped out from parts of Indonesia, where millions are butchered for their meat or sent to pet shops in the US and Europe, according to campaigners.

The wildlife monitoring group Traffic said the massive illegal trade has caused the turtle to disappear from areas where

they were once common, with an estimated 2.1 million creatures being traded each year.

"The turtles are used for meat and in traditional Chinese medicine, with major markets in Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia, mostly supplied from Indonesia," it said. "Box turtles are also in demand as pets in the US, Europe and Japan."

Traffic urged Indonesian authorities to crack down on illegal trade, and set limits on how many can be safely harvested each year. It said that Indonesia's official annual export quota for the box turtle was just 18,000 a year but that unregulated trade could be between 10 and 100 times the legal level.

"The current level of illegal exploitation will result in Southeast Asian box turtles being systematically wiped out across Indonesia, indications of which are already obvious at collection and trade centres," said the report's author, Sabine Schoppe.

The study found at least 18 traders in Java, Sulawesi, Sumatra and Kalimantan dealing illegally in box turtles, which are listed on the CITES convention that regulates international trade in wild animals and plants.

Internet

Food poisoning strikes 1 in 4 Americans each year

ATLANTA, 23 Feb—Next time you have a case of diarrhea that lasts a day or more, chances are better than 1 in 3 that it was food poisoning. As many as a quarter of Americans suffer a foodborne illness each year — though only a fraction of those cases get linked to high-profile outbreaks like the recent salmonella-peanut scare, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Outbreaks are dramatic instances," says Dr Robert Tauxe, a CDC expert on the subject. But they highlight a health threat that many people exaggerate and misunderstand, according to some experts. Scientists have counted more than 250 food-related types of illness — from viruses to bacteria to parasites. Most common are Norwalk-like viruses — famous for sickening cruise-ship passengers. They account for about two-thirds of known food-poisoning cases, according to the CDC.—Internet

Indian Govt fully prepared against security threats

NEW DELHI, 23 Feb — The Indian Government Sunday said that it was "fully prepared" to deal with any security threat to the country whether it is from land, air or water.

"We are fully prepared to deal with any kind of security threat to the country whether from land, air or water. Terrorist outfits like the Taleban, al-Qaeda

and Jaish-e-Mohammad are spreading seeds of violence in different cities all over the world," Union Minister of State for Home Sriprakash Jaiswal said.

He was delivering the inaugural speech at the 12th India International Security Expo in the national capital which will display security devices and gadgets from 80 domestic and foreign com-

panies till 25 February.

It is important to generate consciousness in our industrial, corporate and defence organizations and general public in view of security threats that lurk under various garbs. Hence, the government has now allowed the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to provide its services to the private sector, Jaiswal said. — MNA/PTI

Tourism to Mexico rose nearly 6 pct in 2008

MEXICO CITY, 23 Feb—The number of foreign tourists visiting Mexico surged to 23 million in 2008, up 5.9 percent from the year before, spurred by the tumbling value of the peso against the dollar, the Tourism Department said Sunday.

Mexico's foreign currency income from tourism was \$13.3 billion last year, up 3.4 percent from 2007, the department said in a statement.

If the trend continues,

it would be a glimmer of hope for a country on the brink of economic recession as exports and oil production plunge.

But Mexican officials worry that rising drug crime will turn some foreigners away.

The US State Department renewed a travel advisory last week warning Americans about an increase in violence along the border.

Mexico attributes the rise in tourism in part to the tumbling peso and a

drop in fuel prices that has made air travel less expensive. The department estimates that 80 percent of tourists in Mexico come from the United States.

On Friday, the peso weakened to a record 14.89 to the US dollar. Mexico's currency has lost about 30 percent of its value against the dollar since August, boosting the costs of imports but making goods cheaper for tourists with dollars.

Internet



A Balinese health official sprays disinfectant to bird cages for suspected bird flu contamination at a bird market in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia recently.

INTERNET

List of Oscar winners

HOLLYWOOD, 23 Feb—Following is the list of winners at Sunday night's 81st Academy Awards ceremony, which was held at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood of Los Angeles.

Best Picture — "Slumdog Millionaire," Christian Colson, producer

Director — Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Actor — Sean Penn, "Milk"

Actress — Kate Winslet, "The Reader"

Supporting Actor — Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"

Supporting Actress— Penelope Cruz, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"

Animated Film — "WALL-E"

Adapted Screenplay — "Slumdog Millionaire," Screenplay by Simon Beaufoy

Original Screenplay — "Milk," Written by Dustin Lance Black

Art Direction — "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," Art Direction: Donald Graham Burt; Set Decoration: Victor J. Zolfo

Cinematography — "Slumdog

Millionaire," Anthony Dod Mantle

Costume Design — "The Duchess," Michael O'Connor

Documentary Feature — "Man on Wire"

Documentary Short Subject— "Smile Pinki"

Film Editing — "Slumdog Millionaire," Chris Dickens

Foreign Language Film — "Departures," Japan

Makeup — "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," Greg Cannom

Original Score — "Slumdog Millionaire," A.R. Rahman

Original Song — "Jai Ho" from "Slumdog Millionaire," Music by A.R. Rahman, Lyric by Gulzar

Animated Short Film — "La Maison en Petits Cubes"

Live Action Short Film — "Spielzeugland (Toyland)"

Sound Editing — "The Dark Knight," Richard King

Sound Mixing — "Slumdog Millionaire," Ian Tapp, Richard Pryke and Resul Pookutty — *MNA/Xinhua*

Peruvian President urges people to join reforestation efforts

LIMA, 11 Feb — Peruvian President Alan Garcia Sunday called on his people to take an active part in the National Reforestation Campaign to make the country a better place. "We must make Peru green ... each (of us) can do it in front of your house. Go out of your house and plant a tree," Garcia said.

In a symbolic move, Garcia planted a tree in the district of Brena,

saying the campaign has benefited the environment and generated over 100,000 jobs across the country. Garcia requested the Agriculture Ministry to plant 50,000 trees in Costa Verde and build a boulevard to link the province of Callao with Lima's Chorrillos district.

"Costa Verde (Green Coast) does not have anything green ... If we start to plant trees in Costa Verde of Lima, that great

boulevard could really have that color," Garcia said.

Garcia also urged the Peruvian Environment Ministry to have more sea water treated to support the forestation effort. The National Reforestation Campaign led by the Agriculture Ministry has been launched to counter the effect of climate changes and global warming.

Internet

Parental link found in Alzheimer's disease

BEIJING, 23 Feb — Parental link of Alzheimer's disease has been found by a study released by researchers at Boston University School of Medicine, according to media reports.

The study showed that participants of a group who carried a gene

strongly linked to Alzheimer's had worse performance in memory tests than the other group who had the same gene but did not have a parent with Alzheimer's disease.

There are 715 people, averaged 59 years old, taking part in the ongoing Framingham Heart Study,

including 282 whose parents, one or both, had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other dementia. When given a battery of cognitive tests, those who logged the lowest scores on verbal and visual memory tasks were people who were carriers of the ApoE4 gene and had parents with dementia. The difference in memory between the two groups was equivalent to approximately 15 years of brain aging, researchers found.

"How big an effect we saw was surprising," said Dr Sudha Seshadri, a BU associate professor of neurology and senior author of the study. "It was like you were comparing two groups, 55-year-olds to 70-year-olds."

Internet

Yahoo! considering complete restructure

BEIJING, 23 Feb—YAHOO! Inc Chief Executive Carol Bartz could announce a major management reorganization as early as this week, according to media reports.

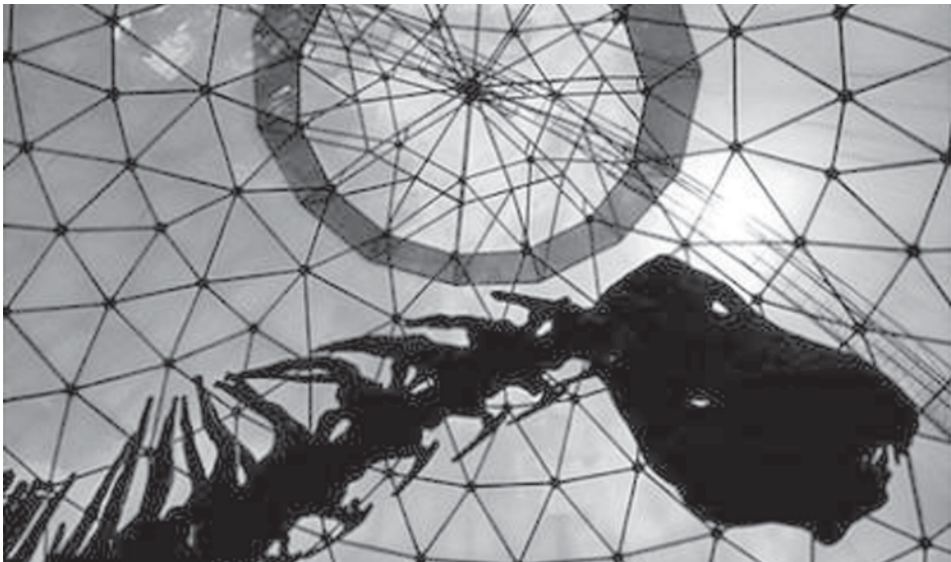
The Wall Street Journal-affiliated blog — AllThingsD, citing several sources inside and outside the Internet company, said first that the revamp would likely come in two weeks or rolled out in pieces.

Bartz sent a memo to company employees on Friday in which she said, "Get well-rested because next week's a biggie."

Yahoo officials declined to comment but

rumors of a reorganization have been swirling within the company. Yahoo, the leading provider of online display advertising, has been under pressure for

nearly a year as it held fruitless merger or partnership talks with Microsoft Corp, Google Inc and Time Warner Inc's AOL.—*Internet*



An Amargasaurus Cazaui Dinosaur replica is displayed at a mall in the "Dinosaurs of the Patagonia" exhibition on 19 Feb, 2009, in Medellin, Antioquia Department, Colombia.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Valencia travel sickness continues as Villa sees red



Deportivo Coruna's Juan Rodriguez (R) vies with Valencia's Carlos Marchena (L) during their Spanish first league football match at the Riazor Stadium in Coruna. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

MADRID, 23 Feb—Spanish international David Villa went from hero to villain as Valencia's awayday blues continued with a 1-1 draw at Deportivo La Coruna on Sunday.

Villa scored his 19th goal of the season on 24 minutes with an accomplished finish but was then sent off in the 76th minute, collecting a second booking for a late challenge on goalkeeper Daniel Aranzubia.

Deportivo's Adrian Lopez punished the ten-man visitors equalising three minutes later.

Valencia had lost their last five away league matches but the draw will still frustrate manager Unai Emery with his team now two points behind fourth-placed Villarreal.—Internet

Zamora helps Fulham see off Albion

LONDON, 23 Feb—Bobby Zamora finally ended his goal-drought to help Fulham beat struggling West Bromwich Albion 2-0 on Sunday.



Fulham's Bobby Zamora scores the first goal against West Bromwich Albion during their Premier League match at Craven Cottage in London. Zamora finally ended his goal-drought to help Fulham beat struggling West Bromwich Albion 2-0.—INTERNET

Zamora bagged his first league goal since September with a close-range effort in the second half before Andy Johnson added the second for Roy Hodgson's team at Craven Cottage.

Aside from an FA Cup goal against non-league Kettering, this was former West Ham forward Zamora's only repayment on his five million pounds transfer fee since a goal against Bolton 21 league games ago.

Internet

Lyon cheered as Marseille, Bordeaux draw a blank

PARIS, 23 Feb—Marseille and Bordeaux did their French title aspirations no favours at all on Sunday as they lumbered to draws with relegation-haunted Le Mans and St Etienne.

Marseille failed to hit the target at the Stade Velodrome despite dominating possession against a Le Mans side fighting the drop, while Bordeaux thanked a last-gasp Fernando Cavenaghi goal to save their blushes at St Etienne.

Blaise Matuidi had scored with a magnificent drive eight minutes after the restart for Les Verts, but the hosts failed to climb out of the bottom three when Argentine Cavenaghi bundled home from close range following Marouane Chamakh's nod on after a corner with just seconds remaining. Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc said he had to accept that his men did not deserve to win.—Internet

Benitez admits Liverpool's title hopes are fading



Liverpool's Argentinian Midfielder Javier Mascherano (L) vies with Manchester City's English defender Wayne Bridge (R) during their Premier League football match at Anfield in Liverpool, north west England on 22 February.—INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 23 Feb—Rafa Benitez admits that Liverpool's flickering title hopes now rest on the outcome of their next two Premier League games after Dirk Kuyt's equaliser salvaged a 1-1 draw against Manchester City.

Failure to claim all three points against Mark Hughes' team on Sunday has left Liverpool seven points adrift of reigning champions Manchester United, who host Benitez's team at Old Trafford on March 14.

But despite this latest setback in Liverpool's bid to end their nineteen-year title drought, manager Benitez insisted they still live in hope of overhauling Sir Alex Ferguson's European champions.—Internet

Next week will be crucial, says Beckham

ROME, 23 Feb—David Beckham revealed on Sunday that something could happen next week with his proposed transfer from Los Angeles Galaxy to AC Milan.



AC Milan's English soccer star David Beckham reacts during a Serie A soccer match against Cagliari at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on 22 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Beckham's on-off transfer saga has been dominating column inches over the past few weeks with both the former England captain and the Italian giants making clear they want to make his loan deal permanent.

But Galaxy are holding out for four-times the reported three million dollars Milan have offered for the 33-year-old.

"I honestly don't know but I know that next week will be important," said Beckham when asked about his transfer following Milan's 1-0 victory over Cagliari.

"I want to stay at Milan, I've not heard anything from Galaxy but when it's like that you could say it could be good news."

Internet

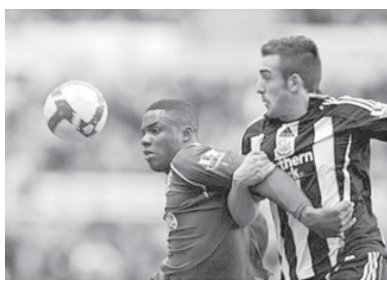
Newcastle's 10-men frustrate Everton

NEWCASTLE, 23 Feb—Newcastle managed to grind out a goalless draw against Everton on Sunday despite Kevin Nolan's first half dismissal at St James' Park.

Nolan was sent off just before the interval for a horrendous two-footed foul on Victor Anichebe, but the hosts were able to

hold on for a point without many alarms as Everton struggled to turn their advantage into goal scoring opportunities.

Newcastle's point lifted them five points clear of the relegation zone, while Everton remain in sixth place.—Internet



Everton's Nigerian player Victor Anichebe (L) vies with Newcastle United's Spanish footballer Jose Enrique during their Premier League football match at St James' Park in Newcastle. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

Seedorf fires Milan back to winning ways

ROME, 23 Feb—AC Milan got back to winning ways and gave themselves a boost ahead of Thursday's UEFA Cup last 32 second-leg clash against Werder Bremen with a 1-0 home victory against



AC Milan's Dutch midfielder Clarence Seedorf

Cagliari on Sunday.

Clarence Seedorf scored the only goal of the game with a simple tap-in midway through the second half of a match in which the visitors were the better side for long periods.

The win allowed third-placed Milan to narrow the gap between themselves and table-topping city rivals Inter Milan, who won 2-1 at Bologna on Saturday, to 11 points; Juventus are second after beating Palermo 2-0 on Saturday.

Internet

Jansen double fires 10-man Hamburg top

BERLIN, 23 Feb—Germany defender Marcell Jansen scored both goals to put 10-man Hamburg back on top of the Bundesliga on Sunday in a 2-1 win at Bayer Leverkusen.

Jansen's goals means Hamburg now lead Hoffenheim by two points with Hertha Berlin dropping to third while Bayern Munich are fourth - four points behind Hamburg - with Bayer Leverkusen fifth and six points behind the leaders.

It was the first time Jansen has scored twice in a league game in his career. "I'm delighted," said the 23-year-old, who has 28 caps for Germany.

"Hopefully we can keep our place at the top of the table and build on this."

Internet



Hamburg's defender Dennis Aogo (R) celebrates with his teammate and goal scorer defender Marcell Jansen during the German first division Bundesliga football match Bayer Leverkusen vs Hamburg SV in the western German city of Leverkusen. Hamburg won 2-0.—INTERNET



Marseille's Karim Ziani (L) vies with Le Mans's Roland Lamah (R) during their French L1 football match Marseille vs. Le Mans at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille.—INTERNET

HAWA BI ESOOF (a) Daw Myint Myint Win 73 yrs. (Previous 28 Park Lane, Bahan, SHAMIE Family)

Hawa BiEsoof, daughter of late Esoof Mohamed Esoof and Aisha Bi Gulam Hussein Atcha (Pathein), younger sister of Maimoona, Khatija - U Hla Pe, Fatima, elder sister of Sara, Hajee Dr. Aung Soe (a) Mohamed Yusuf Yusufi, State Medical Superintendent Retired - hajima Amina Daw Ohnmar, aunty of Myat Thu Aung Saleem, cousin sister of late Mufti Mahmood Dawood Yusuf (Chief Mufti) and Shamie Mohamed Bhai, passed away peacefully at 5:35 pm on 18.2.09 at No. 6, 132 street, Ma.u.gon, Tamwe residence and was buried after Zohar Namaaz nextday at Yeway Sunni Muslim Kabarastan.

Bereaved Family

Greece says pirates seize cargo ship off Somalia

ATHENS, 23 Feb—Pirates seized a Greek-owned cargo ship off the coast of Somalia on Sunday, Greece's Merchant Marine Ministry said.

"Pirates seized the Maltese-flagged cargo ship *Saldanha*, with 22 crew, off Somalia," the ministry said. It said the vessel, loaded with coal, was sailing to Slovenia. Piracy off Somalia, one of the world's busiest shipping areas, and other coasts of Africa has increased sharply over the past year, earning the pirates millions of dollars of ransom payments and pushing up maritime insurance rates. — MNA/Reuters



A Borneo pygmy elephant with a satellite tracking collar looks for food along the Kinabatangan river in Malaysia's state of Sabah on the Borneo island on 19 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24.2.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

Local	Times
Europe	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
North America	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

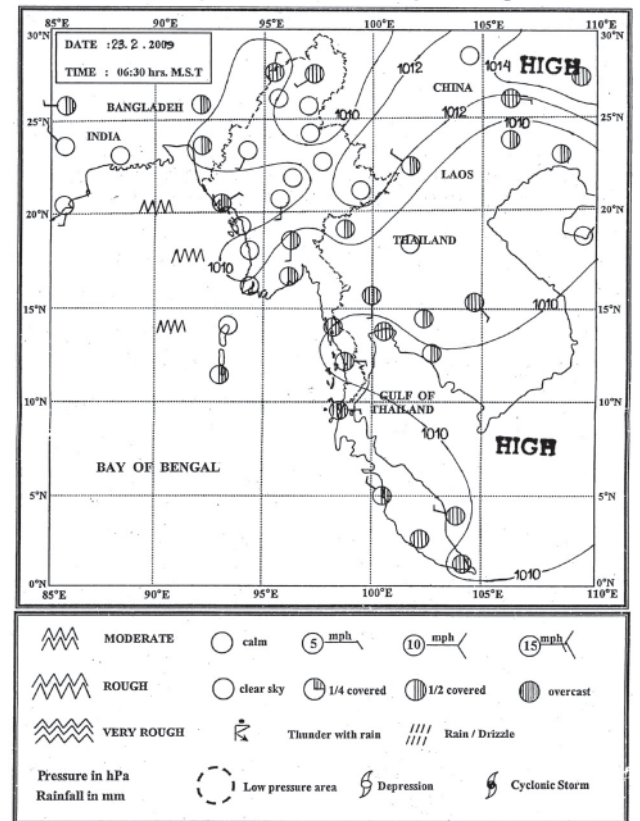
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Myanmar Traditional Bronze Casting
- ☐ Inlay Traditional Cuisine
- ☐ Actively participate in the Fight against Narcotic Drugs
- ☐ Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
- ☐ Second Annual "Glory of Emotion"
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Lacquerware made from Porcelain and glaze
- ☐ Spirulina Products
- ☐ Kayin Don Dance, in Harmony with beauty of Ngwehsaung Beach
- ☐ A Glimpse at the Mighty Loggers
- ☐ Illustrious handiwork in Kyeethé
- ☐ A Beautiful State decorated with Rubber
- ☐ Let's Make ... Fresh Instant Mohinga
- ☐ Myanmar Musical Orchestra (Bwe Song)
- ☐ Myanmar Traditional Bronze Casting
- ☐ Inlay Traditional Cuisine
- ☐ Actively participate in the Fight against Narcotic Drugs
- ☐ Second Annual Glory of Emotion
- ☐ Honourable Composer Myoma Nyein (Sagaing Hill)
- ☐ Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- ☐ Thin Straw Pulp Paper
- ☐ Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 23 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namhsam (0°C), Loilem (2°C), Lashio (3°C) and Heho (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 22-2-2009 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 23-2-2009 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-2-2009 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 22-2-2009 was (9.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 23-2-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 22-2-2009.

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 24th February 2009: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-2-2009: Generally fair weather.



**Tuesday, 24 February
View on today**

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ 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. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Song of yesteryear

8:15 am

7. Dance of national races

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. "မနိုင်သောအမှူး" (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ အရိုင်း၊ ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ကင်းကောင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မောင်လှမျိုး)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Musical programme

4:20 pm

3. အကမြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှစဉ်

4:50 pm

5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (သင်္ချာဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း-က)

5:05 pm

6. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. "ရိုးသားစွာကြိုးစားပါ" ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ ဟိန်းထက်ဇော်(ခ)ကာဟော့၊ ဝိယ၊ ဦးစောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ဦးရဲစိန်၊ ကြည်စိုး(IC)၊ ဒေါ်အိအိစိုး၊ ဒေါ်သန့်ခိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ)) 45

5:45 pm

8. The mirror images of the musical oldies

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြင့်မြတ်နုလင်းသားပိုင်ရှင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

**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

Secretary-1 and wife attend Russian Armed Forces Day reception

YANGON, 23 Feb—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the reception to mark the Russian Armed Forces Day held at Chatrium Hotel in Tamwe Township, Yangon this evening.

Also present on the occasion together with Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, senior military officers and their wives, ambassadors, chargé d' Affaires and military attaches from embassies in Yangon and their wives, and guests.

Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin arrived at Chatrium Hotel at 6.45 pm and they were welcomed by Military Attaché Colonel Alexander V Svintsovskiy of the Russian Federation and responsible persons.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Military Attaché Colonel Alexander V Svintsovskiy cordially greeted the guests.—MNA



Military Attaché Colonel Alexander V Svintsovskiy welcomes Secretary-1 Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin at the reception to mark the Russian Armed Forces Day.—MNA

Anawrahta Bridge (Chauk) linking Chauk with Seikphyu

Article, photos: Reporter Magway Hla Myint

The day was cold with flurries of snow. From the briefing hall of Anawrahta Bridge Project in Chauk, Magway Division, I enjoyed a wonderful view of the bridge over the Ayeyawady River with the west Yoma mountain range in the background. Anawrahta Bridge was standing magnificently amid the snow,

symbolizing the development of the nation.

Emergence of such large bridges one after another implies the nation's economic strength, technological development, and the government's benevolent attitude towards the people.

Despite standing closely, Chauk and Seikphyu in

Magway Division were in no position to deal much relationship and trade with each other due to the Ayeyawady River flowing between the two townships. In the past, the vessel was local people's main means of transport.

(See page 7)



Anawrahta Bridge linking Chauk to Seikphyu seen with the west Yoma mountain range in the background.

