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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

7th Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member SSMNC concludes

YANGON, 26 Feb—The Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township this morning.

Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Samvara, Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Çandima

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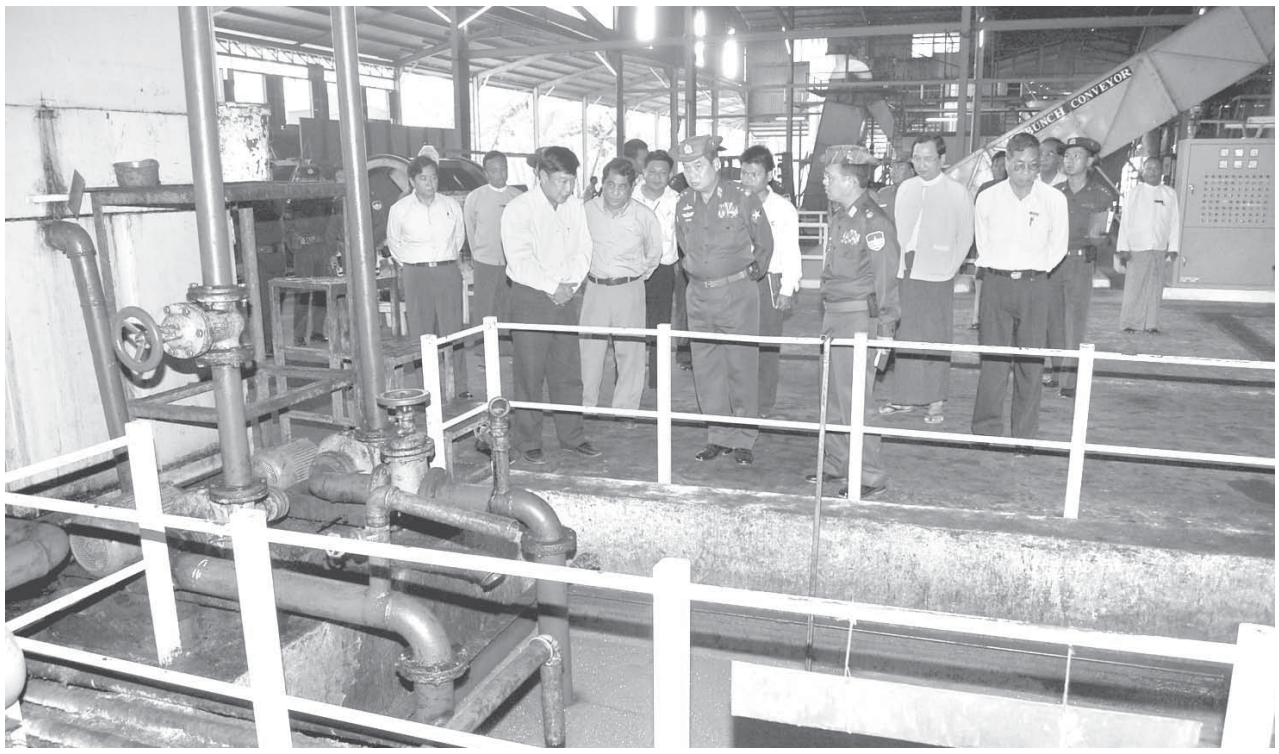

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects 30-ton crude palm oil mill of South Dagon Co Ltd.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye on inspection tour of Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials, comforted the patients at Bokpyin Township Hospital and donated cash to its funds on 23 February.

He viewed progress in construction of Bokpyin-Kawthoung Road being undertaken by South Dagon Co Ltd.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the crude palm oil mill of the company that produces 30 tons of crude palm oil per hour.

On Bokpyin-Kawthoung road, he inspected Hankabyu Bridge and Hankabyu oil palm plantation of South Dagon Co Ltd. He met with families of war veterans at War Veterans Village in Yedagun Camp.

At Karathuri People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Tha Aye handed over cash to the funds of the hospital and viewed rubber saplings in the compound of Township Manager's Office of Myanma Agriculture Service.

At Karathuri town hall, he met with departmental officials and local people. Next, he looked into construction of Chaungkabya reinforced concrete bridge.

On arrival at Kyaukhtanaung Station, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with servicemen and their family members and provided cash and kind.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected thriving oil palm plantation of Po Kaung Co Ltd, land preparations for growing of oil palm, construction of roads and the deep sea port by Yuzana Co Ltd, thriving oil palm plantation of Yuzana Co Ltd, progress in construction of the four-storey building comprising modern market, beauty saloon, library and canteen, production of organic natural fertilizers and operating of 60-ton crude palm oil mill.

MNA

Mental fatigue can affect physical endurance

CARDIFF, 26 Feb — When participants performed a mentally fatiguing task prior to a difficult exercise test, they reached exhaustion more quickly than when they did the same exercise when mentally rested, a new study finds.

The study also found that mental fatigue did not cause the heart or muscles to perform any differently. Instead, our "perceived effort" determines when we reach exhaustion. The researchers said the next step is to look at the brain to find out exactly why people with mental fatigue perceive exercise to be more difficult.

Samuele M. Marcora, Walter Staiano and Victoria Manning of Bangor University, Wales, the United Kingdom, did the study, "Mental fatigue impairs physical performance in humans." The study will appear in the March print edition of the Journal of Applied Physiology. The American Physiological Society published the study.

The 16 participants rode a stationary bicycle to exhaustion under two conditions: once when they were mentally fatigued and once when they were mentally rested.

Internet

New research finds that when people perform a mentally fatiguing task prior to a difficult exercise test, they reach exhaustion more quickly.

Third wave problems on 28 Feb

YANGON, 26 Feb —Under the arrangement of Myanmar Fishery Federation and with the assistance of Parami Foundation, writer Kyaw Win will give a talk on third wave problems at the office of MFF on 28 February at 2 pm. Anyone interested may attend the talk.—*MNA*

PERSPECTIVES

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Improve potency of traditional medicine

Traditional Myanmar medicine has made remarkable progress due to its interrelation with the soil, climate pattern, culture and traditions of the nation. Traditional Myanmar medicine has won trust and reliance of the people since time immemorial.

So, the government is applying all possible ways to encourage traditional Myanmar medicine for its improvement. As part of the goal, it is rendering assistance effectively to manufacture traditional medicines of international standard through research and advanced compounding methods.

The Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health organized the first traditional medicine research paper reading session and astronomical medicine seminar at the University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay on 21 and 22 February. Resource persons read out 16 papers on traditional medicine research and 10 papers on astronomical medicine. Members of the Traditional Medicine Council, the Traditional Myanmar Medicine Association, and traditional medicine researchers assessed the papers.

Traditional medicine practitioners of the younger generation have to do research on traditional medicine with the use of advanced methods in order to maintain and improve the traditional medicine, therapies and medicines that have been relayed from one generation to the next.

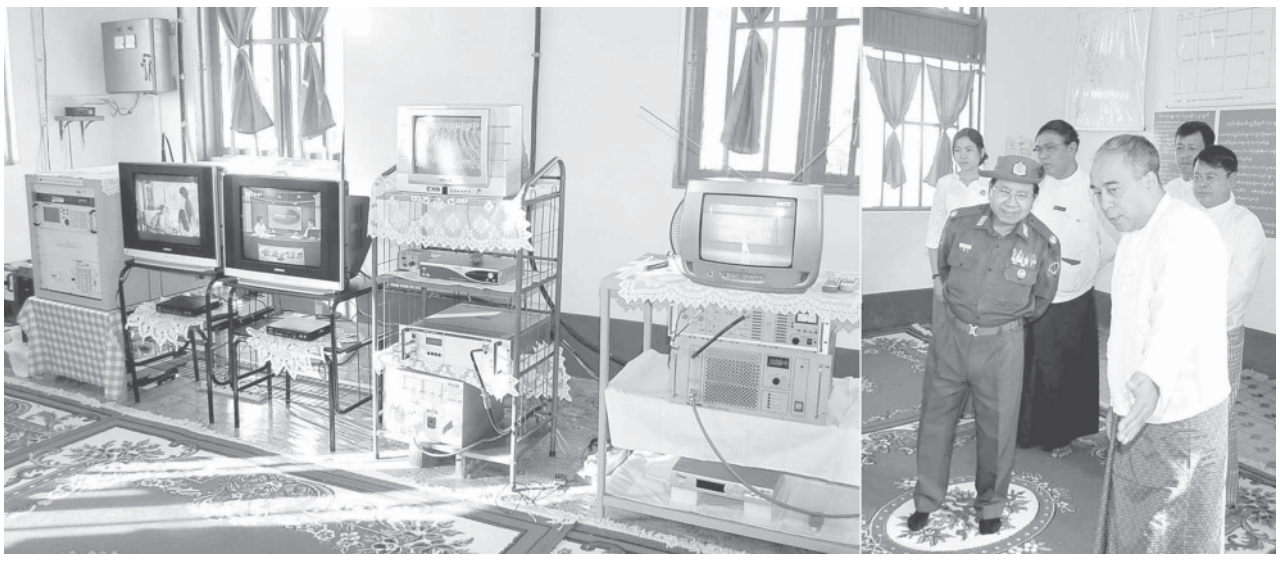
In compounding traditional medicines, medicinal agents and herbal plants are used both in combination and individually to provide public health care on a wider scale. Traditional medicine practitioners and producers have to carry out research in a scientific way for ensuring safety and greater effectiveness in producing potent traditional medicines.

Now, the government is keeping its considerable attention to improvement of traditional medicine and boosting the potency of traditional medicines. In response, traditional medicine practitioners should focus on production of potent traditional medicines on a larger scale to be able to give better health care to the people.

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**

Information Minister attends launching of MRTV-4 and related TV channels in Thandwe



***Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects broadcasting of MRTV-4 and related TV channels at Myanma Radio and Television Retransmission Station in Thandwe.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb – Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to launch MRTV-4 and related TV channels at Myanma Radio and Television Retransmission Station in Thandwe, Rakhine State on 22 February.

It was also attended by officials of the ministry, state/district/township departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townselders and local people.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Hsan and U Win Maw of Forever Group Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Next, the minister inspected broadcasting of MRTV-4 and related TV channels from the station to Thandwe and its environs. An official of the station and U Win Maw presented reports to the minister.

The minister gave instructions on receiving of signals of MRTV-4 and related TV channels including MRTV with high resolution in Thandwe and its environs, operating of machines at full capacity and maintenance of the machines and cordially greeted those present.

The similar ceremony was held at Myanma Radio and Television Retransmission Station in An, Rakhine State on the same day simultaneously. Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing of Local Station opened the ceremony.

Efforts are being made for development of media sector in Rakhine State by the Ministry of Information. MRTV-4 and related TV channels have been launched in Sittway, Thandwe and An. Arrangements are being made to extend building of retransmitting stations and to install new high frequency devices at the stations.—*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Thandwe District PDC U Kyaw Hsan and U Win Maw of Forever Group Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open the ceremony to launch MRTV-4 and related TV channels.*—MNA**

***Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairperson Daw Nu Nu Ye of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association left here on 25-2-2009 by air to attend Korean Products Show 2009 in Bangkok to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 25 to 28 February.*—NLM**

Web Essentials Course in early March

YANGON, 26 Feb — Myanmar WWW Institute at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township will conduct Web Essentials Course No. 63 in early March.

To create web design and web page, the course will teach Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop to create animation, Image Ready & Flash, e-Marketing, XML and TCP/IP for network connection subject. During the course, trainees will have to receive assignment and to participate in projects.

More information available at Myanmar WWW Institute, Building 5, Room 4, at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, Ph: 652258; 652288; 652320. — *MNA*

Obama budget sees '09 deficit at $1.75 trillion

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb—President Barack Obama will forecast a 2009 deficit of $1.75 trillion on Thursday in a budget that covers big goals including reforming the health care system and stabilizing the US economy, an administration official said.

The huge deficit figure, to be published in the president's budget later on Thursday, would represent 12.3 percent of the US economy — its largest share since World War II.

Obama, a Democrat, has pledged to halve the more-than $1 trillion deficit he inherited from former Republican President George W. Bush by early 2013, when his current term in office ends. The budget lays out a series of spending cuts in agriculture subsidies and other areas to meet that goal.

Two senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, laid out broad outlines of the budget ahead of its release and said Obama's expensive policy goals would be offset by cuts to put the country in better fiscal shape.

"There's no doubt that there are going to be things that we do that are going to create some political heartburn," one official said.

"But our fundamental mission is restore the health of the economy, put the budget on a better (footing) moving forward."

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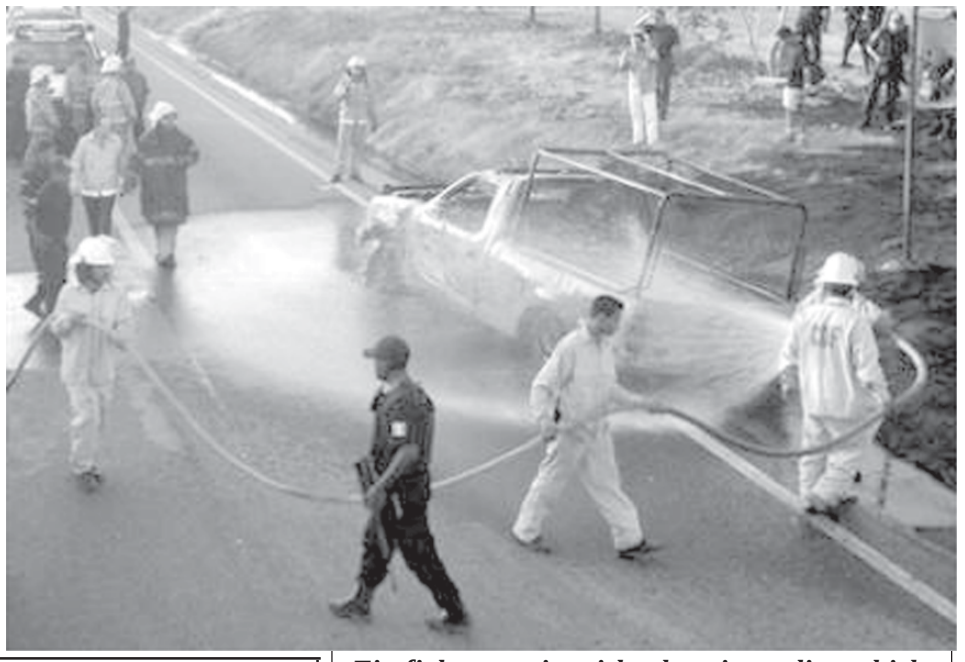


Firefighters extinguish a burning police vehicle in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, on 25 Feb, 2009. Gunmen opened fire and hurled grenades at a patrol car in Pacific resort town of Zihuatanejo, killing four officers.—INTERNET

Emergency services work at the scene of a Turkish Airlines passenger plane which crashed while landing at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.—INTERNET

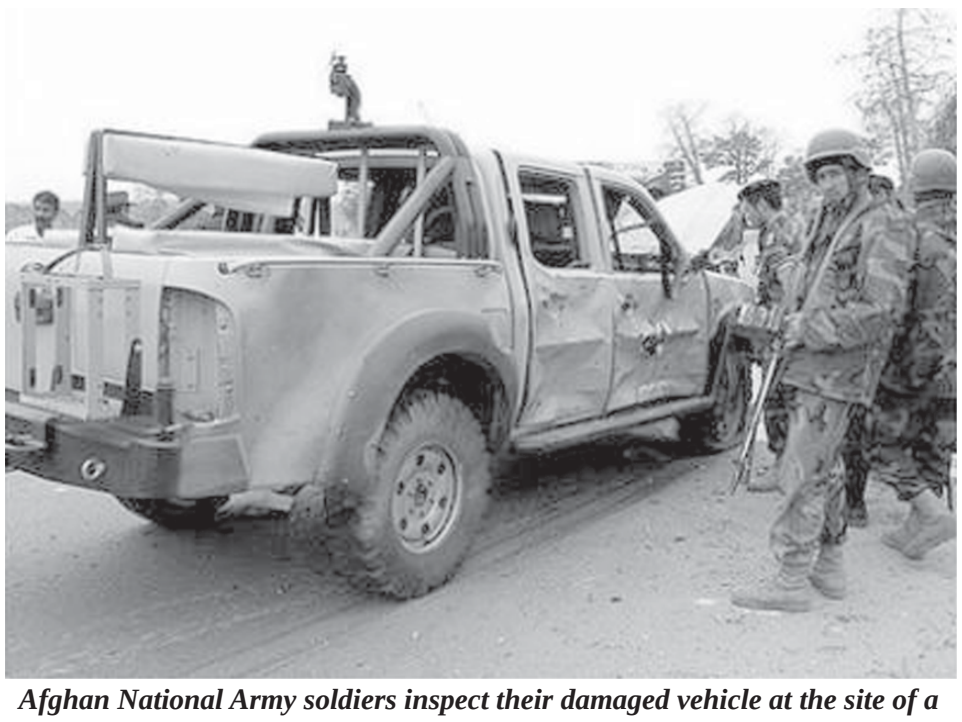
ISAF says east Afghan clashes up 20% this winter

KABUL, 26 Feb—Clashes between mainly US troops and militants in eastern Afghanistan rose by 20 percent this winter compared to last year, a spokesman for NATO-led forces said on Wednesday.

President Barack Obama has ordered 17,000 more US troops to southern Afghanistan as part of a new strategy to break a stalemate against Taleban militants, but fighting in the east along the rugged Pakistan border is still far from finished.

Clashes in the east of Afghanistan, where mainly US troops deployed went up by about 20 per cent from November to January compared to the same three-month period last year, said Captain Mark Durkin, spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

But, he said, there had been a greater number of smaller incidents and the overall increase may have also been due to the milder winter, and a greater troop presence along the border. — *MNA/Reuters*



Afghan National Army soldiers inspect their damaged vehicle at the site of a bomb blast in the city of Kandahar. Three British soldiers were on Wednesday killed in southern Afghanistan as a result of an "enemy explosion" while a fourth died after suffering wounds from enemy fire, Britain's Ministry of Defence said.—INTERNET

Afghan attacks kill four troops

KABUL, 26 Feb — Four British personnel have died from injuries sustained in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has said.

Three soldiers from 1st Battalion The Rifles were struck by a blast in the Gereshk district of Helmand Province and pronounced dead at the scene. The fourth, a Royal Marine from 45 Commando, was hit by enemy fire near Sangin and died in a UK hospital.The deaths, in one day, take the number of UK servicemen and women killed in Afghanistan since October 2001 to 149.

Internet

US President Obama to announce Iraq withdrawal plan on Friday

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb— US President Barack Obama will announce a plan to withdraw most troops from Iraq by August 2010, Pentagon officials said on Wednesday.The decision will be announced during the president's visit to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina on Friday, the officials were quoted by CNN as saying.

Obama is expected to announce that except a residual force between 30,000 to 50,000 to be left till Dec 2011, most of the 142,000 US troops will be out of Iraq by August 2010, 19 months after Obama's swearing-in on 20 Jan, they said.

Internet

US soldier accused of killing Afghan acquitted

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb — A veteran US special forces soldier accused of murdering an Afghan man and cutting off one of his ears was found not guilty by a military jury Wednesday at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, local media reported.

The 10-member jury deliberated for about four hours before announcing their decision.Army Special Forces Master Sgt. Joseph Newell, 39, was charged with killing a resident of Hyderabad, a village in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province, on 5 March last year and mutilating his body.

If convicted, he could have faced up to life in prison without parole.The unnamed Afghan man he killed had been detained after a vehicle stop when Newell found a picture of a Russian machine gun commonly used by Taleban forces on the man's cell phone.—*MNA/Xinhua*

US military plane makes emergency touchdown in Prague

PRAGUE, 26 Feb—Prague's Ruzyne Airport declared a state of emergency Wednesday as a US air force *C17* plane with six people aboard reported troubles before landing, airport spokeswoman Eva Krejci said. "The *C17* plane with six people aboard landed at 20:40. No one suffered any harm," Krejci added.

Internet

South Koreans watch weapons used during the Korean War at Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, South Korea, on 26 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 Feb— An earthquake with magnitude of 5.0 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Thursday, no report of damage or casualty, meteorology agency said here.

The quake struck at 07:59 Jakarta time (0059 GMT) with the epicenter at 311 km southwest Waingapu town of East Nusa Tenggara Province and at 10 km in depth, an official of the agency said.—*Internet*

Apple releases Safari four beta, promising faster speed

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Apple on Tuesday released the latest beta version of its Safari browser, promising a much faster browser with improved navigation and searching.The company said Safari 4 for both Mac OS X and Windows commands 4.2 times faster than Safari 3, thanks, in part, to the new Nitro engine, which runs JavaScript 4.2 times faster than its predecessor.

According to the company, Safari 4 loads JavaScript "up to 30 times faster than IE7 and more than three times faster than Firefox 3."

As for HTML pages, Safari, "loads [them] three times faster than IE 7 and almost three times faster than Firefox 3." Safari 4 is also the first browser to pass Web Standards Project's Acid3 test.

Other new features in Safari 4 include Top Sites, giving users a visual preview of frequently visited pages; Full History Search, to search through titles, web addresses and the complete text of recently viewed pages; Cover Flow, to easily flip through web history or bookmarks; and Tabs on Top, to make tabbed browsing easier.

The new version of Safari also includes a Smart Address field and Smart Search. Smart Address will automatically show a drop down menu when a user begin typing a URL into the address field.

Internet

Monkey attack sends woman to hospital

BEIJING, 26 Feb — A monkey kicked an elderly woman down a two-meter deep ditch and seriously injured her during a tour in Emei mountain in Sichuan Province.

Zhou Changju, 60, from Chongqing, went to the mountain with her family and a monkey jumped on her shoulder.

Zhou was taken to a hospital and doctors said that the woman who weighed only 35 kg could not bear the monkey's kicking and suffered broken bones.

Zhou is undergoing tests in the hospital and was talking to the tour operators about compensation.

Internet

A monkey kicked an elderly woman down a two-meter deep ditch and seriously injured her during a tour in Emei mountain in Sichuan Province.
INTERNET

Microsoft to launch Windows Mobile 7 in 2010

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Microsoft will launch Windows Mobile 7, the next major release of its mobile operating system, in 2010, CEO Steve Ballmer said as quoted by media reports on Thursday. Ballmer leaked word of the Windows Mobile 7 schedule in a strategic update session on Tuesday in New York.

Ballmer disclosure of Windows Mobile 7 seems somewhat of a surprise given that Microsoft released Windows Mobile 6.5 on 13 Feb at the Mobile World Congress show in Barcelona.

"We've made a nice release announcement last week of Windows Mobile 6.5," Ballmer said. "We've got Windows Mobile 7 coming next year. We're getting more and more synergy with Windows, so the browser improvements, et cetera, should be quite rapid."

He offered no details about the planned enhancements and capabilities for the next release of the Microsoft mobile operating system Ballmer reiterated that Microsoft has no intention of building its own smartphone, preferring to sell its software to a broad range of device makers. .—*Internet*

Atlanta policemen imprisoned for killing woman, 92

ATLANTA, 26 Feb— Three former Atlanta police officers, who shot dead a 92-year-old woman at her home in a botched drug raid and then lied about it to cover their tracks, were all sentenced to prison terms on Tuesday.

The shooting of Kathryn Johnston at her home in Atlanta in November 2006 raised national questions about police corruption and brutality, as well as civil rights abuses. It led to the disbandment and reform of the city's narcotics squad.

The officers received sentences ranging from five to 10 years for conspiring to violate civil rights resulting in death, according to the US Attorney's Office. They are not eligible for parole under the federal justice system.

The officers burst into Johnston's home to search for drugs an informant had wrongly told them were inside. They used a warrant obtained using false evidence that allowed them to enter without first knocking.

MNA/Reuters

Bird flu hits 11 provinces of Vietnam nationwide

HANOI, 26 Feb — Bird flu continues to spread wide in Vietnam with another newly-infected northern Dien Bien province, raising the number of Vietnamese provinces hit by the virus to 11, according to Vietnam's Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Thursday.

In Dien Bien province, bird flu has broken out in two communes of the province, leading to the culling of about 1,460 ducks and more than 1,000 their eggs, said the department, Vietnam watchdog of bird flu.

Samples of dead ducks found in the province tested positive to the H5N1 virus, said the department.

It is likely that Vietnam will see more bird flu outbreaks in more provinces in coming days, said the department.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Nana Takeda of Japan performs during a gala exhibition of figure skating in the 24th Winter Universiade at Harbin International Conference, Exhibition and Sports Center Gym in Harbin, capital city of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 25 Feb, 2009.— XINHUA

Construction starts on Shanghai-Hangzhou high-speed rail line in E China

HANGZHOU, 26 Feb—Groundwork started Thursday on a high-speed passenger rail line that will link Shanghai with Hangzhou in east China with trains that can run up to 350 km per hour.

When service starts in 2011, travel time from Zhejiang's capital of Hangzhou to Shanghai will fall to 38 minutes from more than one hour at present, Yu Jian'er, general manager of the Zhejiang Provincial Railway Investment Group Co Ltd, said on Thursday. That group is building the 159-km line, which will have nine stations. Trains would run at three-minute intervals at rush hour, said Yu. The Ministry of Railways, the governments of Shanghai and Zhejiang and Baosteel Group will finance the project, which will cost 29.68 billion yuan (about 4.37 billion US dollars).

Yu said that the line, considered a "golden route" for its potential profits, might be listed on the stock market if the Ministry of Railways gave its approval. Rail capacity in the Yangtze River Delta region has reached saturation point, said Yu. He said that during peak travel seasons, cargo transport was often suspended to make way for passenger trains.

Xinhua

One third of Shanghai to be green by 2011

SHANGHAI, 26 Feb—Trees and grass are expected to cover 38.2 percent of Shanghai by 2011, almost doubling the area seen in 1999, *Shanghai Daily* reported on Thursday.

The city will spend 82 billion yuan (US$12 billion) on 260 projects, the paper quoted city mayor Han Zheng's saying.

According to the fourth Three-Year Environ-mental Protection Action Plan between 2009 and 2011, it will focus on pollution source control, including treating vehicle emissions, as well as noise pollution and dirt from construction sites.

According to the new plan, all buses and taxis operating in downtown areas must meet the National III emission standard or higher before the 2010 Shanghai World Expo starts.

Xinhua

China condemns Christie's sculpture sale, warns of "serious effects"

BEIJING, 26 Feb—Following an auction on Wednesday in Paris by Christie's of two bronze sculptures taken from the Summer Palace in 1860, China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) issued a statement here on Thursday condemning the action and saying it would have "serious effects" on Christie's development in China.

The administration said in the statement that China did not acknowledge what it called the illegal possession of the two sculptures and would "continue to seek the return of the sculptures by all means in accord with related international conventions and Chinese laws."

According to the statement, SACH officials sought repeatedly to halt the sale. However, it said, Christie's proceeded with the auction, violating international conventions and the "common understanding" that such artifacts should be returned to their country of origin.

It said the auction "damaged Chinese citizens' cultural rights and feelings and will have serious effects on Christie's development in China." It didn't specify what actions China might take.

Xinhua

The bronze sculpture of a rabbit's head, which is an ancient Chinese relic, is auctioned in the Grand Palace of Paris in Paris, France, on 25 Feb, 2009. XINHUA

Israeli girl Gali Avni Magen plays with Sylvester, an 8-week-old Sumatran tiger cub, in her home in Zur Hadassa near Jerusalem on 20 Feb, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

NASA aims for 12 March launch of Discovery

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb — The launch of the space shuttle Discovery, originally scheduled for 12 Feb, has been tentatively targeted for 12 March , after repeated delays caused by critical valves, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Wednesday.

An exact target launch date will be determined as work progresses with the shuttle's three gaseous hydrogen flow control valves, NASA said in a statement.

At NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, technicians have started removing Discovery's three valves, two of which will undergo detailed inspection. About 4,000 images of each valve will be reviewed for evidence of cracks. Valves that have flown fewer times will be installed in Discovery. —*Xinhua*

Mitsubishi to move part of production to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Feb—Japanese carmaker Mitsubishi has decided to transfer part of its production to Brazil, the local daily "*O Globo*" reported on Wednesday.

The decision was motivated by the rise in the value of Japanese yen against the US dollar, which has resulted in a surge in Mitsubishi's production costs.

Mitsubishi will move to Brazil as the country has lowered its tariffs in line with Mercosur (Common Market of the South) agreement, the report said.

The mid-western Brazilian state of Goias will host the new Mitsubishi production base starting from April, which is the beginning of the Japanese fiscal year.

Xinhua

Shanghai net cafe owners required to learn English for World Expo

SANGHANI, 26 Feb—Owners and staff at the 1,400 net cafes in Shanghai have been required to take English lessons for the 2010 World Expo.

The two-day training course aims to enable the staff working in Shanghai's Internet cafes to speak simple English in talks with foreigners, said Ai Hao, assistant secretary of the Internet Service Association of Shanghai. "It is expected that a growing number of foreign tourists will visit the city's net cafes during the World Expo," she told *Xinhua*.

The first batch of 144 owners and staff from 36 Internet cafes in Xuhui District began to take training courses covering English tips, information about the Expo and customer service techniques on Tuesday. The whole program will finish by the end of October.

Ai Hao said every cafe should send four staff members on the training course, including the legal representative, the owner, a web administrator and a waiter. But some net cafe owners doubted the effectiveness of such a short programme.

Xinhua

A worker dries saris at a cotton sari factory in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad on 24 Feb, 2009. Sari is a traditional dress for Indian women.—XINHUA

This image provided by Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Centre shows the nursing staff posing for a photograph after delivering octuplets to a mother in Bellflower, California.
INTERNET

Octuplets mom fears no chance to raise babies

BEIJING, 26 Feb — The Los Angeles woman who gave birth to octuplets last month fears she may not get the chance to raise her eight newborns.

Dr Phil McGraw told *the Los Angeles Times* that Nadya Suleman called him on Tuesday afternoon, distressed after talking to hospital officials who are concerned she can't handle the load.

"What she is telling me is that unless and until she has a better living arrangement, that they are not likely to release the children to her," McGraw told *The Times*.

Suleman, a 33-year-old single mother who already had six children before giving birth to octuplets on 26 Jan, lives in Whittier with her mother in a three-bedroom house that is in pre-foreclosure. Suleman has no job and relies on government assistance, including food stamps and disability income for three of her six older children.

There was no immediate response to an NBC request for comment from Kaiser Permanente, the hospital.Jim Anderson, Kaiser Permanente Southern California's director of media relations, told *The Times* "any conversation that the mother may or may not have had on this topic are private and we cannot discuss them."

Internet

No best diet, calories key to weight lost

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Cutting calories and sticking with it is the best way to lose weight regardless of whether a diet emphasizes fat, protein, or carbohydrates, according to a new study published on Wednesday.

As the world grapples with rising obesity, millions have turned to popular diets like Atkins, Zone and Ornish that tout the benefits of one nutrient over another.

The debate has been going on for two decades on which diet is best for weight loss.

However, a US study shows that would-be dieters should choose the weight-loss programme that they are most comfortable with, as long as it is high in fiber and low in calories and saturated fat.

"All the diets were winners," said study co-author Dr Frank Sacks, a professor of cardiovascular disease prevention at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"The key really is that it's calories. It's not the content of fat or carbohydrates, it's just calories," said Sacks.

The findings are published in the latest edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.—*Xinhua*

Brazilian police seize 500 kg of marijuana

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Feb — Brazilian police Wednesday seized 500 kg of marijuana from a car in the midwestern state of Mato Grosso do Sul.

The drugs were found stashed in the back seat and the trunk of a car when it was detained at a traffic stop on the outskirts of Caarapo, 268 km from the state's capital city of Campo Grande.The two people in the car managed to flee, frontier police said.

This is the third large drugs haul in Caarapo in the past two weeks. Police earlier seized over 1.3 tons of marijuana from two vehicles on 14 February.The drivers of both vehicles were arrested.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Yahoo "not opposed" to selling search business

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Yahoo Inc. is "not opposed" to selling its search business, Chief Financial Officer Blake Jorgensen said on Wednesday.

But he said the search business is deeply intertwined with Yahoo's other online products and properties, and so any deal, whether a partnership or a sale, would be done for the right reasons and the right economics.

"It's extremely difficult to draw a line down the middle of the organization and split it into two pieces," Jorgensen told the Goldman Sachs Technology and Internet conference.

He did not mention specifically Microsoft Corp which had repeatedly said it was interested in doing a search deal with Yahoo to compete against market leader Google Inc.—*Xinhua*

Dede Koswara — dubbed "Tree Man" because of the massive bark-like warts all over his body — waits at the Bandung hospital on 9 Feb. Koswara has undergone a ninth round of surgery to remove more of the growths.

The old man and the sea, lost and then rescued

An old boat keeper drifted on the sea for 10 days before he was rescued last on Tuesday.

Xu, 60, was sleeping on the boat on which he worked when the anchor's rope was loosened by another passing boat, causing his boat to start drifting away.

He did not know how to operate the boat and had to drift. Fortunately, there was enough food on the boat.

The crew on a passing boat rescued Xue when they saw a fire which he used to draw attention from passing boots.

Man loses $300K in starbucks jewel heist

How much is a cup of coffee at Starbucks? For a jewelry salesman from Kansas, it ended up costing about $300,000.

Police say the man stopped for coffee on Monday at a Starbucks in Parker, Colo, south of Denver. He was just returning to his car when he was held up. Three masked robbers took three "tubs" of jewelry and a briefcase containing the salesman's handgun.

Police didn't identify the 64-year-old salesman. Parker police spokeswoman Elise Penington says he was in town for a trade show. One of the robbers allegedly brandished a gun, but no one was injured in the robbery.

Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo veterinarian Nili Avni Magen feeds Sylvester, an 8-week-old Sumatran tiger cub, in her home in Zur Hadassa near Jerusalem on 20 Feb, 2009. Sylvester was abandoned by its mother and is being raised by the zoo's veterinarians. According the zoo's spokesperson, the Sumatran tiger is an endangered species with only about 400 living in the wild.

Thief in central Maine targets old telephone poles

Old telephone poles are being swiped right out of the ground in central Maine.

According to Fair Point Communications, about 35 poles have been cut and stolen.

The thefts in the town of Oakland began last fall and stopped in the early winter but have resumed as snowbanks have retreated.

The poles had no wires attached to them and were to be removed later. They had been trimmed to 12 feet tall, and were left behind when the company put in replacement poles next to them.

Fair Point supervisor Simon Thorne said the pressure-treated poles aren't good for burning because they contain preservatives.

He speculated someone might be taking them to use for framework.

NEWS ALBUM

A Fujitsu service robot "enon" developed by Japan's Fujitsu Frontech and Fujitsu Laboratories, is seen here in 2005. Japan's Fujitsu Ltd. said Tuesday it would transfer its struggling hard disk drive business to rival Toshiba Corp, a deal that will push it deeper into loss this year than previously expected.

Maintenance of Waingmaw-Chiphwe road, Chiphwenge hydropower plant project inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb —Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials, looked into progress in cleaning and beautifying of Myitkyina in a motorcade on 19 February.

Next, he inspected maintenance of Bala Min Htin Bridge across Ayeyawady River and Washaung concrete bridge in Waingmaw Township and greeted local people.

At Mile Post No (18/4) near Lower Namawyan village, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint oversaw road works and gave necessary instructions.

Then he heard reports presented by teachers at Mandaung village Basic Education Post-Primary School in the township and attended to the needs. He also greeted students and presented cash assistance and gifts.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint looked into maintenance of 59-mile long suspension bridge in the township.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint proceeded to worksite of Chiphwenge hydropower plant project being implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 near Mile Post No (82) on Chiphwe-Panwah road, 11 miles south of Chiphwe and inspected No (6) approach tunnel.

After hearing reports presented by officials at the briefing hall, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint asked about the requirements and called for timely completion of the project. Then he presented gifts to them and posed for a documentary photo.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party looked into Zan Naung Yan suspension bridge at the entrance to Chiphwe.

In the evening, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint attended the 2nd Aungbam Manau Festival held on the beach of Maykha river near Zan Naung Yan village in Chiphwe and met with national race leaders of Kachin Special Region (1) and (2). He cordially greeted national races at the festival.—*MNA*

***Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Chiphwenge hydropower plant project in Chiphwe Township.*—MNA**

Kayan Township Association AGM 8 March

YANGON, 26 Feb— Members of Kayan Township Association (Yangon) are invited to participate in the association's meeting on 8 March.

Kayan Township Association (Yangon) is located at Room No. (001), Building-14 (A-B) in Yangyiaung Street in Myitta Nyunt Ward, Tamway Township. Dial: 01-549339 during office hour.—*MNA*

Kamanut-Thakayta 230 KV Grid Project designed to boost power supply

Article, photos: Kayan Soe Myint

Superintending Engineer U Saw Win Maung.

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the first four-month period of 2008, and was scheduled to be completed by March 2009.

Tasks for installing power lines on Thakayta side were being carried out under the close supervision of the Chief Engineer and on Thanlyin side, under the close supervision of Chief Engineer U Than Shwe in cooperation with Chief Engineer U Win Aung and party. I saw workers installing cables atop the pylons at risk to lives.

Chief Engineer U Thein Lwin.

Chief Engineer U Than Shwe.

The Ministry of Electric Power (2) is working hard to help boost supply of electricity to the people in line with the nine objectives of the electric power supply system.

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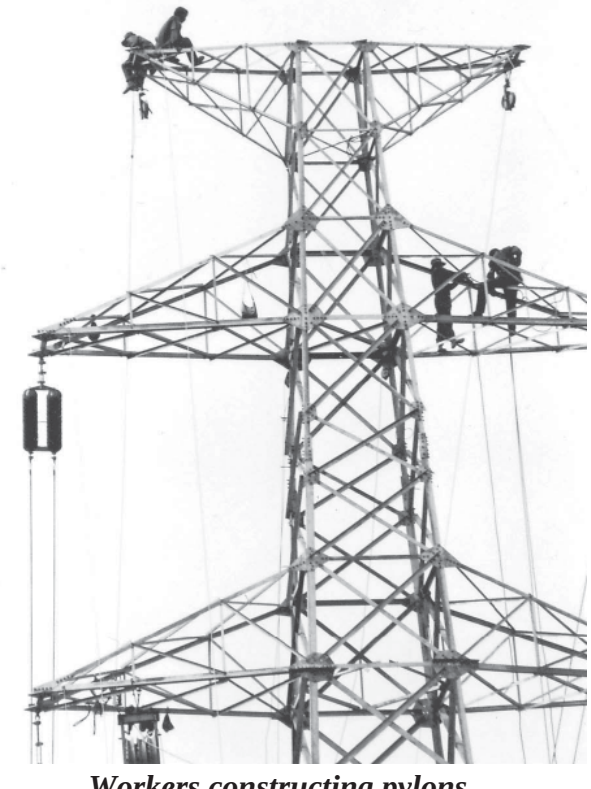

Workers constructing pylons.

7th Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member…

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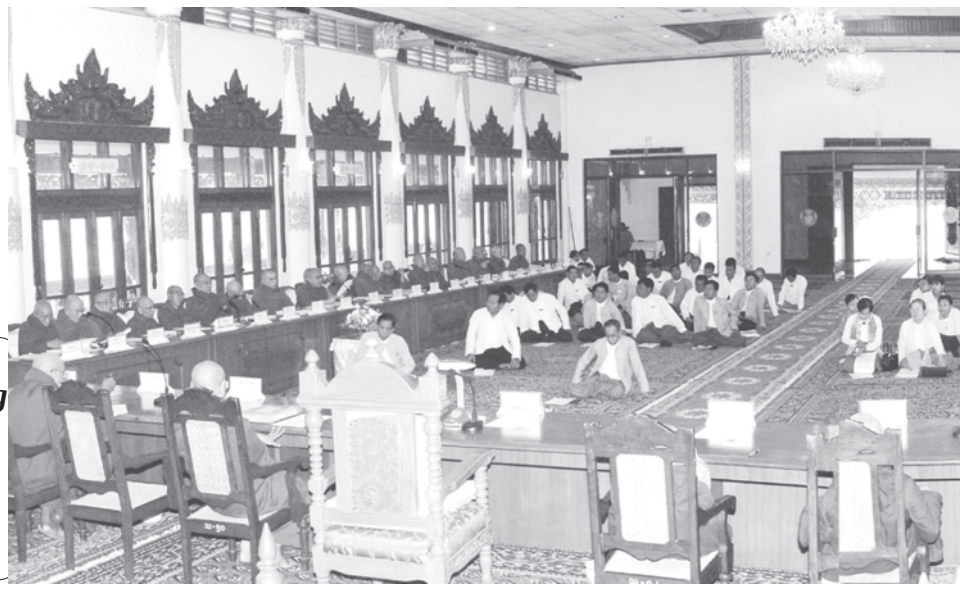
and Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Uttamañanabhivamsa discussed Viniççhaya, religious and academic affairs reported by the SSMNC (Third Branch).

In the afternoon, members of the SSMNC held discussions on Viniççhaya, religious and academic affairs.

Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Dvipitakakovida Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa reviewed the discussions on the report and sought the approval.

Next, members of the SSMNC held the discussions on Vinaya affairs and selection of the Vinaya Sayadaws.

After the meeting, wellwisher U Sit Ngwe-Daw En Kyi (Mya Bayin Condensed Milk) family of Thingangyun Township offered meals to members of the Sangha at the refectory.—*MNA*



***The second day Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress.*—MNA**

***Locals greet cyclists of 380-mile-long Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon men's cycling contest.*—MNA**

***Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents prize to a winner.*—MNA**

Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon men's cycling contest concludes

YANGON, 26 Feb—The 380-mile-long Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon men's cycling contest was launched in front of the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township on 23 February.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an opening address. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint launched the contest.

A total of 66 cyclists took part in the competition along the route of Htaukkyant-Hlegu-Bago-Phayagyi-Waw.

In the first day contest, Kyaw Myo Hlaing (F&R) stood first, Tun Tun (Maxxis) second, Min Win Hlaing (Mon State) third, Myo Lin Aung (Ayeyawady Division) fourth and Myint Aye (F&R) fifth. Col Tauk Tun of local station and officials awarded those cyclists.

The Kyaikto-Mawlamyine section of the contest was launched by Col Tauk Tun of local station in front of Kyaikto sports ground on 24 February. Altogether 31 cyclists participated in the contest of the Bilin-Thaton-Paung route.

Officials presented first to third prizes to Aung Myo Naing (Maxxis), Aung Soe Wai (Maxxis), Sai Aung Than (Shan-East) and consolation prizes to the respective winners.

Yesterday morning, Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win launched the Mawlamyine-Kyaikto route of the contest. The cyclists arrived at the finishing line in Kyaikto, and officials awarded the winners.

This morning, the cyclists started the contest in front of Kyaukto sports ground and arrived at the finishing line in Htaukkyant along the route of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin)-Waw-Phayagyi-Bago-Htaukkyant.

At YTC (Thuwunna), the commander and the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department presented K 500,000 and one bicycle to first prize winner Kyaw Myo Hlaing (F&R), K 400,000 and one bicycle to second prize winner Aung Phyo Wai (Maxxis) and K 300,000 and one bicycle to third prize winner Min Win Hlaing (Mon State).—*MNA*

Museum and Library Science Course (1/2008) concludes

YANGON, 26 Feb—The concluding ceremony of three-month course on museum and library science (1/2008) organized by Department for Archaeology, National Museum and Library of the Ministry of Culture was held at the meeting hall of the National Library on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township, here, on 23 February, with an address by U San Win, director-general of Department for Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

***Director-General U San Win presents certificate to a trainee.*—MNA**

Daw Nu Mra Zan, secretary of the course supervisory committee, director of National Museum, U Kyaw Oo, joint-secretary, director of National Library explained facts about the course.

Next, the director-general presented completion certificates to the trainees and gifts to scholars who assisted in the course.

Altogether 17 trainees attended the course in which 8 subjects on museum and 17 subjects on library science were conducted in addition to periodical discussions and submission of term papers.—*MNA*

Academy Award winners honoured

YANGON, 26 Feb— Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon held a ceremony to honour Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Award winners for 2007 at Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon on Wingaba Road in Bahan Township on 23 February.

Present were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, departmental heads, patrons, chairmen and executives of MMPA, artistes, technicians, academy award winners and guests.

Chairman of MMPA U Myint Thein Pe extended greetings. Officials concerned presented gifts to Best Music Award winner Seinmutta, Best Film Director Award Maung Yin Aung, Best Film Award Myint Malar Film Production, Best Cinematography Award Kyauk Phyu (Padetha), Best Supporting Actor Award Moe Di and Best Actor Award Kyaw Ye Aung.

Actor Moe Di spoke words of thanks and MMPA hosted a dinner to the guests.

MMPA presented K 300,000 to the winners each and Chairman of Mingalar Film Company presented K 200,000 each and Super Coffee mix K 200,000 each to the award winners.—*MNA*

Labour Minister receives ILO Executive Director

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received International Labour Office (ILO) Executive Director Mr. Kari Tapiola and party at the Ministry of Labour, here, yesterday afternoon.

They discussed continuation of the cooperation between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the ILO.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung and Director-General U Chit Shein of Labour Department.

The ILO Executive Director was accompanied by Law Officer Mr. Drazen Petrovic of the Office of ILO Legal Adviser and ILO Liaison Officer Mr. Steve Marshall.

MNA

Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi receives ILO Executive Director Mr. Kari Tapiola.

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**

Supplementary Understanding for the elimination of forced labour in Myanmar extended

NAY PYI TAW, 26 February—The Government of the Union of Myanmar and the International Labour Office (ILO) today extended the Supplementary Understanding on the treatment of complaints regarding forced labour for a further twelve months.

This Supplementary Understanding supports the application of existing laws prohibiting the use of forced labour in Myanmar. It provides a complaints' mechanism, facilitated by the ILO Liaison Officer in Yangon. Under Article 1 of the Supplementary Understanding Myanmar citizens can, with protection from reprisal, seek justice under the law if they are subjected to forced labour.

In welcoming the signing of the extension, the Minister of Labour, His Excellency U Aung Kyi stated that he "welcomed this continuation of the cooperation between the Government and the ILO which once again confirms the Government of Myanmar's high level commitment to its policy for the prohibition of forced labour". The Minister stated further that "the Supplementary Understanding supports the Government's political commitment to the eradication of forced labour. The rights of citizens are fully guaranteed under the title 'Citizen: Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens' in Chapter (viii), and the provision on the prohibition of forced labour in Section 359 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which was ratified by the referendum held in May 2008".

MNA

Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Wai Myint of Civil Service Selection and Training Department under Civil Service Selection and Training Board on expiry of the one-year probationary period. — *MNA*

Overseas educational seminar on 1 March

YANGON, 26 Feb—Nanyan Institute of Management of Singapore will hold an educational seminar at meeting hall-3 of Park Royal Hotel, here, on 1 March.

NIM, a gateway to Singapore's educational field concerned with vocational institute, is providing the best educational services to human resources needed in both local and international markets.

A choice can be made on any of six specialized subjects at Master degree course for Business Management being jointly organized by University of Ballarat of Australia and NIM. The MA course can be taken along with Health Service Management as a major. Unnecessary to sit for GMAT, any graduates can take the Master degree the from-12 month-to-15 month course.

Apart from business and management subjects, there are Contemporary Issues in Health Services Management, Policy in Health Services Management, Leadership in Health Service Management, and Evidence Based Practice in Health Service Management. In addition to the Master degree course, there are diploma courses on Business, Tourism & Hospitality, Early Childhood Education and Post-Graduate Programmes. Well-experienced teachers will conduct all the courses.

Those, who are interested and want to attend the seminar, may contact Overseas Education Channel (AT&S Co., Ltd.) at Building 5, Hall 4, Myanma Info-Tech, Hlaing, Tel 652288, 652258 and 652320.

MNA

Sales & service center of Toshiba notebook, projector & copier opened in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 26 Feb — Lucky Bird Showroom and an authorized Sales & Service Center of Toshiba Notebook, Projector & Copier of Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd was opened near Thabyaygon Market in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 February.

The ceremony to open the showroom and the sales and service center was held at the showroom and Ms Kathy Li, Country Manager of Electronic Imaging Department of Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd, demonstrated the use of copier, notebook and projectors for office work.

The multifunction system of Toshiba copier can be used for copying, printing and scanning.

Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd is the sole agent for the multifunction Toshiba copier and the copier is available at the Lucky Bird showrooms in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

As a special sales programme, those who bought notebooks, projectors and copiers can get a printer free and computers and accessories are on sale at up-to-half price sales.

Lucky Bird Showrooms are located at Thabyaegon Market in Nay Pyi Taw (Ph 067-414113), at No 355 on Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph 248167, 379875) and at No 5, 26th street between 78th and 79th streets, Mandalay (Ph 21570, 0980-22025).

MNA

The opening ceremony of Lucky Bird Showroom (Nay Pyi Taw) and Authorized Sales & Service Centre (Nay Pyi Taw) in progress at Nay Pyi Taw Thabyaegon Market. —MNA

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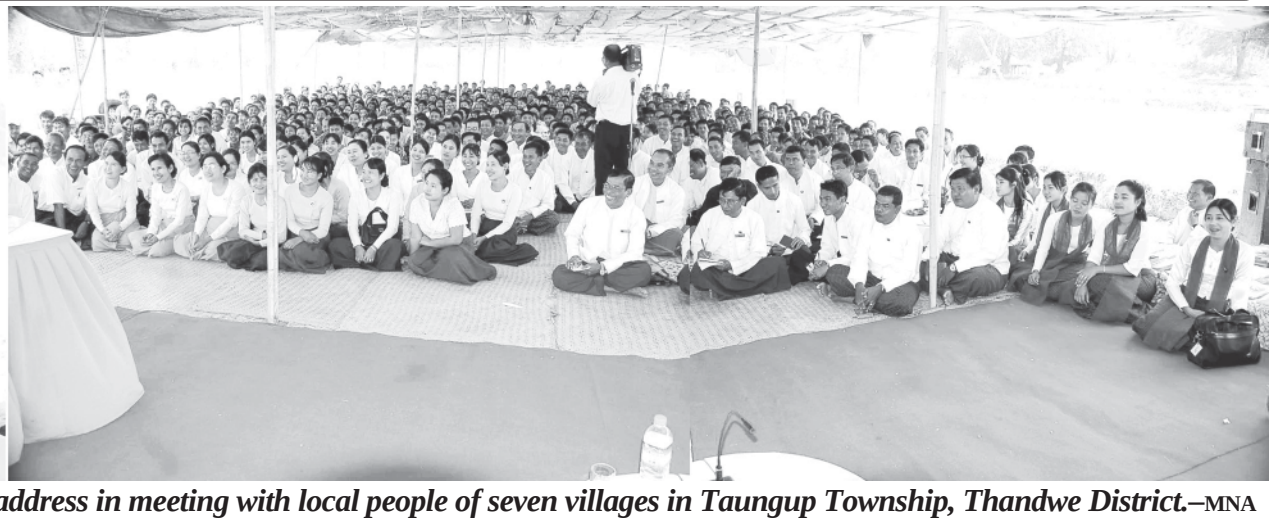

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address in meeting with local people of seven villages in Taungup Township, Thandwe District.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a stake-driving ceremony for construction of Kaingshe Village self-reliant library in Taungup Township, Thandwe District, Rakhine State, at 11.30 am on 23 February.

The minister, Acting Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Chairman of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Hsan and Township PDC Chairman U Soe Than took their positions and sprinkled scented water on the stakes.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present. He next visited Mechaunghto village and met with the local people. The meeting was attended by over 1500 local people from seven villages of the township. Responsible persons reported on regional development and the minister fulfilled the needs and made a speech.

Afterwards, the minister donated K 2.4 million – K 400,000 each to Mechaunghto, Yanmyo, Hsardonbwe, Zeinkanhtwe, Don and Thaleinpyin villages for regional development tasks, publications to village libraries and clothes to the local people. After the meeting, the minister greeted those present.

In meeting with the local people, the minister said all the national races have been living in the Union of Myanmar with unity and amity from time immemorial. The people can now see waves of tragedy around the world due to break-ups of some nations. So, all the national people are to strive with true Union Spirit for peace and stability, development and perpetuation of the State.

As guided by the Head of State, national development tasks are being carried out based on development of human resources, which are inexhaustible resources of the country. The Ministry of Information itself is extending broadcasting of TV and radio and has arranged for daily newspapers to reach every village of the country. Moreover, self-reliant libraries have been established in all the villages and efforts are being made for the maintenance of those libraries. As reading can widen the horizons of the people, it is necessary to organize the people to have the reading habit.

As development infrastructures have been built across the country, it is very important to maintain and further develop such infrastructures. All in all, the entire national people are urged to participate with Union Spirit in the tasks for peace and development of the State in cooperation with the government, said the minister.—*MNA*

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greets townselders and local people in Kaingshe Village.—MNA

Development of bilateral tourism industry discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb — Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu met Chairman of Asia Oita Prefecture Development Group of Japan Mr Mochinaga Takashi and party at the Ministry, here yesterday morning.

They discussed co-operation for development of bilateral tourism industry and seeking new tourist attractions.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu meets Mr. Mochinaga Takashi, Chairman of Asia Oita Prefacture Development Group of Japan, and party.—MNA

Toshiba multi-purpose digital photocopiers introduced

YANGON, 26 Feb—Lucky Bird Trading Co., Ltd held a press conference on Toshiba multi-purpose digital photo copiers at Traders Hotel here yesterday.

Managing Director U Htin Aung Khaing of Lucky Bird Trading Co., Ltd made a greeting speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Country Manager Ms Kathy Li of electronic Imaging Department of Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd presented appointment of sole agent to Managing Director U Htin Aung Khaing.

Country Manager Ms Kathy Li explained facts about the multi-purpose digital photocopiers. The photocopiers can be used in printing out documents more than any other ones, scanning documents and storage of data, sending and receiving fax, connecting with computer networks, and user interface is also inserted.

MFP manufacturing industry has 7.1 million of production during 35 years and nowadays more than 1.2 million of Toshiba MFP are being used around the world. Toshiba has a majority of market share in China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Egypt.

Afterwards, Country Manager Ms Kathy Li made demonstration on using photocopiers by connecting to notebooks and projectors. For more information and service support, contact Brand Manager U Kyaw Kyaw Naing (Ph- 379875, 248167, 099924544 and Email: Luckybirdmgr @ Myanmar.com.mm) and Lucky Bird Showrooms: No.355, Theinbyu Road, Mingalataungnyunt Township here (Ph-248167,379875 and Fax 379875), No.5, 26th street, between 78th and 79th streets, Mandalay (Ph 21572 and 0980-22025) and Thabyaygon market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph-067-23190).

MNA

A hairdresser cuts hair for a child at a children hairdressing shop in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 26 Feb, 2009. The day is the second day of the second month according to the lunar calender. It is believed in China that cutting hair on the day will bring good luck.
INTERNET

Palestinian unity talks open in Cairo

CAIRO, 26 Feb—A long-awaited Palestinian national unity dialogue opened Thursday morning in the Egyptian capital of Cairo. Under the sponsorship of Egypt, the inter-Palestinian dialogue was attended by all Palestinian factions, including representatives of rival Fatah and Hamas movements.

The Palestinian groups are expected to discuss during the closed-door meetings means of healing the Palestinian feud and closing ranks of the Palestinians. Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman said at the opening session broadcast live that the inter-Palestinian dialogue should be a real start for a new stage to end the Palestinian rift.

Representatives of the Palestinian groups discussed "the formation and missions of the five committees that were agreed upon in last November," namely on reconciliation, government, security, elections and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, said the Egyptian news agency *MENA*. They also agreed to form a sixth committee grouping Egypt and the Arab League to help end any differences that may emerge during the five committee meetings, it added.—*Internet*

China, Germany sign procurement deals worth around 11 bln euros

BERLIN, 26 Feb—A Chinese business delegation, led by Commerce Minister Chen Deming, signed here on Wednesday a total of 37 procurement deals worth around 11 billion euros (14 billion US dollars) with German companies.

According to Chen, the 37 deals are composed of two parts — purchasing contracts, and cooperation agreements which need further negotiations.

The deals focus on engineering equipment, electronics and auto vehicles like Mercedes and BMW, Chen told a press conference.

A draft deal obtained by *Xinhua* showed that the Chinese side agreed to buy around 37,000 BMW cars and Mini worth 2.2 billion U.S. dollars, as well as 27,000 units of Mercedes cars.

Chen revealed that apart from the current 200-member delegation, China would send more entrepreneurs to Germany to discuss further investment in both countries. Germany is one of China's important trading partners within the European Union (EU). In 2008, the Sino-German trade hit 115 billion US dollars. Despite the world economic crisis, China and Germany have vowed to maintain the trade volume unchanged this year.—*Internet*

Palestine urgently needs $1.15 bln in 2009, IMF report says

JERUSALEM, 26 Feb—The Palestinian Authority urgently needs $1.15 billion to cover external recurrent financing requirements in 2009, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in a report released on Thursday.

The Western-backed government also needs $500 million for development projects, and at least $600 million for reconstruction and rehabilitation of Gaza after Israel's offensive last month, the IMF report said. It added that should the funds not be paid immediately the cash-strapped authority would need to cut its cash expenditures and likely accumulate arrears, including on wages.

Palestinians hope to raise $2.8 billion at an international conference in Egypt on Monday aimed at rebuilding the Gaza Strip, after the Israeli attack.

The IMF report also urged Israel to relax restrictions on movement of goods in the occupied West Bank, where Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's government holds sway, to enable recovery of trade and private investment.

Internet

Chinese naval vessel rescues Italian ship in Gulf of Aden

SOMALIA, 26 Feb—A Chinese naval vessel rescued an Italian merchant ship from approaching pirates in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia on Thursday.

Destroyer "Haikou" of the Chinese navy received a SOS from the Liberia-flagged Italian ship around 10:03 a.m. reporting two unidentified yachts were approaching just about 3 to 4 nautical miles away.

A ship borne helicopter with three combatants and one photographer on board was immediately sent to the scene. "When our helicopter reached the area, the two yachts were already close to the merchant ship. They were equipped with two engines and were traveling with high speed," said Captain Chen Yi.

Hovering around the Italian ship "LIA," the Chinese helicopter fired two flares as a warning to scare the yachts away. Two minutes later, the Italian merchant ship sent a message to thank the Chinese naval ship.

It was the second time that the Chinese naval fleet rescued foreign merchant ships. On Jan. 29, another missile destroyer "Wuhan" successfully rescued a Greek ship from pirates.—*Internet*

Flamingoes walk around an amusement park in Gwacheon, south of Seoul, South Korea, as temperatures rise.
INTERNET

'Oldest English words' identified

LONDON, 26 Feb—Some of the oldest words in English have been identified, scientists say.

Reading University researchers claim "I", "we", "two" and "three" are among the most ancient, dating back tens of thousands of years.

Their computer model analyses the rate of change of words in English and the languages that share a common heritage.

The team says it can predict which words are likely to become extinct - citing "squeeze", "guts", "stick" and "bad" as probable first casualties.

"We use a computer to fit a range of models that tell us how rapidly these words evolve," said Mark Pagel, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Reading.

"We fit a wide range, so there's a lot of computation involved; and that range then brackets what the true answer is and we can estimate the rates at which these things are replaced through time."

"We think some of these words are as ancient as 40,000 years old. The sound used to make those words would have been used by all speakers of the Indo-European languages throughout history," Professor Pagel said.

Internet

Medieval manuscripts give linguists clues about more recent changes.
INTERNET

Healthier living could cut third of most common cancers

GENEVA, 26 Feb—Better diets, more exercise and controlling weight could also prevent more than 40 percent of colon and breast cancer cases in some countries, study found.

Healthier living could prevent about a third of the most common cancers in rich countries and about a quarter in poorer ones, international researchers said on Thursday. The study involved 23 experts who analysed both the incidence of 12 common cancers across the world and data on diet, exercise and weight to see how these factors contributed to kidney, mouth, lung, gallbladder and the other cancers.

"This report shows that by making relatively straightforward changes, we could significantly reduce the number of cancer cases around the world," Marmot said in a statement. "On a global level every year, there are millions of cancer cases that could have been prevented and this is why we need to act now before the situation gets even worse."—*Internet*

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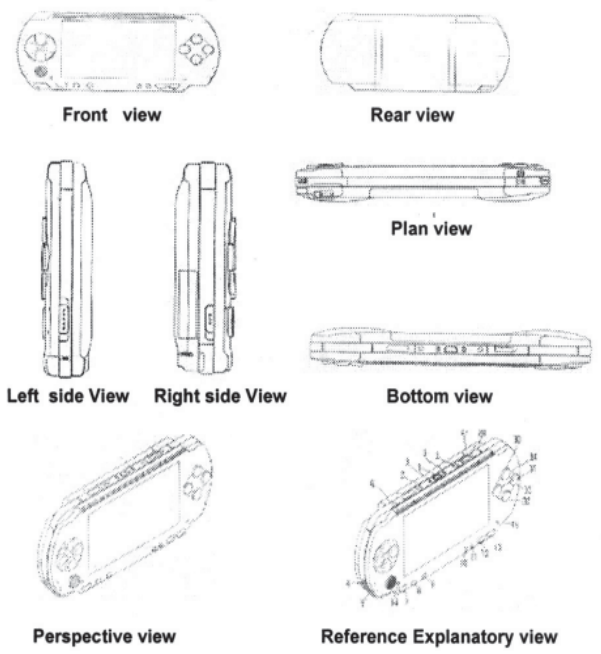

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Int.Org. requires **Assistant Field Officer stationed in Mawlamyine**. Additional information on vacancy at **any UN or INGO Bulletin Board** in Yangon. Closing date: 16 March 2009

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Moderate alcohol use leads to risk of cancer in women

BEIJING, 26 Feb— Women consuming moderate alcohol face an increased risk of some cancers, says a study conducted on nearly 1.3 million British females.

The research involved middle-aged women who were surveyed at breast cancer screening clinics about their drinking habits and their health was tracked for seven years. A few women reported no alcohol use while the rest consumed fewer than three drinks a day; the average was one drink a day. Researchers compared the lightest drinkers — two or fewer drinks a week — with people who drank more.

Each extra drink per day increased the risk of breast, rectal and liver cancer, University of Oxford researchers reported Tuesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The type of alcohol — wine, beer or liquor — didn't matter. —*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV OEL EXCELLENCE VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OEL EXCELLENCE VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2009 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.

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INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO. 1 (T) AMD-FR (2009-2010)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of following Machines which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
1.	Machinery & Equipment for Foundry	1 Lot
2.	Machinery & Equipment for S 1110G Engine Production	1 Lot

2. **Tender closing date (31.3.2009)(Tuesday) (16:00 HR)**
3. Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.
4. For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext. 323.

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (433)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (433) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2009 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 GENIUS MARINER VOY NO (22)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GENIUS MARINER VOY NO (22) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.4 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: EASTERN CAR LINER LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 2nd March 2009 (Peasant's Day) and 10th March 2009 (Full Moon Day Of Tapaung) Day being the public holiday. Goods will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

EU biotech experts unable to approve GM maize cultivation

BRUSSELS, 26 Feb—European Union (EU) biotech experts on Wednesday failed to approve the authorization of cultivation of two genetically modified (GM) maize types. The experts on Wednesday voted on two European Commission proposals concerning the authorization of GM maize Bt-11 and 1507, developed by Syngenta and Pioneer, respectively.

The experts were unable to find a qualified majority either for or against the proposals, said the Commission, the executive body of the EU. The issue will now be transferred to the Council of Ministers for a decision. The Commission said its proposals are based on opinions of the European Food Security Authority, which confirmed the safety of the GM products for human and animal health and the environment.—*Internet*

In this file photo, an ARJ21 plane made by Aviation Industry Corp of China is towed into a hangar at the Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Factory amid flashing laser lights and rousing band music unveiling ceremony in Shanghai, China. —INTERNET

Snow, ice declining fast in both polar regions

GENEVA, 26 Feb — Snow and ice are declining fast in both polar regions, fueling climate change as well as sea level rising, according to major scientific study released on Wednesday.

The ice melt is affecting human livelihoods as well as local plant and animal life in the Arctic, as well as global ocean and atmospheric circulation and sea level, said the "State of Polar Research" report, which was compiled by scientists for the 2007-2008 International Polar Year (IPY).

"It now appears certain that both the Greenland and the Antarctic ice sheets are losing mass and thus raising sea level, and that the rate of ice loss from Greenland is growing," the report said. "New data also confirm that warming in the Antarctic is much more widespread than it was thought," it added.

The wide-ranging IPY findings result from more than 160 science projects assembled from researchers in more than 60 countries, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Council for Science said in a statement.Launched in March 2007, the IPY covers a two-year period to March 2009 to allow for observations during the alternate seasons in both polar regions, the statement said.

"The International Polar Year 2007-2008 came at a crossroads for the planet's future," said Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of WMO. "The new evidence resulting from polar research will strengthen the scientific basis on which we build future actions," he added.

Internet

The ruins of the Guanshuifa Fountain at the Old Summer Palace, also called Yuanmingyuan, in Beijing on 24 February. Mystery bidders have paid millions of dollars for a pair of ancient Chinese bronzes, looted from the imperial palace by British and French troops in 1860, at a Paris art auction.—INTERNET

WHO warns drug resistance could setback malaria control success

GENEVA, 26 Feb — The emergence of a drug-resistant form of malaria in South-East Asia could seriously undermine the successes of global efforts to control the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Wednesday.There is new evidence that parasites resistant to artemisinin, the main drug used to treat malaria, have emerged along the border between Cambodia and Thailand, the UN agency said in a press release.There is a risk that local people, who walk for miles every day to clear forests, could be infected with a drug-resistant form of malaria, it said.

"If we do not put a stop to the drug-resistant malaria situation that has been documented in the Thai-Cambodia border, it could spread rapidly to neighboring countries and threaten our efforts to control this deadly disease," said Dr Hiroki Nakatani, WHO assistant director-general.According to WHO, huge strides have been made in the last 10 years to reduce the burden of malaria, one of the world's major killer diseases.The recent shift from failing drugs to the highly effective artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs) has been a breakthrough. —*Internet*

Los Angeles area airports feeling pains of economic recession

LOS ANGELES, 26 Feb — The number of passengers at LA/Ontario International Airport, a major alternate airport about 60 kilometers east of downtown Los Angeles, fell by an unprecedented 31 percent last month, indicating how severely the lingering recession is impacting Americans' travel habits.

At Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), the world's fifth busiest airport, the number of domestic passengers fell almost 10 percent from last year, while international travelers dropped by more than 14 percent despite heavily discounted airfares at home and abroad, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Wednesday.

Ontario International used to be one of the region's fastest-growing airports and a cornerstone of a policy to regionalize air travel by spreading the growth in passengers from the busy LAX to other Southern California airports.

But in the last year, five airlines have eliminated or slashed service at the facility, according to the newspaper.

Internet

Egyptian, Nicaraguan NGO receive top honours from UNFPA

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Feb— An Egyptian doctor and a Nicaraguan non-governmental organization (NGO) have been awarded this year's United Nations Population Award, which recognizes outstanding work in population and health, the United Nations announced here Tuesday.

Mahmoud Fathalla and the Movimiento Comunal Nicaragense (MCN) were chosen from 18 nominees by an Award Committee headed by Hamdon Ali, Malaysia's Ambassador to the United Nations. The committee groups 10 UN member states.

Dr Fathalla is a renowned doctor and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Assist University in Egypt, and also works as a manager, adviser and advocate for family planning, reproductive health and safe motherhood, according to a press release from the UN Population Fund (UNFPA).—*MNA/Xinhua*

Canada's Nortel cuts 3,200 jobs

OTTAWA, 26 Feb— Canada's telecom equipment company Nortel Networks on Wednesday announced to cut 3,200 jobs as part of its efforts to slash costs amid a massive restructuring attempt.The job cuts will be made over the next few months, Mike Zafirovski, Nortel president and chief executive officer, said in a release on the company's website.

Nortel, which filed for creditor protection in January, employs 30,000 people globally, including 5,800 in Canada.

The company has also decided not to pay bonuses in 2008 and is seeking court approval to terminate its equity-based compensation plans.

MNA/Xinhua

Emergency workers carry a wounded woman and her child into an ambulance after a Turkish Airlines passenger plane crashed at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport on 25 Feb, 2009.—INTERNET

Two dead, 27 injured in NYC Chinatown blaze

NEW YORK, 26 Feb — A huge fire broke out at a Chinatown apartment building in New York's Manhattan early on Tuesday morning, killing two people and injuring at least 27, fire officials said.

Three of the seriously injured had jumped out of their windows to flee the inferno, *The New York Post* quoted officials as saying. The two dead were reportedly identified as Tony Wong, 32, and his girlfriend, Anna Luu, 33.

Three others were in critical condition. Officials are investigating the four-alarm blaze that broke out at 4:45 am local time (0945 GMT), fire department operations chief Patrick McNally was cited as saying. According to McNally, the fire started on the second floor of the six-storey building and spread upward, causing a section of the roof to collapse. He said strong winds and the bitter cold made battling the blaze "very difficult."

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Drogba ruins Ranieri's return to Chelsea

Chelsea's Ivorian forward Didier Drogba celebrates after scoring against Juventus during their Champions League first knockout round football match, at Stamford Bridge stadium in London.
INTERNET

LONDON , 26 Feb— Didier Drogba ruined Juventus manager Claudio Ranieri's return to Chelsea as the Ivory Coast forward sealed a 1-0 win in the Champions League last 16 first leg on Wednesday.

Ranieri spent four years at Chelsea before being cast aside by Roman Abramovich to make way for Jose Mourinho in 2004 and Drogba's first half strike at Stamford Bridge denied him the chance for immediate revenge.

The Italian coach could still have the last laugh though as Chelsea's failure to turn their pressure into more goals leaves the tie on a knife-edge going into the return in Turin on March 10.

Blues boss Guus Hiddink said: "It is a narrow result, so overall I'm not satisfied to be honest. A normal analysis is that over the whole game we can't be that happy.

"In the first part we started well but after the goal we dropped back too far. We were a little bit anxious. "Of course it is good to have a cleansheet because now Juventus have to try to score at home." Ranieri said that his game plan had not come off.—*Internet*

Tiger looks strong as ever in Match Play return

MARANA , 26 Feb – Tiger Woods was as curious as everyone else to see how he would play after an eight-month layoff. He knew he was ready to return from surgery on his left knee. Woods has said on more than one occasion that he will not enter a tournament if he doesn't think he can win. But there is no substitute for competition, and he had not experienced that since his epic US.Open victory on June 16. It was the longest break of his career. "I thought it would take me a little bit longer to get into the rhythm of the round," he said Wednesday.

It only took about 10 minutes at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Woods hit an 8-iron to the middle of the green, where it fed down a slope and stopped 5 feet away for a birdie. He twirled his driver after hitting the fairway on the par-5 second hole — always a good sign for him — then hit a majestic 3-iron that settled 4 feet away for an eagle that eventually was conceded when Brendan Jones could only make par.—*Internet*

Two holes into his comeback, Woods went birdie-eagle and was 2 up.—*Internet*

Tiger Woods.

Happy return for Benitez as Liverpool down Real in Champions League

Liverpool's Spanish forward Fernando Torres (L) fights for the ball with Real Madrid's French midfielder Lassana Diarra (R) during their Champions League football match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. Liverpool won 1-0.—INTERNET

MADRID, 26 Feb – Rafael Benitez enjoyed an unforgettable Madrid homecoming as a late Youssi Benayoun header helped Liverpool defeat Real Madrid 1-0 in the first leg of their last 16 Champions League duel at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday.

Benayoun headed in a Fabio Aurelio cross in the 82nd minute for a vital away goal and Liverpool now hold the advantage ahead of the return leg at Anfield on March 10.

"We worked very hard and we scored a very good goal," said Benitez who added that he took off star striker Fernando Torres as a precaution.—*Internet*

Ribery, Toni star for five-star Bayern

Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery (C) celebrates his goal against Sporting during their Champions League first-leg of the first knock out round football match at Alvalade Stadium in Lisbon. —INTERNET

LISBON, 26 Feb – Luca Toni and Franck Ribery scored two goals each to virtually ensure Bayern Munich a Champions League quarter-finals place in a 5-0 rout of Sporting Lisbon in their last 16, first-leg tie here on Wednesday.

A superb first-half solo effort and a second-half penalty by French midfield maestro Ribery, plus a second-half pair from Italian World Cup-winner Toni, puts Bayern firmly in the driving-seat for the return leg.

With five away goals under their belts, it was a good night at the office for the German giants at the Estadio Jose Alvalade as they brushed off their poor form in the Bundesliga to sweep Lisbon aside.

Having lost to mid-table Cologne on Saturday in the German league, Bayern bounced back in style and coach Jurgen Klinsmann was all smiles.

"It was fun to watch after the second goal went in," he said."It was impressive the way the boys responded after the defeat by Cologne.

"Sporting really took the game to us and it allowed us to find space to counter attack."

Internet

Rochus knocks off American second seed Querrey at ATP Delray Beach

DELARY BEACH, 26 Feb— Belgium's Christophe Rochus easily beat American second seed Sam Querrey 6-4, 6-1 in the second round of the ATP Delray Beach International Tennis Championships.

With the impressive win, Rochus avenges a loss to Querrey in their only other meeting at the Indian Wells masters series event two years ago.

Rochus will face another player that pulled off an upset in the 500,000 dollar hardcourt tournament.

Stefan Koubek, who won here in 2000, posted a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over number eight seed Lu Yen-Hsun.

Belgium's Christophe Rochus .

Querrey, the world No. 34, entered having been ranked fourth among American players, behind Andy Roddick, James Blake and Mardy Fish.

The 21-year-old had been on the rise after winning his maiden title in 2008 and finishing the season in the top-50 for the first time.—*Internet*

Mature United please Ferguson

MILAN, 26 Feb – Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson praised his team's growing maturity after they dominated Serie A leaders Inter Milan in a 0-0 Champions League draw.

The only down side of United's performance in the San Siro on Tuesday night was the failure to convert one of their numerous chances, particularly in a first half in which there seemed to be a gulf in class between the two teams.

It left Ferguson disappointed to be going back to Old Trafford in two weeks time with the tie still finely in the balance.

But the 67-year-old boss said the game did at least show that United have come a long way in the last two years since they were given a footballing lesson by Inter's San Siro housemates AC Milan.

Internet

Manchester United midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo fights for the ball with Inter Milan's Sulley Ali Muntari during their UEFA Champions League match at San Siro Stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

Moratti confident of Inter progress

MILAN, 26 Feb – Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti said he was confident his side would progress to the Champions League quarter-finals despite seeing them dominated by Manchester United in their second round first leg clash at the San Siro.

The game finished 0-0 with Sir Alex Ferguson's team missing a host of chances and coming up against an unbeatable Julio Cesar in the Inter goal.

And now a score draw at Old Trafford in two weeks time will be enough for Inter to progress at the expense of the competition holders.

"I'm quite confident. What I know is that in the Champions League it's extremely important not to concede goals at home," he said.

"Just as it's vital to score away. I also think Manchester United will have been very disappointed not to have scored.

"And for our part, we're delighted about that and now we can go to Old Trafford and play a match that will be like a final." The second leg is in Manchester on 11 March.—*Internet*

Inter's president Massimo Moratti.

Youngsters of Gelao ethnic group beat the drums and gongs during a celebration of traditional Bird-Respecting Festival at the Yaoshang Gelao Cultural Village of Pingshan Township in Shiqian County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 25 Feb, 2009. The Bird-Respecting Festival of Gelao ethnic group features series of folk customs to pray for good harvests and families' thriving.— INTERNET

Prenatal multivitamins lack iodine

BEIJING, 26 Feb—Several brands of multivitamins for pregnant women contain too little iodine than their labels claim, posing greater threat to the brain development of a child, says a study.

According to the study, tests conducted on 60 brands that listed iodine as an ingredient on their labels found many fell short of the stated amount.

"If these numbers are all real, then they're not meeting their label claim and that's a problem," said William Obermeyer, a former Food and Drug Administration scientist who co-founded ConsumerLab.com, a private testing service.—*Internet*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(27.2.2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

- ❒ Signature Tune
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ❒ A Visit to Inlay Region
- ❒ The Art of Making Paper Toys
- ❒ Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- ❒ Myanmar Handicrafted Instruments made in Leather
- ❒ Magic of Cotton Blanket
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ❒ Signature Tune
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ❒ A World-class recreation Centre
- ❒ Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
- ❒ Ayeyawady Division Turning Lush and Green
- ❒ Bead Gallery
- ❒ Gold Fishes and their 'Water Palace'
- ❒ Making Myanmar Marionette
- ❒ The Art of Silk-screen Painting
- ❒ Myanma Green Tea
- ❒ Myanmar Modern Song
- ❒ A Visit to Inlay Region
- ❒ Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- ❒ Myanmar Handicrafted Instruments made in Leather
- ❒ Magic of Cotton Blanket
- ❒ Village Use Area Zoning Process (Hukaung Tiger Reserve)
- ❒ Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

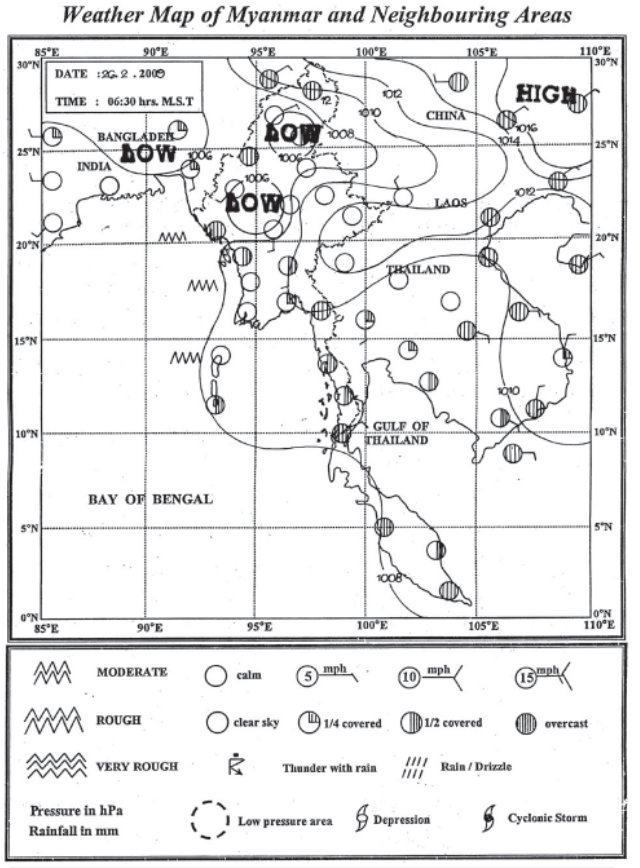
Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

TV Myanmar

Friday, 27 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. ဆောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:50 am
5. Nice and sweet song
8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:05 am
7. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
8:15 am
8. The mirror images of the musical oldies
8:30 am
9. International news
8:40 am
10. "အလျော်အစား" (အကယ်ဒမီဇင်ပိုင်း၊ ဇွေစင်သွန်း၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ကျော်ဇော်လင်း)
8:50 am
11. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
4:15 pm
3. Song of national races
4:20 pm
4. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
4:40 pm
5. Song of yesteryear
4:50 pm
6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ရူပဗေဒဘာသာရပ်) (အပိုင်း–က)
5:10 pm
7. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:15 pm
8. "ဆီးချိုသွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ဖြိုးဌေဖိုး၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ကောင်းခန့်၊ ရတနာမိုင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ–တင်အောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)]
5:30 pm
9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:45 pm
10. Musical programme
6:00 pm
11. Evening news
6:30 pm
12. Weather report
6:35 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွေးချာတ်ရှင်
7:10 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကုန်သွယ်မှုနှံတိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၅၆)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း–၄)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 26 February, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (8˚C) below February average temperatures in Bago Division, (3˚C) above February average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing Divisions, (5˚C) to (6˚C) above February average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine, States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (5˚C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.48) inch and Machanbaw (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2009 was 98˚F. Minimum temperature on 26-2-2009 was 66˚F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-2-2009 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 25-2-2009 was (7.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 26-2-2009 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 (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 25-2-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27th February 2009: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

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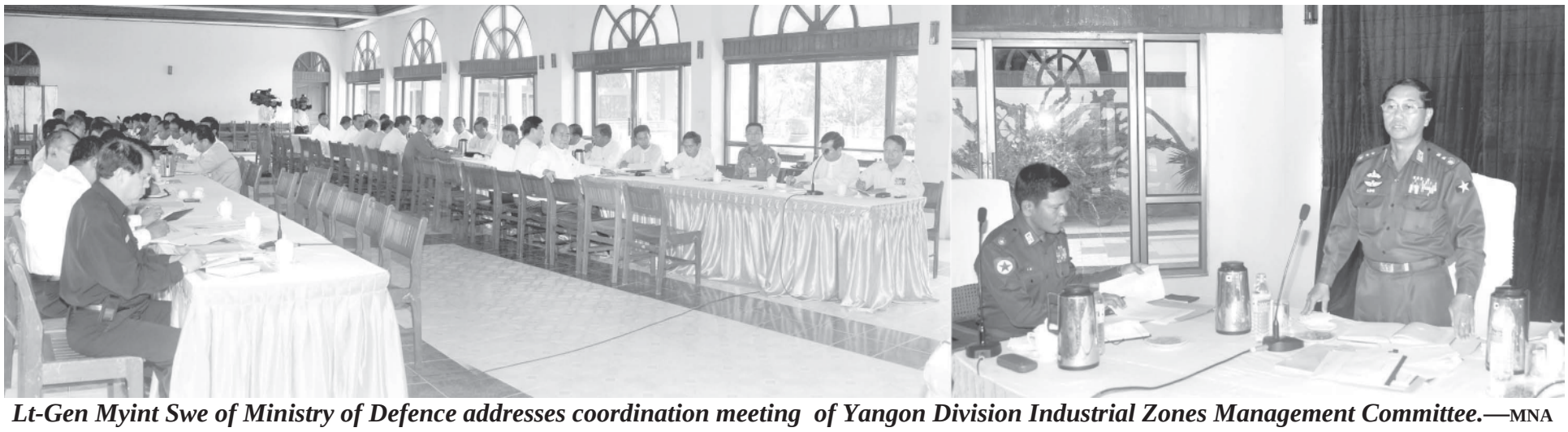
Factories to boost export of goods



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence addresses coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Feb—The Management Committee of Industrial Zones in Yangon Division held its meeting at Yangon Command Headquarters in Konmyinttha, here, this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint in his address called for operating factories at full capacity only with domestic raw materials and boosting export of goods.

Those responsible gave an account of work progress in accomplishing the previous meeting resolutions.

The chairmen of the management committees of the industrial zones reported on functions and requirements in respective sectors. Departmental officials responded to the reports. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave concluding remarks.—*MNA*

Kamanut-Thakayta 230 KV Grid Project designed to boost power supply

Article, photos: Kayan Soe Myint

The State Peace and Development Council is constructing hydropower plants one after another to meet the increasing electricity demand of the nation.

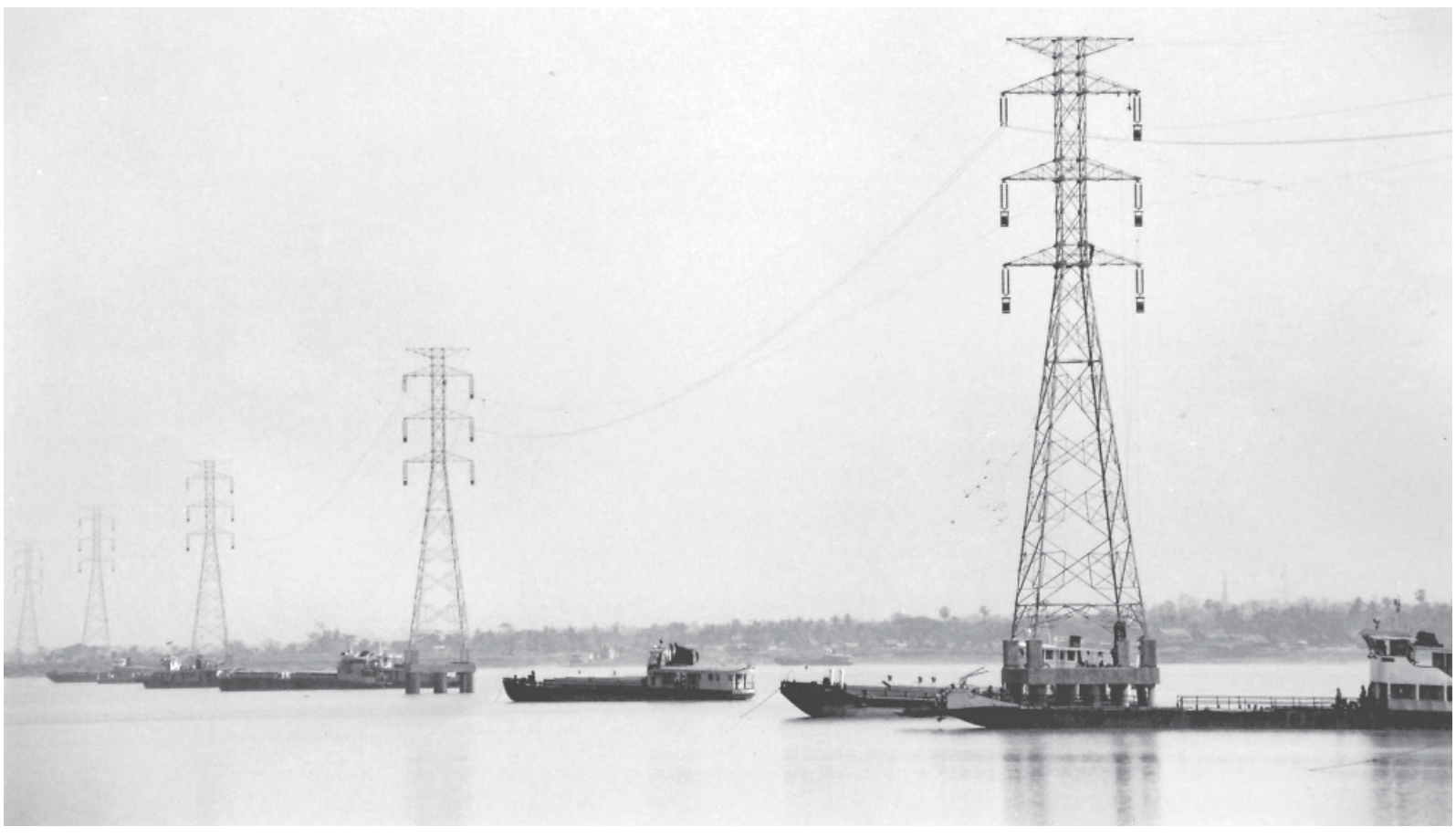
Now, national development is picking up momentum with the emergence of factories and mills, industrial zones and housing estates, and use of a growing number of electronics. So, domestic electricity consumption is on the increase.

With the aim of easing the electricity demand of Yangon, the Ministry of Electric Power (2) is now undertaking the 230 KV Grid Project. On completion, the 68.37-mile grid project will link Kamanat in Bago with Thakayta through the Bago River.

The ministry set up thousands of miles of grids and power stations to distribute the electric power from the power plants under construction.

In 1988, the nation had seven 230 KV grids with a total length of 568.98 miles, twelve 130 KV grids with a length of 716.67 miles, 23 66KV grids with a length of 48.23 miles, and 34 power stations.

From 1988 to March 2008, the ministry established 85 grids, and 97 power stations, thus doubling the number of grids and tripling the number of power stations.



Pylons were being set up across the Bago River on 19 February 2009.

Project Superintending Engineer U Saw Win Maung of the Power Supply Project (South) said that Kamanut-Thakayta 230 KV Grid Project was to distribute the power from the electric power plants being undertaken by the Ministry of Electric Power (1) in the northern part of Myanmar to Yangon; that along the route between Kamanut and Thanlyin were 308 pylons that an order was placed on companies for construction of the towers, and the engineers of the Power Supply Project (South) were installing power lines; and that installation of power lines in the Bago River was being carried out jointly by the Power Supply Project (South) of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power (2), Public Works, and the Marine Administration Department.

He added that the project was launched in

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