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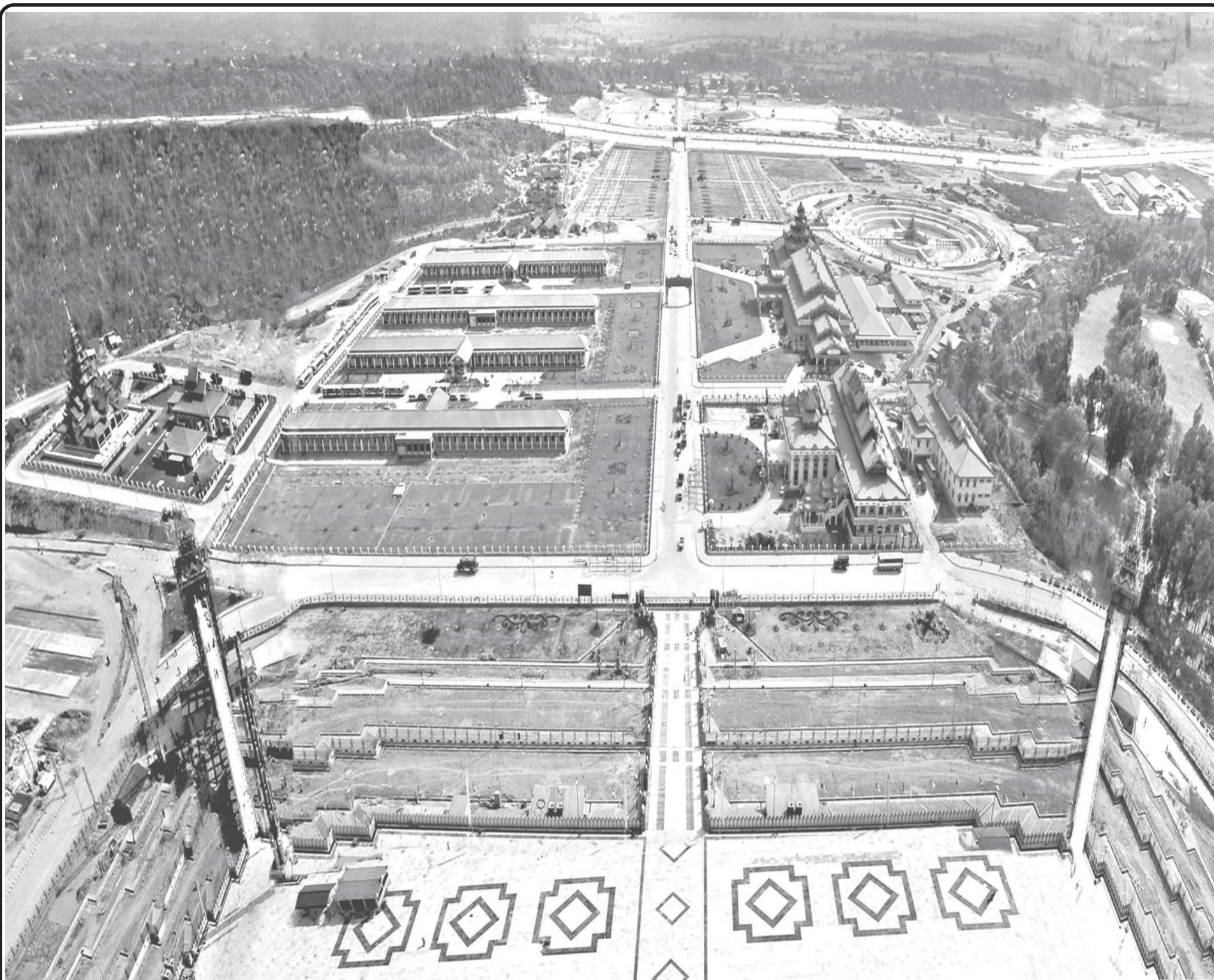
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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of the Republic of Ghana

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. John Evans Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana, which falls on 6 March 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



An aerial view of the sacred religious edifices in the compound of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

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



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 6 March, 2009

Commercial-scale farms necessary for boosting tea production

Gifted with fertile soil and temperate climate, Myanmar is a land where various species of crops grow well. Delta and plain regions, for instance, cultivate paddy, beans and pulses, edible oil crops and seasonal crops on a commercial scale. It is required of highlands to grow such perennial trees as rubber, avocado mango and tea extensively.

Tea thrives especially in the regions with an altitude of about 3000 feet and above. So, Shan State, Chin State and Sagaing Division should choose appropriate species of tea to grow. Now, Chin State and Sagaing Division are having a geographical spread of tea farms, and producing quality tea on a small scale township-wise.

Namsang Township in northern Shan State occupies about 80 per cent of the nation's total acreage of tea farms. So, it has to transform its thriving tea farms into commercial-scale ones by applying advanced agricultural methods and making best investments.

Today, tea is used to make not only plain tea but also raw materials for value-added products such as cosmetics and personal goods. Therefore, tea-growing regions have to focus on production of value-added tea-based products, while trying to achieve both quantitative and qualitative improvement in the tea enterprise.

Now, everything goes according to the plans in many sectors such as transport and health the government is implementing for development of Namsang Township. In response, local national entrepreneurs should pay more attention to boosting production of quality tea by means of establishing large tea farms to enjoy greater profits.



U Maung Maung Myint, Managing Director of Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre), tees off golf ball to open the championship.

MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Bogale Township gaining development momentum



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects 16-bed station hospital donated by Diethelm & Co., Ltd. at Setsan village in Bogale Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung looked into construction of two-storey reinforced concrete building, 70 feet long and 30 feet wide, at Sitkon Basic Education Primary School in Bogale on 27 February.

On 28 February morning, the minister viewed supply of drinking

water and the library in Kyeinchaunggyi Village. At the office of Village Peace and Development Council, the minister heard reports on establishment of Kyeinchaunggyi Village as a model village. Next, he visited the talks on prevention and preparedness of natural disasters organized by mobile rural development

teams and inspected the sites chosen for construction of the cyclone shelter, the station hospital and the market.

In Setsan Village, the minister looked into building of 128 feet long and 103 feet wide station hospital (16-bed) by Diethelm & Co Ltd, providing health care services at the temporary building and supply of

water.

After visiting Setsan Village BEHS, the minister viewed construction of BEPS in Paychaunggyi Village and visited the practical works of 60 trainees at the basic domestic science course No. 1 conducted by Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Bogale.—MNA

MAY Int'l School 2008-2009 scholarship course to conclude on 10 March



YANGON, 5 March — To commemorate the tenth founding anniversary of MAY Int'l School, a ceremony to conclude course (Starters, Movers, Flyers, KET, PET and TKT courses) and present certificates to

about 200 students who won scholarships out of over 2000 students who sat for Cambridge Exam Preparation Course Scholarship, will be held at Ball Room of Chatrium Hotel on NatMauk Road here on 10 March.

Director Mr Brenton Mueller of MAY Int'l School will discuss subjects taught in 2009 summer school. MAY Int'l School Summer School has designated 10 March as the last enrollment day. Moreover, the school will grant 50 percent to 75 percent of course fees exemption if enroll on that day. MAY Int'l School's summer

course will conduct TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, GCE, LCCI, MYOB, GMAT, GRE courses as well as Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses from March to May. For more information, contact MAY Int'l school, No. 91 (A), Banyadala Road (Tamway Road), Bahan Township, here and Ph-01-544224 and 01-545375.

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Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship kicks off

YANGON, 5 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, the Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2009 was opened at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon of Insein Township, here on 3 March morning.

Patron of MGF and MPGA Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Vice-President of MGF and MPGA U Min Thein, Managing Director U Maung Maung Myint of Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre) and Executive Director U Tint

Oo of IBTC opened the championship.

After the first round, Htay Aung Htay was leading the competition with 69 strokes, followed by Nay Bala Win Myint 70, Aung Win (Forestry) 72 and Thein Aye, Yan Naing Phyto, Lin The and

Maung Maung Oo 75.

Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre) mainly sponsored the championship together with co-sponsors International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Ltd.

MNA



Scene of a street following a road side bomb in central Baghdad. Two suicide bombers have killed at least four Iraqi policemen and wounded 22 in separate attacks in the violence-wracked nation, security officials said.

INTERNET

Bomb Hits Cattle Market Near Baghdad, 12 Dead

BAGHDAD, 5 March—A car bomb exploded Thursday in a crowded livestock market selling sheep, cattle and goats south of Baghdad, killing at least 12 people and wounding dozens, Iraqi police and medical officials said.

The parked car exploded at the height of the morning buying and selling at the market on the outskirts of Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, said Iraqi police Maj. Muthana Khalid. The blast scattered bodies and animal carcasses throughout the market, a witness said.

All the dead and injured in Thursday's bombing were civilians, Khalid said.—*Internet*

Sheep vendor Alaa Saad, left, is comforted by his brother, Mohammed, as he is treated for wounds after a car bomb attack on a crowded cattle market in Hillah, 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 5 March, 2009.

INTERNET



A suicide blast site near the US base in Bagram, north of Kabul, on 4 March, 2009. Two explosions, including a suspected suicide bombing, hit outside the key US military base in Afghanistan on Wednesday but it was not immediately clear if there were any casualties, a US military official said.—INTERNET



Turkey may allow US troops to use soil to leave Iraq

ANKARA, 5 March — Turkish Foreign Minister Ali Babacan signalled on Wednesday Turkey would allow the US military to use its bases and ports to withdraw troops from Iraq after US President Barack Obama pledged a 2010 drawdown.

The United States has not formally asked to use Turkish airbases and ports and Turkey would have to consider what kind of

equipment was being transported, the routes to be used and other issues before approving any such request, Babacan told reporters before departing for a NATO meeting in Brussels.

Turkey, the only Muslim member of NATO, borders Iraq. In 2003 its parliament rejected a request by then-President George W. Bush to use Turkish ports and bases to invade Iraq.

Turkey's lack of support for the invasion soured relations between the two allies.

Obama has said he would withdraw all US combat brigades from Iraq by August 2010, lowering troop levels of 142,000 to 35,000 to 50,000 soldiers, who would stay behind to help train and mentor the Iraqi security forces until the end of 2011.

MNA/Reuters

Bulldozer rams cars in Jerusalem as driver is killed

JERUSALEM, 5 March—A Palestinian driver crashed his bulldozer into a police car and hit a bus on a busy Jerusalem highway Thursday before police and a taxi driver shot him dead.

Palestinian residents identified the driver as Marei Radaydeh, a West Bank construction worker who lived with his family in the Arab East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina. No Palestinian militant groups have claimed responsibility for the incident, which came a day after a visit by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Riyadh al-Malki, information minister for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Western-backed government, described the incident as a "traffic accident," and called for an investigation into why he was shot.—*Internet*

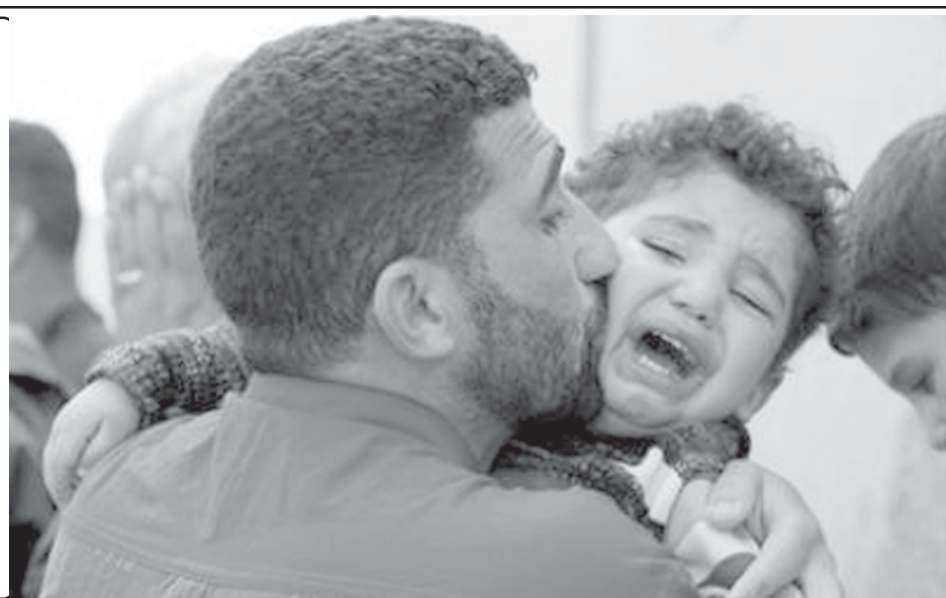


Israeli police officers and emergency personnel stand at the scene where a bulldozer slammed into vehicles in Jerusalem on 5 March, 2009.

INTERENT

Amir Hussein kisses his son after he spent 18 months in the US military custody, as he is released in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 March, 2009. Amir Hussein was among twenty prisoners released on Wednesday.

INTERNET



US airbase attack wounds three

KANDAHAR, 5 March—A suicide attack outside of Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan injured three American civilian contractors on Wednesday, the US military said.

The three were being treated at the base, but their conditions were not available. There were no reports of injury or death among NATO or US military forces or Afghan civilians. Meanwhile a roadside bomb killed three Canadian soldiers during a patrol in southern Afghanistan, Canadian forces said in a statement on Wednesday.

The explosive blew up on Tuesday near an armored vehicle northwest of Kandahar city. Two other soldiers were injured in the incident. Canadian soldiers have been operating in Kandahar Province during the Afghan war and have lost 111 soldiers in the conflict.

"Members of Task Force Kandahar are committed to improving security and increasing development in Kandahar Province. We are all thinking of the family and friends of our fallen comrades during this sad time, but are determined to continue working with our Afghan and international partners towards a better future for the people of Afghanistan," Canadian forces said.—*Internet*

Jordan charges two in Israel plot

AMMAN, 5 March — A military prosecutor in Jordan has charged two suspected militants for a plot to kill an Israeli businessman.

The men are accused of illegally owning two automatic weapons with which the prosecutor said they were planning to kill the Israeli at his factory.

Charges say they headed to the Irbid factory to kill the man but changed their plan on seeing a security patrol.

The two defendants,

Luai Shehadeh, 37, and Muhammad Odallah, 36, pleaded not guilty and the trial was adjourned.

"They were arrested three days later by intelligence officers after a tip-off," a judiciary official said, who added that the men had confessed under interrogation.

Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, and hosts joint business

ventures in a so-called Qualified Industrial Zone in Irbid, with the support of the US.

Neither the factory nor its owner have been identified.

The attack was allegedly planned to take place in January, at a time when feelings were running high in Jordan over Israel's military offensive against Gaza.

Internet



The wreckage of car used by a suicide bomber outside the main US military base in Bagram, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 4 March, 2009.

INTERNET

A smaller keyboard is on display with the new Apple 24-inch iMac shown next to an iPod at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif, on 4 March, 2009.

INTERNET



Vietnam to increase import tariffs on milk

HANOI, 5 March — The Vietnamese Finance Ministry has decided to increase import tariffs on some kinds of milk products to help local milk producers, the local newspaper *People* reported on Thursday.

According to the ministry's decision, import tax on fresh milk will be increased from 7 to 20 percent, uncondensed and sweet-free milk and cream from 5 to 15 percent, sweet-free milk as raw materials for finished milk products from 3 to 10 percent.

Import tariffs on other kinds of milk powder and finished canned milk products remain the same ranging from 3 to 7 percent.—*Internet*

AMD, UAE company to build new chip plant in US

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 March — Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), the world's second largest computer chip maker, on Wednesday officially launched a joint venture with its partner from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and outlined plans to build a new manufacturing plant in the United States.

The new company,

named Globalfoundries, was formed by AMD and the Advanced Technology Investment Co, which is based in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

"The launch of Globalfoundries represents a historic day for our industry, one which will permanently change the market landscape by launching the world's first truly global foundry services provider," Doug

Grose, the new company's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

Globalfoundries said it now has about 3,000 employees worldwide with headquarters in Silicon Valley. It is planning to invest 6 billion US dollars worldwide to expand manufacturing and technology capabilities, including a new US semiconductor plant.—*Internet*

Italy's GDP may fall 2.6% in 2009

ROME, 5 March — Italy's GDP in 2009 may fall by as much as 2.6 percent, Bank of Italy's Deputy Director General Ignazio Visco said on Wednesday.

In its January Economic Bulletin, the central bank had forecast that GDP will fall by 2 percent while demand will rise by 0.5 percent.

"However, more recent data from (the national statistics bureau) Istat has painted a bleaker picture for the current quarter, indicating errors in the profile for evolution of world demand," Visco said.

"By mechanically adjusting the latest data to the existing profile," it appears clear that GDP this year will drop by 2.6 percent, Visco said.

Internet

Crude prices jump as US inventories shrink unexpectedly

NEW YORK, 5 March — Crude prices jumped on Wednesday after the US government reported that the country's crude inventories shrank unexpectedly.

The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said crude inventories dropped by 700,000 barrels, or 0.2 percent, to 350.6 million barrels, for the week ended 27 Feb.

Analysts had expected a boost of 2.2 million barrels.

Crude prices were also boosted as Asian stocks rose sharply on Wednesday on the speculation that China would try to revive its economy with another stimulus plan.

Internet

Tiny moon discovered orbiting Saturn

WASHINGTON, 5 March — International scientists have announced the discovery of a tiny moon orbiting Saturn. The speck of light, captured by cameras on board the Cassini space-craft, was first observed on 15 August.

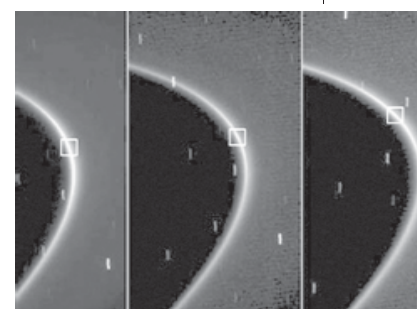
A review found the moonlet on two earlier images and it has since been seen on multiple occasions. The finding

appeared in Tuesday's edition of the International Astronomical Union circular.

The moon is about one-

third of a mile (a half-kilometre) across and circles Saturn as a part of the planet's sixth, or G, ring.

Internet



The speck of light, captured by cameras on board the Cassini space-craft, was first observed on 15 August, last year.—INTERNET



A man cries as he watches a play marking the second anniversary of a bomb attack, in which his friends died, in Baghdad on 4 March, 2009.

INTERNET



Dollar falls against most major currencies

NEW YORK, 5 March—The dollar fell against most major currencies on Wednesday.

The euro bought 1.2639 dollars in late New York trading compared with 1.2590 dollars late Tuesday. The pound rose to 1.4156 dollars from 1.4077 dollars.

The dollar fell to 1.2737 Canadian dollars from 1.2880 Canadian dollars, and fell to 1.1715 Swiss francs from 1.1748 Swiss francs.

Investors were cheered after the US government started a new programme designed to help up to 9 million homeowners struggling to make their mortgage payments.

A weak US job report and a dismal Beige Book, a “state of the economy” type report, from the Federal Reserve didn’t stop currency investors from taking risk.

US economic conditions deteriorated further during the reporting period of January through late February, the Federal Reserve said in its Beige Book report on Wednesday.—Xinhua



Fairgoers check out an Aiptek V10 pocket projector on display at the world’s biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT, in Hanover. The portable device can project videos from an iPhone, laptop, or camcorder.—XINHUA

China vows to reduce emissions

BEIJING, 5 March—China will continue its drive of energy saving, emissions reduction, ecosystems preservation, and environment protection in 2009, Premier Wen Jiabao said here Thursday.

The government will emphasize energy conservation in the three key areas of industry, transportation and construction, Wen told nearly 3,000 lawmakers in a report at the annual session of the National People’s Congress.

Wen gave out a set of measures to achieve environment protection, ranging from energy conservation, clean energy, to pollution prevention.

“We will implement energy-conserving measures for power generators, boilers, automobiles, air-conditioners and lighting products,” said Wen, adding that the government will strictly enforce the monitoring system for energy conservation and emissions reduction.

He also called for government-affiliated enterprises and institutions to play an exemplary role in energy conservation and emissions reduction.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Blood thinner Plavix, Prilosec increase heart risk

BEIJING, 5 March— People who have suffered a cardiac arrest, the intake of widely used blood thinner Plavix together with a heartburn drug like Prilosec double their chances of having another, according to researchers. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association tracked 8,205 US patients who were treated for a heart attack or chest pain known as unstable angina and given Plavix and aspirin. Clopidogrel or Plavix and aspirin are often used to thin a patient’s blood after a heart attack.

Two-thirds of these patients also took a Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) such as AstraZeneca Plc’s heartburn drug Prilosec to cut the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding from blood thinners, and had almost twice the risk of suffering another cardiac arrest or bout of unstable angina compared to those not taking a PPI, the researchers said Tuesday.—Xinhua

Crimes in Cambodia down 20% in 2008

PHNOM PENH, 5 March—Crime occurrence dropped by 20 percent in 2008 over 2007, down to 8 an average day from 10, English-Khmer language newspaper the *Cambodia Daily* reported Thursday, quoting official figures.

There were altogether 2,881 crimes committed in Cambodia in 2008, compared with 3,732 in 2007, according to Interior Ministry spokesman Khieu Sopheak. Meanwhile, on average, less than one crime per day took place in the capital city in 2008, according to the national crime figures issued on Wednesday at the annual conference of the Interior Ministry.

There were only 351 criminal offenses recorded by police in 2008 in Phnom Penh, down from 357 in 2007, said the City Hall.

Considering the kingdom has a population of almost 14 million, it appears to be virtually crime-free, compared with countries with similar or smaller populations, according to the ministry.—Xinhua



Visitors view a display of Chinese antiques at the Millionaire Fair in Shanghai. Executives at listed Chinese companies last year saw their pay grow about twice as fast as the profits of the companies they manage, state media has reported. XINHUA

Israeli jet strikes on a car in northern Gaza, two killed

GAZA, 5 March —Israeli war jet on Wednesday evening launched a missile at a car that drove in northern Gaza Strip, killing two Palestinians and wounding five others, medics and witnesses said.

Gaza emergency chief Mo’aweya Hassanein told reporters that two Palestinians were killed and five injured in an Israeli airstrike on a local car that drove in northern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli airstrike on the car was an response to ongoing rocket attacks carried out by small groups of militants on southern Israel, in spite of a fragile ceasefire that Hamas movement and other armed groups still committed to it.

Xinhua

China should build its own space station

BEIJING, 5 March—China has started a new round of taikonauts selection, and five to seven will enter the finalist, said an officer of the country’s space programme on Thursday morning.

“The new taikonauts will mainly take missions related to China’s planned space station,” Zhang Jianqi, deputy chief commander of the manned space project, told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of China’s parliament annual session. Zhang, also a deputy of the National People’s Congress (NPC), or parliament, is attending the NPC annual session which opened in the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing.

“Like the first batch of taikonauts, the new taikonauts will be selected from among air force pilots,” said Zhang.—Xinhua



A vendor unloads a bag of onions at a vegetable market in Hefei, Anhui Province on 5 March, 2009. XINHUA



A US military cargo plane takes off at the US airbase 30 km outside Bishkek in Manas in February 2009. Russia said on Tuesday that it had allowed a first shipment of US equipment bound for Afghanistan to cross its territory in support of Western operations in the central Asian country.—INTERNET

Measles may protect kids against allergies

NEW YORK, 5 March—Children who've been infected with measles are less likely to develop allergies, a large study in Europe has demonstrated.

The occurrence of allergic disorders has increased during past decades, coinciding with reduced rates of many childhood infections and increasing use of vaccinations, Helen Rosenlund, at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and colleagues note in the medical journal *Pediatrics*.

However, previous studies looking for any link between allergies, measles infection, and measles vaccination have produced positive, negative and neutral results.

In the PARSIFAL study, researchers focused on children brought up in a farming and "anthroposophic" lifestyle. They explain that an anthroposophic lifestyle typically makes less use of antibiotics, medication to treat fevers, and vaccinations; it also involves high

consumption of "biodynamic" foods.

The study included 12,540 children 5 to 13 years of age. According to the investigators, questionnaire responses indicated that 73 percent of children were vaccinated against measles, 20 percent had been infected with measles (including 11 percent of vaccinated children), and 14 percent had been neither vaccinated nor naturally infected.

Internet

Asteroid's passing was a cosmic near-miss

PASADENA, 5 March — An asteroid about the size of one that leveled more than 800 square miles of forest in Siberia a century ago just buzzed the Earth.

The asteroid named 2009 DD45 was about 48,800 miles from Earth when it zipped past early Monday, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory reported.

That is just twice as high as the orbits of some telecommunications satellites and about a fifth of the distance to the Moon.

"This was pretty darn close," astronomer Timo-

thy Spahr of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics said on Wednesday. But not as close as the tiny meteoroid 2004 FU162, which came within 4,000 miles in 2004.

The space rock measured between 69 feet and 154 feet in diameter. The Planetary Society said that made it about the same size as the asteroid that exploded over Siberia in 1908.

Scientists at the Siding Spring Observatory in Australia spotted 2009 DD45 and began tracking

it in late February when it was about 1 million miles away.

Spahr said he knew within an hour of that discovery that it would pose no threat to Earth.

Of the known space rocks, the next time an object will get closer to Earth will be in 2029 when an 885-foot asteroid called 99942 Apophis comes within 20,000 miles, said Donald Yeomans of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Internet

Aluminum, silica in water affect Alzheimer's risk

NEW YORK, 5 March—Higher levels of aluminum in drinking water appear to increase people's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, whereas higher levels of silica appear to decrease the risk, according to French investigators.

"Alzheimer's disease is a multifactorial disease, and aluminum concentrations in drinking water may have an effect on cognitive decline and

Alzheimer's disease," Dr Virginie Rondeau told *Reuters Health*.

The results of some studies suggest that silica reduces the oral absorption of aluminum or increases the excretion of this metal.

Rondeau, at the Institute National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale in Bordeaux, and her colleagues examined associations between

exposure to aluminum or silica from drinking water and the risk of cognitive decline, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease among elderly subjects followed for 15 years.

Daily aluminum intake of at least 0.1 milligram was associated with greater cognitive decline during the course of the study, the team reports in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.—*Internet*



Siberian Tiger Tinka plays in the snow at the zoo in Servion near Lausanne, Switzerland.

In hard times more US women try to sell their eggs

Drawn by payments of up to \$10,000 (70,000 pounds), an increasing number of women are offering to sell their eggs at US fertility clinics as a way to make money amid the financial crisis.

Nicole Hodges, a 23-year-old actress in New York City who has been out of work since November, says she has decided to sell her eggs because she desperately needs cash.

"I'm still paying off college. I have credit card bills and, you know, rent in New York is so expensive," Hodges, who has been accepted as donor and is waiting to be chosen by a couple, told *Reuters Television*.

NEWS ALBUM

Man stole ambulance after crash

A 20-year-old California man stole an ambulance from paramedics sent out to help him after he crashed into some trees, police allege.

The California Highway Patrol alleges after Derick Gates of Hoopa drove his car over a state Route 299 embankment, he refused treatment from responding paramedics and then made off with their emergency vehicle, the Eureka (Calif.) Times-Standard reported Friday.

The ambulance was then pursued by a Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputy and a state patrol officer. The chase, lasted an entire hour despite both of the ambulance's right tires deflating during the pursuit, the highway patrol said.

The officers eventually took Gates into custody after the ambulance finally broke down.



Romanian villagers who built own bridge are probed

Tired of waiting for authorities to replace a bridge swept away last July by floods, Romanian villagers have finally given up — and built their own. The catch: They didn't have a permit.

Now they're the subject of a criminal investigation. Prosecutor Viorel Damu said Friday that police are trying to identify those who worked on the bridge, which was built in a single.

The guilty parties could be jailed for three years or fined up to 70,000 lei (\$20,800), he said. The mayor called that "absurd." He said villagers tested the bridge and limited the allowable weight to 2.5 tons. And they'll tear it down again, too, he said — just as soon as authorities find time build a new one.

In this undated handout photo provided by the archeologist Laurent Bavay, a recently discovered 3,500-year-old Egyptian tomb is shown in Qurna, Egypt. Belgian archaeologists in southern Egypt have unearthed a 3,500-year-old pharaonic official's tomb that had disappeared under sand after it was first discovered about 130 years ago.

Man late for flight claims to be air marshal

Authorities say a man running late for a flight flashed a fake police badge to airline workers and claimed to be an air marshal so they would let him through the gate.

Miami-Dade police said a 49-year-old man was booked on a flight to Los Angeles on Wednesday night, but the gate had already closed and the plane was departing.

After he showed the fake badge and claimed to be an air marshal, employees stopped the plane and let him board. But real air marshals already on the plane recognized his fake badge and kicked him off.



A technician of the German DLR Institute of Robotics and Mechatronics shakes hand with the mobile humanoid 'Justin' during adjustments of the sensors at the upcoming CeBIT fair inside a hall in Hanover on 2 March, 2009.



CCDAC holds discussion with secretaries of work groups

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held the meeting 1/2009 with secretaries of the work groups at the hall of Myanmar Police Force Headquarters, here, yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi said that the task forces undertaking the opium substitute tasks are to make field trips to the rural areas by joining hands with the local military units, police force, special anti-narcotic drug squads and local authorities. In implementing the second five-year plan, over 700,000 acres of seasonal crops and over 800,000 perennial crops could be cultivated more than the first five-year plan. Over K 37 million was spent on distribution of pedigree cow, pig, goat and chicken, K 13.5 million on the medical treatment and K 9 million on fish breeding. The Social Welfare Department trained 478 voluntary supervisors

for drug abuse control and they are to coordinate with the local authorities for looking after the drug addicts at the rehabilitation camps, holding educative talks and disseminating knowledge on danger of narcotic drugs and HIV/AIDS, he said.

He added that from 1 January to 31 December 2008, action was taken against 3,773 persons in 2,429 drug-related cases. Myanmar signed the bilateral agreements with neighbouring countries in the region and sub-region in carrying out the narcotic drug eradication tasks.

As of 5 January 2009, Myanmar is joining hands with the People's Republic of China in conducting survey of poppy cultivation in Shan State. He urged the secretaries of the work groups to strive for achieving the success in 2009 in implementing the second five-year plan of the 15-year narcotic drug eradication plan.



MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi speaking at coordination meeting between CCDAC and secretaries of work groups.—MNA

Joint Secretary of CCDAC Police Col Kham Aung reported on the accomplishments in the minutes of the meeting 1/2008.

After hearing the reports of officials, the director-general attended to the needs.—MNA

Culture Ministry holds code of conduct test

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The Ministry of Culture held a first test on civil service code of conduct (level 1) at No. 5 Basic Education High School, here, on 3 March.

The directors-general of the Ministry of Culture, the Archeology, National Museum and Library Department, the Fine Arts Department and the Historical Research Department supervised the test with the participation of 348 personnel.

Similar tests were held simultaneously at Archeology Department branches in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, MraukU, Myitkyina, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Haka, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Taunggyi, Tagaung, Shwebo, Sagaing, Inwa, Bago, Pyay, and Magway, at the National Museum, the National Library and the National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) in Yangon, at the National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay), Production Branch (Yangon) and (Mandalay) and the branches of Historical Research Department.—MNA

Mandalay University of Traditional Medicine

Article: Win Naing (Kyemon); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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and dissemination of traditional medicine without sacrificing its nature and potency.”

“Regarding the academic matters,” he said “in addition to the subject on the four primary elements which are the core of traditional Myanmar medicine, we prescribe some minor subjects on western medicine such as anatomy, biology, microbiology and pharmacy for first year and second year courses.

“In second year and third year, students have to learn traditional medicine theoretically and practically. And in the fifth year, they have to study in the field. They have to study five years in total.

“Our university is the only one of its kind in Myanmar, and students are of various ethnic groups, and therefore,

that boost friendly relations between one ethnic group and another.

We are trying in the academic field to make our university a leading traditional medicine university at the international level, to deal with the challenges of the 21st century, and to produce traditional Myanmar medicine practitioners with a sense of social ethics and duty.”

Fourth year student Ma Myat Thet Mon from Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Division,



Fourth year student Ma Myat Thet Mon.



Rector Dr Aung Myint.

said, “In our township, traditional medicine is known as *Beindawsay*. My father is a government staff member. When I complete education, I can give health care to my family with traditional medicine. One of my uncles consumed traditional medicines and recovered from his disease that has resistance to modern medicine. So, I came to believe traditional Myanmar medicine. So, I decided to join this university. We had to learn both traditional and mod-

ern medicine in first year. In second year, I came to have keen interest in traditional medicine, and I became confident about myself.

“As soon as I complete my education, I think I will start providing health care to the people of rural areas. I have a plan to do research on traditional medicine by then. And I want to do further studies about traditional medicine abroad.”

Fourth year student Ma Nilar Shwe from Aungmye Thazan, Man-

dalay, said, “My mother believes traditional medicine. So, she urged me to join this university, and I happened to joint it. Previously, I knew traditional medicine as Bamar medicine. Some time after I had learnt traditional medicine, I came to notice the delicacy of traditional medicine. While making a comparative study between traditional medicine and modern medicine, I came to know the important role traditional medicine plays in community



Fourth year student Ma Nilar Shwe.

health care. I want to become a skilled traditional medicine practitioner. I want to provide health care with traditional medicine in the regions with less development. I will serve as a traditional medicine health assistant in the region I will be posted to just after I complete my education.

I will continue my study in the field to help improve traditional medicine. I will continue to nurture my ambition till I achieve it.”

I think, in response to the government's encouragement to human resource development, students of Mandalay Traditional Medicine University will keep on working hard to improve traditional medicine and provide better health care with traditional medicine.

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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

Knowledge on health disseminated in Pantanaw Township

YANGON, 5 March — The head of the Mobilization Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and members together with Women's Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) conducted educational talks on health and performed health care services at Basic Education High School in Pantanaw, Ayeyawady Division on 2 March.

Head of Mobilization Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gave talks on facts about MAAF, Chairperson of the Women's Chapter Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye, on secure and safe maternal life and Deputy Head of Mobilization Department Daw Thein Thein Nyunt, on prevention of trafficking in persons.

Next, specialist teams provided medical treat-

Progress of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project inspected



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects tasks of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March —At Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project being implemented 15 miles upstream of Paunglaung Hydropower Plant in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min inspected construction of

the temporary dyke and the site for the main embankment with the use of heavy machinery yesterday.

The minister viewed drilling the site for construction of the separation wall, extraction of soils and stones and land preparation for building the

power house.

He looked into progress in construction of RCC Batching & Mixing Plant Foundation in the place of RCC Plant to be built by High-Tech Co and functions of the diversion tunnel.

The project of Upper

Paunglaung Hydropower Plant will be installed with two 70-megawatt Francis vertical shaft type turbines to generate 454 million kilowatt hours yearly. So far, the implementation of the project has completed by 31.58 per cent.

MNA

Technological University (Mandalay) holds 2nd blood donation ceremony

YANGON, 5 March—Technological University (Mandalay) of Technical and Vocational Education Department held the second blood donation ceremony at its building yesterday morning.

Acting Principal Dr Zarni Aung of the univer-

sity gave a speech. In-charge of the blood bank Dr Khin Sein Win explained facts about the blood.

The acting principal and officials donated 250 bags of blood donors. The in-charge of the blood bank accepted the blood

bags and presented certificates of honour and gifts to the blood donors.

Also present on the occasion were Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win, faculty members of the university, doctors and nurses.

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Blood donors of Technological University (Mandalay) present blood bags to health employees.

MNA

SHRI, STI to conduct post-graduate courses



YANGON, 4 March — Singapore Human Resource Institute (SHRI) and STI Education will jointly conduct post-graduate diploma courses in Myanmar.

The diploma courses are Diploma in Business & Human Resource Management (DBHRM) (1 year), Post-Graduate Diploma in Global Business Administration (PGDGBA) (1 year), Post-Graduate Diploma in Human Resources Management (PGDHRM) (four months), Post-Graduate Diploma in Training and Development (PGDTD) (four

months) and Post-Graduate Diploma in Talent Management (PGDTM) (four months).

Singapore Human Resource Institute (SHRI) was founded in 1965. Shri is also a member of Asia Pacific Federation of Human Resource Management, World Federation of Personnel Management Association. SHRI comprises three schools— SHRI School of Human Capital Management, SHRI School of Finance Services & Risk Management and SHRI School of Business, and has

jointly conducted courses with Curtin University and Macquarie University (Sydney).

A press briefing on the diploma courses will be held at Traders Hotel on 14 March and those wishing to attend the press briefing may contact STI at Room 7, Building-4, No. 377 in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, and at No. 377, Shwebontha Street (Upper), Ph: 507151, 507152, 507048, 250056, 700273.

Workshop on "Human Capital Management" will be held at Traders Hotel at 2 pm on 14 March.

Dr Christopher, Professor of London Teacher Training College will give talks on Public Speaking and How to become a good teacher. Those wishing to attend the workshop may enrol at STI and may attend free of charges. — MNA

Save your money @ MCC programme

YANGON, 4 March — MCC Group reduces summer course fees from 20 to 25 percent in order to conduct courses in compliance with its motto Save your money @ MCC. Therefore, students need to enroll in advance as soon as possible. MCC Group has arranged to open the courses categorized into three groups for

this summer, namely Computer for KIDS course, International Diploma in Computer Studies (IDCS) course, Junior Management & Office Staff course, LCCI Book-keeping and Accounts Level I, II course and Business DTP and Graphic Course.

As a special programme for this summer course, children who at-

tend Computer for KIDS course must bring their laptop computers. Moreover, children may use internet with their laptop computer without restrictions because of Wifiing and Hotspot system being installed. For more information, contact MCC (Head office) (Ph-245758, 245762, 395512 and 382981).—MNA



People come to Festivities en masse

Medicines donated to members of the Sangha

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The Health Department under the Ministry of Health donated medicines to members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee who will attend the Shwehtidaw (umbrella) and Seinbudaw (diamond orb) hoisting ceremony and the consecration ceremony at Uppatasanti Pagoda built on Uppatasanti Hill in Nay Pyi Taw, at Sanghayama Monastery, here, this afternoon.

The director-general of the Health Department, officials, the medical superintendent of Nay Pyi Taw

General Hospital (1000-bed) and specialists donated medicines and traditional medicines. They asked after the Sayadaws and provided necessary health care services to the Sayadaws.

At present, the specialists from Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) are giving health care services to the State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, monks and people who will visit the auspicious religious ceremonies at the clinic.

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Moe Min Maha Yangon Sanpya Theatrical Troupe presenting entertainment to local people at festivities to mark hoisting Htidaw and Seinbudaw and consecration ceremonies of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Entertainments performed marking Htidaw and Seinbudaw hoisting, consecration ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March— In commemoration of hoisting Htidaw (umbrella) and Seinbudaw (diamond orb) atop Uppatasanti Pagoda and the consecration ceremony, the entertainments continued for the fifth day at the field near Yazahtani Road, south of the pagoda, yesterday evening.

Altogether 23000 local residents enjoyed the

performance of Moe Min theatrical troupe and watched the movies titled “Gon-shein-pyin-de-chit-chin-theikkah” and “A-pyaung-ale” of the Documentary Film Division of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.

Moe Min theatrical troupe performed entertainments and the Documentary Film Division of MMPE showed movies titled “Taung-tha-man-thit-

sa” and “Amay-hnin-thamee-myar,” for the sixth day festivities.

Mandalay Thit Lwin Anyein troupe will perform the entrainment and the Documentary Film Division of MMPE will show movies entitled “Pan-pyo-thu-do-alin-ga” and “Moe-goke-set-wai-ko-kyaw-lun-yah” for the seventh day.—MNA

*Local people happily
visiting
entertainments at
festivities to mark
hoisting Htidaw and
Seinbudaw and
consecration
ceremonies of
Uppatasanti
Pagoda.—MNA*



Shops selling various kinds of goods at the field where festivities are being held in commemoration of hoisting Htidaw and Seinbudaw and consecration ceremonies of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA



Kokkohla and Shwetanttit river water pumping stations irrigate 10,000 acres in Pakokku Township

Article & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

To be able to fulfil the requirements of social, economic, education, health and communication sectors of the people, the government is seeking ways and means to supply water for agriculture and drinking purposes in the dry region.

Myanmar is an agro-based country. Land and water are essential for cultivation. While the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is building dams and sluice gates for storage of water and supplying of water to the arable lands, the Department of Water Resources Utilization is undertaking river water pumping works and supplying water from rivers and creeks to the reclaimed farmlands for ensuring the economic growth of the State.

On 18 January, I left for Pakokku by Shwe



60,000-foot main canal of Kokkohla pumping station supplying water to 5,000 acres of farmland.

water pumping work from the boat. River Ayeyawady divides Pakokku and Bagan-Nyaung U. Bagan-Nyaung U on the east bank of the river is included in Mandalay Division. Pakokku on the west bank is located in Magway Division. I also saw river water pumping works on the bank of Pakokku.

On 21 January, I met with Assistant Director U Htay Myint of Department of Water Resources

Shwetanttit river water pumping stations are supplying irrigation facility with water from Ayeyawady River to benefit 10,000 acres of arable lands in Pakokku Township. Yaypya and Sanphe river water pumping stations irrigate 1,420 acres of farmlands in Pauk Township with the use of water from Yaw Creek. In Yesagyo Township, Chitthu, Thintthee, Thamantapoh, Minywa, MaU-Aukseik,

lands in Seikpyu Township.

The completed 11 river water pumping stations supplied water to 5,632 acres of monsoon paddy and 3,857 acres of summer paddy, totalling 9,489 acres in 2007-2008 cultivation season. In 2008-2009, the irrigation facility is to benefit 10,789 acres of monsoon paddy and 4,200 acres of summer paddy, according to Assistant Director U Htay Myint of Pakokku District Department of Water Resources Utilization.

Depending on the area of farmland, the geographical conditions, the length of canals, the river water pumping station is to be installed with pumps on different stages from one to nine platforms. For supplying water to 5,000 acres of farmlands between Shwetanttit and Medawhla Pagoda in Pakokku Township, Kyeeywa river water pumping station pumps water from

Ayeyawady River through nine platforms. The main canal is 43,000 feet long. A total of 12 tributary canals and 19 branch canals are stretching 190,350 feet. Although the projects are yet to complete, the farmlands are being irrigated from first to third platforms beginning

staple cotton through Shwetanttit, Kyeeywa, Wayathazi and Minywa river water pumping stations. As such, the pumping stations will contribute to the improvement of livelihoods of the local farmers by irrigating sown acreage of



Shwetanttit pumping station providing irrigation water for over 5,000 acres of farmland near Shwetanttit Village of Pakokku District.

Mann Thu express bus of Bandoola Transport Service to take photos at the opening ceremony of the dam. I departed Aung Mingala Highway Bus Terminal of Yangon at 12.30 p.m., and arrived at Pakokku at 5.30 a.m through the 448 miles long route. In the following early morning, I arrived at Letpan-chepaw jetty of Nyaung U.

On my way, I saw Letpan-chepaw river

Utilization on the ring road of Pakokku. I learned that river water pumping projects are being implemented in Pakokku, Yesagyo, Pauk and Seikpyu townships out of five included in the area of Pakokku District. A total of 11 river water pumping stations have been built and three more stations are under construction in these four townships.

Kokkohla and

Shwechaung and Wayathazi river water pumping stations pump water from Chindwin River and irrigate 12,150 acres of cultivable lands.

Moreover, Kyeeywa and Nonpoh stations are being built for supplying water from Ayeyawady River to 13,000 acres of farmlands in Pakokku Township. Seikpyu Aukseik station is under construction to irrigate 1,500 acres of cultivable



Kokkohla river water pumping station pumping water from Ayeyawady River to be supplied to 5,000 acres of arable land near Kokkohla Village of Pakokku District.

monsoon paddy cultivation season in 2007-2008.

In the rainy season of 2009-2010, the plan is under way to supply water to 1,000 acres of Ngwechi-6 strain late-monsoon long

monsoon and summer paddy and late-monsoon long staple cotton.

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Thriving monsoon paddy of farmer U Kyaw Min Tint with the use of irrigation facility of Chitthu river water pumping station in Yesagyo Township.



An environmental protection activist acts as a snowman during a protest against the warming up climate in Helsinki, capital of Finland, on 4 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Vietnamese rice export triples in first two months

HANOI, 5 March—Vietnam exported 1.05 million tons of rice in the first two months this year, almost tripling the figure for the same period last year, with more overseas markets being tapped, *Vietnam News* reported on Wednesday.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, in February alone, the country exported 750,000 tons of rice.

Buyers in Africa, Iraq and Cuba bought half of the exported amount and the Philippines received the first batch of rice they ordered under contracts for a total of 1.5 million tons in 2009.

So far, Vietnamese exporters have signed contracts to export three million tons of rice this year, and expected to deliver up to 2.8 million tons in the first six months.

But the success of rice export is not matched by Vietnam's other agricultural goods. Agricultural export value, excluding rice, declined 5.3 per cent year-on-year to two billion US dollars.—*MNA/Xinhua*

First Thai-Laos rail link opens

BANGKOK, 5 March—Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has opened a rail link over the Mekong river, linking Thailand and Laos.

Two passenger trains will run the 30-minute return trip each day, serving about 500 people daily. The new link adds a vital 3.5km (2.1 miles) to regional plans to link Asia by rail, ferrying goods and passengers.

The UN-backed Trans-Asian Railway now has nearly 74,700km of working track serving 29 countries, and estimates for completion range from 10 to 15 years. The track over the Friendship Bridge took 20 months to complete and was funded by Thailand at a cost of about 197m baht (\$5.5m; £3.8m).—*Internet*

One in 8 US households late paying or in foreclosure

NEW YORK, 5 March—About one in every eight US households, a record share, ended 2008 behind on their mortgage payments or in the foreclosure process as job losses intensified a housing crisis spawned by lax lending practices, the Mortgage Bankers Association said on Thursday.

With unemployment at a 16-1/2-year high and rising, more borrowers will

be late paying or fall into foreclosure this year, said the group's chief economist Jay Brinkmann.

US President Barack Obama's \$275 billion housing stimulus programme will standardize modifications for distressed loans and pave the way for more refinancing.

"But keep in mind that there are three drivers to the housing problem, and this programme of course

addresses mostly the first one," relating to loan structure, underwriting quality and fraud, Brinkmann said.

The two other problems still loom large—an oversupply caused by overbuilding and foreclosures, and unemployment.—*Internet*



Spring blossoms brighten an orchard as a gardener works in Srinagar, Indian-administered Kashmir.—INTERNET

Sri Lanka says negotiating \$1.9B loan with IMF

COLOMBO, 5 March—Sri Lanka's central bank on Wednesday said it was negotiating a 1.9-billion-US-dollar loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund to help weather the global financial crisis and pay for post-war reconstruction. Sri Lanka's 32-billion-US-dollar economy has been under pressure because of shrinking export earnings from tea and garments, and foreign currency reserves dropped by half in the last four months of 2008 as the Central Bank defended the rupee. Analysts said the move would help investor sentiment and was essentially the only option left for Sri Lanka after all

other efforts failed to bolster its reserves.

"In response to an offer of the IMF to support Sri Lanka during the current global financial crisis, the Government of Sri Lanka has sought a stand-by arrangement from the IMF ... which amounts to approximately 1.9 billion US dollars," the Central Bank said in a statement. Central bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal declined to say what terms the IMF was asking in exchange for financing.

MNA/Reuters

Somali pirates free Egyptian ship after two months

SOMALIA, 5 March—Somali pirates have freed an Egyptian ship that had held for more than two months, state-run newspapers reported on Thursday.

Pirates seized the Blue Star on 1 Jan while it was sailing east with a cargo of 6,000 tonnes of the fertiliser urea. The newspapers quoted a security official as saying the 28-member crew were expected to return to Egypt soon.

Somali pirates, typically in small groups aboard speedboats, have successfully demanded millions of dollars in ransom from ship owners after seizing cargo vessels. The surge in piracy has caused international alarm and warships from several countries have rushed to try to curb the hijacks.

Newly elected President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed, a moderate Islamist, and his new government aim to bring peace to the chaotic Horn of Africa nation.

It has had no effective government since warlords ousted dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991 then turned on each other.—*Internet*

China's Police seize fake money worth \$17m in 40 days

BEIJING, 5 March—Police have seized 118 million yuan (17 million US dollars) in fake bank notes since the start of a campaign to fight counterfeiting, China's national English language newspaper *China Daily* reported Wednesday.

Liu Jinguo, Vice-Minister of Public Security, was quoted in the report that police had handled 130 cases and arrested 312 people since the launch of the operation on January 20.

He said the ministry had focused its efforts on Guangdong, Henan, Anhui, Guangxi and Fujian, but also sent teams to Shenzhen and Zhuhai to work with officials from Hong Kong and Macao. Since the end of last year, fake bank notes starting with the serial number HD90 have turned up in 10 provinces and regions. Other fake notes, with serial numbers beginning with TJ38 were also found recently in Haikou, Hainan Province, *China Daily* said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Asia's movie industry hub to be built in Chiang Mai

BANGKOK, 5 March—CKA Chiang Mai Company Limited has planned to invest 8.0 billion baht (220 million US dollars) to build a movie town in Chiang Mai, aiming to be a hub of the movie industry in Asia. The company, which is located in Thailand's northern province of Chiang Mai, is a subsidiary of the Los Angeles-based entertainment firm Creative Kingdom Inc. CKA Chiang Mai Company has believed that "Chiangmaiwood" would be able to surpass Hong Kong as the Asian hub of the movie industry, the website by *Bangkok Post* reported on Wednesday. It is projected that it would take seven years to complete the movie town's construction on a 12-acre site in San Kamphaeng District.—*Internet*

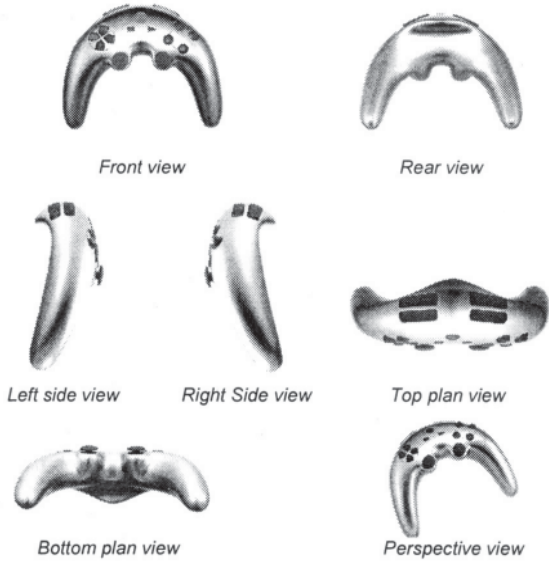
In man's search for mineral wealth, many enormous holes have been dug. This photo shows Bingham Canyon Mine, a copper mine in the Oquirrh mountains, Utah. The mine is 0.75 mile (1.2 km) deep, 2.5 miles (4 km) wide. It is the world's largest manmade excavation.

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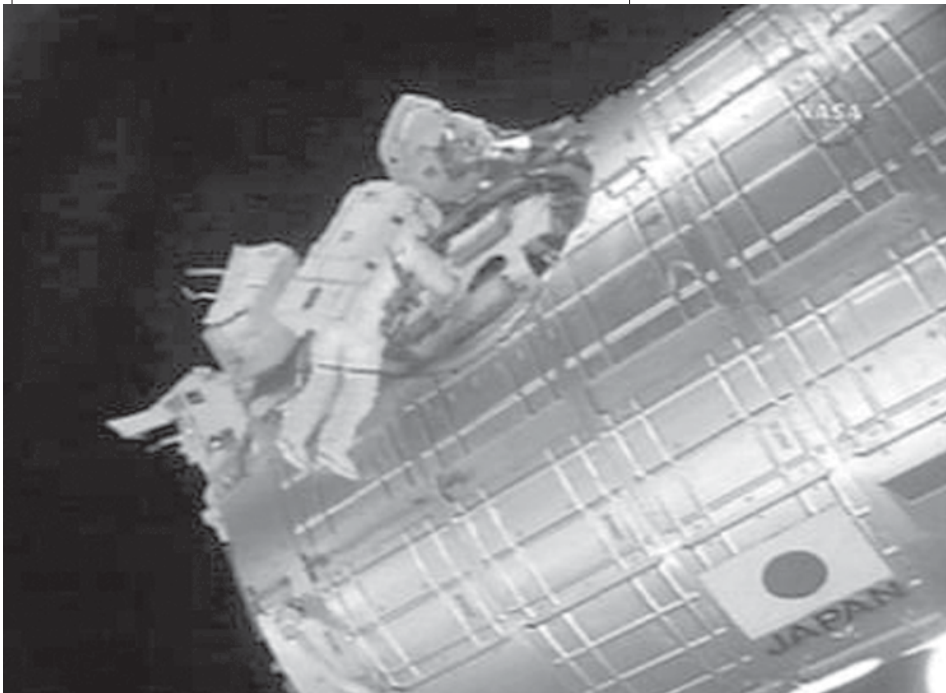
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Apple customers play with the new 20-inch iMac at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., on 4 March, 2009. Apple Inc introduced a refreshed line of Macintosh desktop computers on Tuesday that the company touted as more affordable, even though price tags for all but one model top \$1,000.

INTERNET

New England Highway pedestrian bridge collapses

LONDON , 5 March — A pedestrian bridge has collapsed onto the New England Highway north of Newcastle, leaving four people with minor injuries, police say. The Devonshire St pedestrian bridge at Maitland collapsed about 10am (AEDT) when an over-height truck hit it as it passed underneath. The driver of that truck was unharmed, but the occupants of a second truck and a car that took the brunt of the collapse were injured, police say.

"A truck with a crane attached has hit the pedestrian overpass and brought it down on the New England Highway," a police spokesman said. "The concrete structure's collapsed onto a second truck and also a car. The driver of the truck and three other people in the car are believed to have only suffered minor injuries — which is quite miraculous, I'm told."

Internet

300 found in mass grave in Slovenia

LJUBLJANA, 5 March — A mass grave in Slovenia believed to hold up to 300 victims killed after World War II by the former communist regime has been discovered in the country's east, authorities said today.

"We've found the mummified remains of between 200 and 300 people," Marko Strovs, head of the government's military graves department, said. He said the victims appeared to be "killed with gas" since there were no visible signs of wounds from firearms.

Investigators and historians yesterday removed concrete walls built after World War II to close off the Huda Jama cave near Lasko, some 90km east of the capital Ljubljana. They then discovered the remains. The investigation of the Huda Jama cave started last August as part of a long-running probe of over 500 suspected mass graves throughout Slovenia.

Internet

Japan astronaut to try flying carpet in space lab

TOKYO, 5 March—A Japanese astronaut going to space this month will try to fly on a carpet, use eyedrops in zero gravity and meet a series of other off-beat challenges, a space agency official said on Thursday.

Koichi Wakata will perform 16 tasks chosen from 1,597 suggested by hundreds of people, from nursery school pupils to a 90-year-old man, said the official at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Wakata will try "a magic carpet that floats in the air" after he reaches the Japanese laboratory Kibo (Hope) at the International Space Station (ISS) later in March for a stay of more than three months, said a JAXA report. "It is a fan-

tasy on earth but can humans fly in space?" it asked.

Wakata will also attempt to fold clothes, do push-ups and backflips, arm-wrestle another astronaut and "shoot liquid out of the straw of a drink container to see what happens", said the space agency. JAXA said it would release footage of the experiments to Japanese media.

Wakata, a 45-year-old former Japan Airlines engineer, joined previous NASA space shuttle missions in 1996 and 2000. On his first space trip he and a fellow astronaut became the first to play the board game Go in space, using a special set.

Internet



Does educational TV viewing influence babies' brains

BEIJING, 5 March—Educational programmes on TV are unlikely to stimulate brains of toddlers who are less than two years age, say a study.

Marie Evans Schmidt, a research associate at the Center on Media & Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston, studied more than 800 youngsters from birth to 3 years, recording the time that they spent on watching television or DVDs as reported by their mothers, as well as their performance on language and motor-skill tests.

On average, the babies spent 1.2 hour per day watching TV during their first two years of life, slightly less than

the average viewing time reported in previous studies.

In her initial analysis, Schmidt found that babies who spent more time in front of the TV performed worse on language and motor-skill tests at age three than those who watched less.

But once Schmidt and her team controlled for other factors - the mother's educational status and household income - the relationship between TV-viewing and cognitive development disappeared. TV-viewing alone did not appear to influence babies' brain development but a parent's education and finances mattered more.

Internet

Research shows pride's potential to foster individual success

WASHINGTON, 5 March—Two Northeastern University scientists have found that pride not only leads individuals to take on leadership roles in teams, but also fosters admiration, as opposed to scorn, from teammates, according to a report published in the March issue of the journal *Psychological Science*.

"We found that pride is quite undeserving of its negative reputation," said David DeSteno, associate professor of psychology and co-author of the study. "Pride actually constitutes a functional social emotion with important implications for leadership and the building of social capital." DeSteno and lead author Lisa Williams designed an experiment including individual and group activities. For the individual activities, certain participants were induced to feel proud.—Internet



A trainer at Bangkok's Dusit Zoo takes his elephants for a dip, to help them cope with soaring temperatures.—INTERNET

Vessel sinks near Panamanian coast

PANAMA CITY, 5 March — A vessel with 25 people aboard sank on Wednesday off the Pacific coast of Panama and left one child dead and nine people missing, the Panamanian National Civil Protection System announced.

The vessel named "San Miguel Archangel" sank in Punta Caracoles at 12:50 p.m. local time, in the southern province of Darien, near the border with Colombia. Fifteen people on board were rescued by the Border Police Service and residents of the community, said Luis Francisco Sucre, director of the Panamanian National Civil Protection System.

It was reported that when the accident occurred, the boat was on its way from the town of Jaque to the community of Santa Fe. The boat belongs to a local Catholic Church, said Francisco Moreno, a local municipal official.—Internet

Gel may hold key to blocking HIV infection

London, 5 March — A common chemical found in food and cosmetics has been shown to protect monkeys against HIV infection, raising hopes that a similar treatment can be developed for humans.

A team of researchers has identified a compound that, when applied as a gel, appears to block the simian version of HIV from being transmitted between monkeys during sex. Scientists said that the chemical, which is applied in the vagina, marked an important advance in the field of microbicides — the development of creams and gels designed to prevent HIV from infecting cells.

With an AIDS vaccine still decades away, there is a growing consensus that microbicides now offer the most realistic drug strategy to control the spread of the disease. Last week it was revealed that research into microbicides is to receive more than £90m from the British government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation over the next five years. —Internet



File picture shows firefighters heading towards the scene of a military jet crash in the University City area of San Diego, California in December last year. Thirteen US military personnel have been disciplined for their roles in the fighter jet crash that left four people dead, officials said.—INTERNET

Oldest fossilized brain found in fish from Midwest

WASHINGTON, 5 March — A 300-million-year-old fossilized brain has been discovered by researchers studying a type of fish that once lived in what is now Kansas and Oklahoma.

"Fossilized brains are unusual, and this is by far the oldest known example," said John Maisey, curator in the division of paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. "Soft tissue has fossilized in the past, but it is usually muscle and organs like kidneys," Maisey said in a statement.

Maisey and co-authors report in the online edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* that the brain was discovered in a fossilized iniopterygian from Kansas, which they had sent for scanning at the European



A woman watches a shark swimming in an aquarium. Scientists on Monday revealed the 300-million-year-old brain of an extinct relative of today's sharks, the first time that soft tissue from such an ancient fossil has ever been seen.—INTERNET

Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France. Iniopterygians are extinct relatives of modern ratfishes, also known as ghost sharks.—Internet

Bionic eye gives blind man sight

LONDON, 5 March — A man who lost his sight 30 years ago says he can now see flashes of light after being fitted with a bionic

eye. Ron, 73, had the experimental surgery seven months ago at London's Moorfield's eye hospital.

He says he can now follow white lines on the road, and even sort socks, using the bionic eye, known as Argus II. It uses a camera and video processor mounted on sunglasses to send captured images wirelessly to a tiny receiver on the outside of the eye.

In turn, the receiver passes on the data via a tiny cable to an array of electrodes which sit on the retina — the layer of specialized cells that normally respond to light found at the back of the eye. When these electrodes are stimulated they send messages along the



Ron explains how being fitted with a 'bionic eye' has changed his life. —INTERNET

optic nerve to the brain, which is able to perceive patterns of light and dark spots corresponding to which electrodes have been stimulated. The hope is that patients will learn to interpret the visual patterns produced into meaningful images. The bionic eye has been developed by US company Second Sight. So far 18 patients across the world, including three at Moorfields, have been fitted with the device.—Internet

SPORTS

Ronaldo not amused but United happy to keep winning

NEWCASTLE, 5 March —Cristiano Ronaldo was involved in an angry confrontation in the tunnel after helping Manchester United restore their lead at the top of the English Premier League to seven points.

The Portuguese international exchanged heated words with Steven Taylor after being caught by the defender's flailing elbow during United's 2-1 victory at Newcastle.

It was the champions' 11th consecutive win in the league and, with the added advantage of a game in hand over Chelsea and Liverpool, they look increasingly sure of a third straight English title.

Newcastle's caretaker boss Chris Hughton defended Taylor for the robust elbow-first challenge that left Ronaldo clutching his face shortly before the interval, earning the defender a caution. Angry United skipper Rio Ferdinand had to be held back from remonstrating with the England Under-21 international as emotions ran high.

Internet



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (centre) scores against Newcastle United during their Premier League match at St James' Park. Manchester won 2-1.—INTERNET

Defiant O'Neill promises Villa will fight to finish in top four

MANCHESTER, 5 March—Martin O'Neill insists Aston Villa won't throw in the towel as the race to qualify for the Champions League heats up.

O'Neill's side are in danger of blowing a golden chance to finish in the top four and book a place in Europe's elite club competition after crashing to a 2-0 defeat against Manchester City on Wednesday. That loss at Eastlands left fourth-placed Villa without a win in six matches and only three points ahead of Arsenal.

Heading into February, Villa appeared to be in pole position to break up the 'big four' monopoly in the Premier League. But in the space of a few weeks they have crashed out of the FA and UEFA Cups and surrendered the momentum in the race for Europe. Yet O'Neill insists his team are not getting nervous and he promised they have the stomach for a fight with Arsenal.

"We are not nervous — we are excited," he said. "Really, if you are not excited by the position we are in, you shouldn't be playing. We are in this position because we deserve to be. It would be a shame to throw it up now without a fight — but I don't think we will."

O'Neill admitted Villa's efforts in the opening 45 minutes were probably their most lacklustre of the entire season.—Internet

McEnroe pins hopes on Roddick for US Davis Cup tennis success



US captain Patrick McEnroe .

BIRMINGHAM, 5 March —US captain Patrick McEnroe is confident that a revitalized Andy Roddick will be ready to reverse a two-match Davis Cup loss streak in a World Group tie against Switzerland starting Friday.

McEnroe credits a change of coach by his top singles player with helping Roddick to start lifting

his already impressive game, Roddick having taken on US veteran Larry Stefanki. "I thought that was a pretty gutsy move on his part to do that," McEnroe said.

Roddick lost his grip last autumn on a nine-match Davis win streak which began in 2007 as he dropped singles rubbers to Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer in a 4-1 semi-final rout by Spain in 2008 in Madrid, the Americans playing in a semi-final for the third year in a row. "It has been interesting over the years to see Andy Roddick, whom I mentioned had his first tie as a teenager," McEnroe said. "He has really grown up and become a man."

Internet

McIlroy's tour set to continue at Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, 5 March —Rory McIlroy is going through his schedule, sounding remarkably unimpressed.

Honda Classic this week. Doral next week. A quick trip home. Back to the United States for a round at Augusta National, maybe even a practice round with Tiger Woods in there somewhere. It's a glitzy itinerary for just about any pro golfer. For the 19-year-old from Northern Ireland, it's somehow no big deal.

"I just go out and play golf, talk about what I've been doing, and everything else takes care of itself," McIlroy said. He makes it all sound simple.

Golf's latest Next Big Thing is at PGA National



Rory McIlroy, knows all eyes are on him, and the 19-year-old from Northern Ireland is loving it.—INTERNET

this week, where Sergio Garcia, Camilo Villegas and defending champion Ernie Els headline the field at the Honda. But there's going to be plenty of eyes on the teen, who's already No. 16 in the world rankings and gave eventual champion Geoff Ogilvy all he wanted last week at Match Play before losing 2 and 1 in the quarterfinals.

Internet

US women beat Denmark 2-0 in Algarve Cup

LAGOS, 5 March — Tina DiMartino scored her first international goal on Wednesday to help the defending champion United States beat Denmark 2-0 in the Algarve Cup.

The 22-year-old forward, making only her second international appearance, poked in the ball from short range in the 35th minute after Natasha Kai's header rebounded



Nakamura says Celtic have no room for error

GLASGOW, 5 March—Shunsuke Nakamura has warned his team-mates at Celtic that the reigning champions cannot afford any more slip-ups if they are to retain their Scottish Premier League title.

The Hoops moved three points clear of arch-rivals Rangers with a win at Kilmarnock on Wednesday evening while Rangers suffered a shock home defeat to Inverness. But Nakamura is anticipating a fight right to the wire.

"We need to do a lot to win the league," the Japan midfielder told Celtic View. "The players know that and the manager knows that. There are so many things you need to do to win the league. Experience tells us that this stage of the season always has a massive say in what happens come the end of the year when the prizes are being given out.

"Last season, Rangers were ahead and we had to catch up. We got there slowly and, in the end, we



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INTERNET

were champions. That only happened because we started winning our games. It's the same this season. Now is the time when we can't afford to make mistakes," he stressed.

Internet

Cup kings Barcelona and Athletic Bilbao set up final date



Barcelona's Brazilian Dani Alves (R) vies for the ball with Mallorca's Castro Gonzalez during their Spanish King's Cup semi-final match against Mallorca at the Ono stadium in Palma de Mallorca.

INTERNET

MADRID, 5 March—Barcelona and Athletic Bilbao the two most successful clubs in Spanish Cup history will meet in the final of this season's renewal after both came through their semi-finals successfully on Wednesday.

Barcelona, who have 24 Cup wins to their name, were held to a 1-1 draw in Majorca by Mallorca but progressed 3-1 on aggregate, though they are now winless in four successive matches in all competitions and have seen their league lead whittled right down by bitter rivals Real Madrid.

Indeed Barcelona, who last won the Cup in 1998, could have been in real trouble had not their reserve goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto saved a penalty in the 52nd minute which saw Barca defender Martin Caceres sent-off.

Internet

United States players Natasha Kay, left, Shan-non Boxx and Carli Lloyd, right, celebrate their second goal against Denmark during their Algarve Cup women's soccer match on 4 March, 2009, in Lagos, southern Portugal.

INTERNET



Chicks, dyed to attract customers, are offered for sale by a street vendor in Manila, Philippines.

INTERNET

Egypt reports 57th human case of bird flu

CAIRO, 5 March—An Egyptian boy at the age of two years and eight months has contracted bird flu virus, bringing the number of human case of the avian influenza to 57 in the country, a Health Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

The boy showed symptoms after contacting with dead birds on Wednesday, and he is in a stable condition after being admitted to a hospital and given the antiviral drug Tamiflu,

said resources.

Egypt is the most affected country by the deadly avian influenza outside Asia. It reported its first H5N1 virus in dead poultry in February 2006 and the first human case in March of the same year.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), some 409 people in 15 countries and regions have contracted the virus and 256 of them died of the disease as of on 2 March.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (6.3.2009) (Friday)

Transmissions

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

Times

Local Transmission

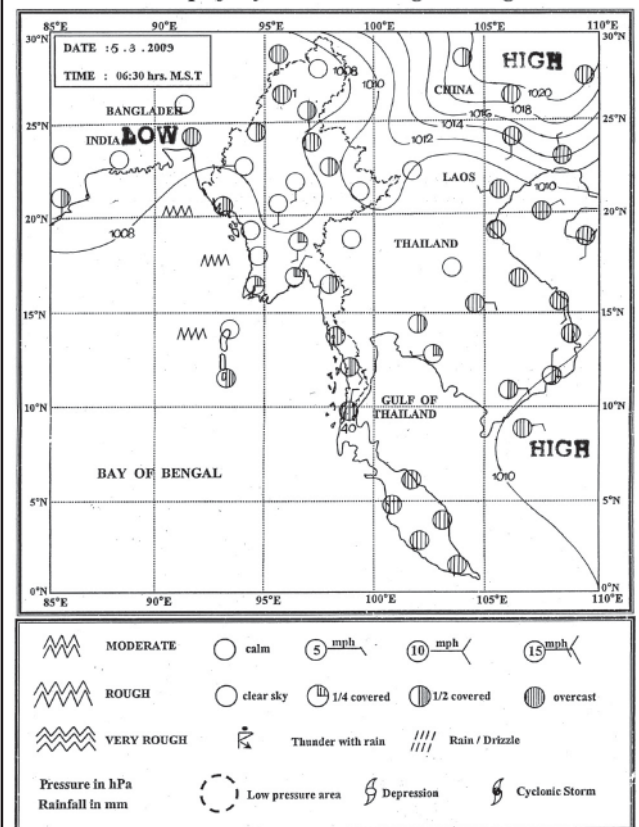
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- ☐ Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
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- ☐ The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
- ☐ National Races Village (Chin, Mon and Rakhine)
- ☐ Travel and Description (Lashio to Muse)
- ☐ Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Inlay, Shwe Nyaung)
- ☐ Myanma Marionette "A Laudable Myanma Marionette (Part-2)"
- ☐ Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
- ☐ A Hidden Treasure (Kekku)
- ☐ Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- ☐ Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Myin Mu-Bagan)
- ☐ National Races Village (Shan and Bamar)
- ☐ Inside Keng Tung
- ☐ Myanmar Handiwork, Painting Art
- ☐ The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 5 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (8°C) below March average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Tharrawady (39°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (1.66) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2009 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 4-3-2009 was (8.5) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 5-3-2009 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 (4) mph from Northwest at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2009.

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 6th March 2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and Yangon Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershower in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-3-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-3-2009: Generally fair weather.



Friday, 6 March
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

- "အဲဒီမှာစတွေ့တာဘဲ"

(မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊
မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊
နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

8:15 am

- (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊
ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- International news

8:40 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:45 am

- The mirror images of
the musical oldies

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- Song of national races

4:20 pm

- Song of yesteryear

4:30 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:40 pm

- တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး
သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

5:00 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
(ပထမနှစ်) (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု)
(မြန်မာစာ)

5:15 pm

- Songs to uphold
National Spirit

5:20 pm

- တစ်သက်တာအမှတ်ရစရာ
စီးချောင်းရေလှောင်တမံပါ

5:25 pm

- "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင်
အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်"
(ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ဝိုးသောကြာ၊
မေသန်းနု၊ ပပဝင်းခင်၊
ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး)
[ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)]

5:35 pm

- Musical programme

5:45 pm

- (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊
ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း"
(အပိုင်း-၅၈)

8:00 pm

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ"
(အပိုင်း-၆)



Regional development work in Sittway inspected

YANGON, 5 March — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt viewed water supply tasks at Kandawgyi Lake in Sittway on 2 March.

At the briefing hall, officials reported on water supply tasks in Sittway, arrangements being made for storing more water in the lake and future tasks.

The commander gave necessary instructions and Minister Col Thein Nyunt instructed the officials to



Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspect extension of Kandawgyi lake in Sittway.—MNA

speed up the tasks for expanding the lake in its height, building a new 25-acre lake, systematically laying of pipelines, completion of the tasks before monsoon and building of

a new lake.

Next, the commander and the ministers inspected the extension of the lake and coordinated tasks for regional development. Then,

Minister Col Thein Nyunt met with executive officers and engineers of Township Development Affairs Committees at Rakhine State Development Affairs

Committee Office.

On 3 March, Minister Col Thein Nyunt visited the training school for national race youths from border areas and provided cash assistance. Later, the

minister visited Vocational Training School (Sittway) and met the staff of Rakhine State Border Region Development Supervisory Office (Sittway).—MNA

Mandalay University of Traditional Medicine

Article: Win Naing (Kyemon); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Together with Mandalay Hill, Mandalay University of Traditional Medicine adds to

the attraction of Mandalay. The only educational institution of its kind in Myanmar it serves as a

source of traditional medicine and produces traditional medicine practitioners.

Mandalay University of Traditional Medicine Project was launched in 2002 and completed in

2004. Standing on a land of more than five acres, the university has a main building, a four-storey

building, a three-storey building, a two-storey building and a convocation hall.

It is constituted with six departments of major subjects, 10 departments of minor subjects, an administration department, an accounts department, a students' affairs department, a research department, a museum, library and computer department, and a herbal garden.

When asked about the university, Rector Dr Aung Myint told the Kyemon Daily, "Traditional Myanmar medicine is a national legacy that has improved a lot throughout the history due to the fertile soil, vast forest coverage, temperate climate, culture, customs and traditions of our country.

"Our university has come into existence in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State on preservation (See page 7)



Front row of University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay.

