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Prime Minister to visit Indonesia, Singapore soon

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—At the invitation of His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia and His Excellency Mr. Lee Hsein Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein will pay official visits to the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Singapore in the near future.—MNA

Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin), Kanyin Dam, Ma Mya Dam inspected



Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe views progress of Kanyin Dam project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe inspected progress of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) project and cultivation of beans and pulses and sunflowers in the sandbanks in Hinthada Township on 26 February morning.

The commander also viewed progress of Kanyin Dam project in Ingapu Township and installation of two generators at the right canal of Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township.

On 27 February, the commander looked into Basic Education High

School and preparation for reconstruction of Myoma Market in Yekyi.

The commander accepted corrugated iron

sheets donated by wellwishers and cordially greeted rice and bean merchants and rice millers.

After that, he viewed

the participation of servicemen in the military code of conduct contest to mark the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.—MNA

Long-term ozone exposure linked to higher risk of death

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 March—Long-term exposure to ground-level ozone, a major component of smog, is associated with an increased risk of death



from respiratory ailments, according to a new nationwide study led by a researcher at the University of California, Berkeley. The study followed nearly 450,000 people for two decades and covered 96 metropolitan regions in the United States.

The study found that for every 10 parts-per-billion (ppb) increase in ozone level, there is a 4 per cent increase in risk of death from respiratory causes, primarily pneumonia and chronic pulmonary obstructive pulmonary disease.

Internet

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

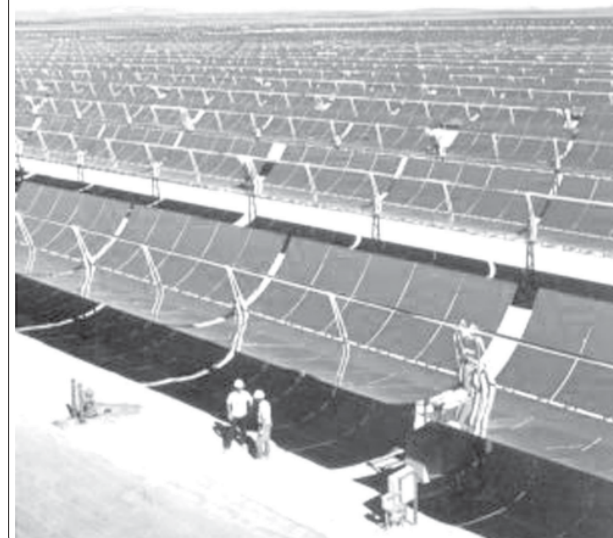
Four social objectives

- * 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

Atmospheric 'Sunshade' could reduce solar power generation

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 March—The concept of delaying global warming by adding particles into the upper atmosphere to cool the climate could unintentionally reduce peak electricity generated by large solar power plants by as much as one-fifth, according to a new NOAA study.

"Injecting particles into the stratosphere could have unintended consequences for one alternative energy source expected to play a role in the transition away from fossil fuels," said author Daniel Murphy, a scientist at NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colo.—Internet



PERSPECTIVES

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Generous donations for sustainable development of self-reliant libraries

The government is fulfilling requirements in the economic, education, health, social and transport sectors for scaling up the development of rural areas.

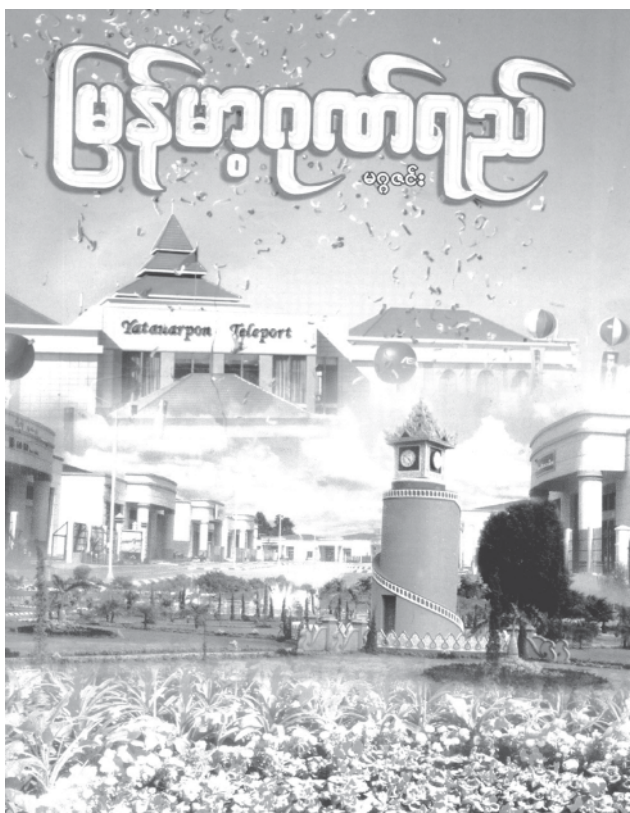
As part of the plan, it is opening a large number of basic education schools, affiliated basic education high schools, station hospitals, health care centres, and rural health care centres in respective rural areas. As a result, rural youngsters have had easy access to education, and rural people, to better health care.

In like manner, more than 50,000 self-reliant village libraries have been established to expand the horizons of rural folks. And follow-up programmes are ongoing for sustainable progress of the libraries.

The donating of cash, daily newspapers, publications, and TV sets for building self-reliant village libraries and raising the funds of the libraries took place in Sittway, Rakhine State, on 15 February. At the ceremony, donor organizations and well-wishers presented cash and kind worth over 90 million kyats for building model libraries in 17 townships in Rakhine State.

Due to the emergence of the libraries, the number of rural residents with a good habit of reading will be on the increase. The facilities will help book lovers and adult literates do a life-long study.

Today, regional organizations and social associations are making generous donations to libraries, thus contributing towards the opening of more and more libraries and their perpetual existence and sustainable development.



Cover of Myanmar Gonyi magazine.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Commander inspects extension of Kengtung Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyto, accompanied by the deputy commander and officials concerned, inspected construction tasks of war veterans housing near Technological University

beside Kengtung-Lwemwe motor road on 5 March.

Upon arrival at the worksite for extension of Kengtung Airport undertaken by airport construction special group of Public Works, the commander inspected gravel paving on the apron.

MNA

Development tasks under way in Ngazun

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung held a meeting with service personnel at Mandalay International Airport and inspected the airport on 2 March.

On 4 March, he addressed the donating of the river pumping water purifying machine and the lake in Ngazun. In the afternoon, he met with local people at Kanhla Village. On 5 March morning, he inspected Nganmyargyi Village station hospital and gave instructions on health care.

The deputy minister and wife donated K 900,000 to Nganmyargyi Basic Education High School; K 50,000 each to the station hospital and staff members; and



Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung formally opens the ceremony to donate the river water pumping and water purifying machine and the lake in Ngazun.—MNA

K30,000 each to the village auxiliary fire brigade, the village Maternal and Child Welfare

Association and the Village Women's Affairs Organization.

In the afternoon, he

had meetings with local people at Moe Taung Post-Primary School, and Htanzinhlabe.—MNA

Thongwa Township Association holds annual meeting

YANGON, 12 March — Thongwa Township Association (Yangon) held its annual meeting at Payaphyu Monastery, Pazundaung Township, here, on 22 February.

At the meeting, chairman of the association U Mya Thein stressed

emergence of outstanding students and youths as targeted by the association and participation in social services. After 84 over-75-aged oldies were paid respect, a total of eleven outstanding students—six distinction winner Ma Phyu Thin Naing who

stood sixth in the whole Myanmar, two five distinction winners, two four distinction winners, one three distinction winner, one two distinction winner and four one distinction winners—were honoured with prizes.

MNA

Myanma Gonyi magazine published

YANGON, 12 March — Myanma Gonyi magazine No. 30 came out yesterday.

The magazine covers poems, articles in Myanmar language, world classic short story, general knowledge,

short stories, Myanmar classic short story, religious story, articles in English, jokes and cartoons.

Those wishing to send manuscripts and advertisements may

contact the Chief Editor of Myanma Gonyi Magazine at No. 455/457 on New University Avenue in Bahan Township.

MNA

Thutapadetha Magazine in circulation

YANGON, 12 March — Thutapadetha monthly magazine comes out today.

The magazine published by the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of Ministry of Information has covered poems, articles and short stories. The magazine also carries jokes and international news and is available at Sarpay Beikman Book Shop at No 529/531 on Merchant Street, Yangon, Ph 01-381448, 249031, and at sale agents in townships.

MNA



Casablanca explosion kills one, injuring six

RABAT, 12 March—An explosion hit northwest Moroccan city of Casablanca on Wednesday, killing one person and injuring six others, local authorities said.

The authorities were quoted by local MAP news agency as saying that the blast occurred in the front of a video game room located at al-Joulane Boulevard of the city early on Wednesday.

The blast was likely a gas explosion, not a terrorist act, according to the authorities.

Internet



View of the cordoned-off area in the Salmia suburb of Casablanca, Morocco, on 11 March, 2009, after an explosion rocked the street, killing at least one person and injuring six.

INTERNET

Iraqi onlookers inspect the wreckage at the site of a car bomb explosion in the northeast of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

INTERNET

Two separatist rebels killed in Philippines clash

DAVAO, 12 March—Philippine troops killed two separatist rebel commanders as they clashed on Wednesday in the southern Philippine province of Zamboanga del Norte, an official said on Thursday.

Norbi Edding, town mayor of Sibuco, said the fighting erupted after an undetermined number of Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels, the country's largest rebel organization, attacked a militia detachment there.

Firefight ensued and resulted in the death of two rebel commanders that include a certain Karao.

Rebel spokesperson Eid Kabalu confirmed the incident but said they are still verifying the identities of the slain rebels.

"We have active troops in that province," Kabalu said.

Internet

US, China try to defuse tension, focus on economy

WASHINGTON, 12 March —US President Barack Obama has invited Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi to the White House after both powers tried to defuse military tensions and focus on stabilizing the global economy.

With China also angry at US criticism over Tibet, Obama is making the gesture to meet the foreign minister following his talks on Wednesday with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

It comes after Clinton said she and Yang agreed to ensure there would be no repeat of a standoff on

Sunday between a US Navy surveillance ship and Chinese patrol boats in the South China Sea.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters that Yang and Obama — joined by US national security advisor James Jones — would discuss the standoff among other issues such as the global economic crisis.

"I don't think it will

overshadow it, but I think the president will continue to make clear our country's position," Gibbs told reporters.

With only a few weeks in office, Obama's meeting with Yang is symbolic — something which is not standard protocol but has been used sparingly by previous presidents. Yang also met former president George W Bush.

Internet

Iranian shelling kills Kurdish child on Iraq border

SULAIMANIYAH, 12 March—Iranian shelling of Kurdish border villages in northern Iraq left one child dead, a local official said on Wednesday.

"Iranian artillery bombarded border villages on Tuesday evening killing a child and wounding his parents," said Azad Wassu, mayor of Zarawa, 100 miles (160 kilometres) northeast of the Kurdish city of Sulaimaniyah. "The bombardment lasted nearly two hours... and targeted the villages of Rezka, Mara and Duwu," he said.

Iranian attacks on the border usually target the Party of Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK), an Iranian rebel group, which operates out of bases in the area and is close to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

Internet

An elderly Kurd stands outside UN-donated tents set up close to the village of Sinawa, northern Iraq, 2008.

INTERNET



US spy chief says Afghan situation deteriorates

WASHINGTON, 12 March —The security situation is continuing to deteriorate in Afghanistan, the US spy chief told Senators on Tuesday.

Being asked about whether US is losing the war in Afghanistan during a testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, US Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair did not answer directly, but said the situation there "is decreasing, and that is a bad trend."

Lieutenant General Michael Maples, the Defense Intelligence Agency director, echoed Blair's pessimistic view on Afghanistan at the hearing, saying Afghanistan's problems are likely to get worse as Afghanistan prepares for presidential elections this year.

Senators were anxious to learn when US President Barack Obama will unveil a new strategic plan to reverse the trend in Afghanistan.

When Senator John McCain pressed him on the issue, Blair said he wasn't sure.

"I can only say the president is more impatient than you are," he said.

Obama last month decided to send 17,000 additional US combat and support troops to Afghanistan to help to stabilize the situation there, but a complete review of Afghan strategy hasn't been finished.

MNA/Xinhua

Deadly Iraq bombings set off alarm bells



Iraqi troops secure the site of a car bomb explosion in the al-Hamdaniyah, about 25 kms northeast of Mosul, on 10 March.

INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 12 March— Two major bombings in two days in Iraq have left scores of people dead and sparked new security concerns as US forces prepare to pull out.

Confident statements from the Iraqi government and the United States about greatly improved security six years af-

ter the US-led invasion are now being tested in blood on the streets.

In Washington, the White House denied that the spate of attacks was linked to US President Barack Obama's decision to pull out most combat troops by August next year. A US military spokesman in Baghdad took the same line, telling AFP on Wednesday that there was no complacency on security.

"We are by no means complacent. We know that there are groups like Al-Qaeda, that are greatly reduced in capability and numbers, but still desperate to maintain relevance here in Iraq," he said.

Near daily appeals from the Shiite-dominated government for national reconciliation have been rejected by Saddam Hussein loyalists, still flying the flag of the banned Baath party and pledging to fight on.

Internet

Fermi telescope produces new gamma-ray map

STANFORD, 12 March—New data from the US space agency's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope are giving scientists an un-precedented look at the high-energy cosmos.

A new map combining nearly three months of data from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration telescope shows the universe ablaze with gamma rays from sources both within the solar system and from galaxies billions of light-years from Earth.

"Fermi has given us a deeper and better-resolved view of the

gamma-ray sky than any previous space mission," said Peter Michelson of Stanford University, the lead scientist for the spacecraft's Large Area Telescope. "We're watching flares from supermassive black holes in distant galaxies and seeing pulsars, high-mass binary systems and even a globular cluster in our own."

The LAT scans the sky every three hours while in survey mode, which involves most of the telescope's observing time during its first year of operation, NASA said. The scans allow scientists

to monitor rapidly changing sources.

A paper describing the 205 brightest sources the Fermi telescope has recorded has been submitted to The Astrophysical Journal Supplement for publication. NASA said the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope involves contributions from academic institutions and partners in France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Sweden.

Internet



A huge sandstorm engulfs the Saudi capital of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 10 March, 2009. The storm, which was still raging hours after it started, disrupted flights at the city's King Khalid International airport, with weather authorities announcing that visibility would drop to zero, and warning residents to take precautionary measures.—INTERNET

Int'l organization helps Vietnam in biosphere protection

HANOI, 12 March—Two international organizations from Australia and Germany have decided to provide 1.6 million euros (about 2 million US dollars) to help Vietnam conserve a key biosphere spot in southern Kien Giang Province, Vietnam News Agency reported on Wednesday.

AusAID, the Australian government's overseas aid program, and Germany Technical Cooperation Organization (GTZ) will provide financial as well as technical assistance to the project, said the agency.

The Kien Giang biosphere reserve was officially recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2006.

The reserve, covering 1.1 million hectares, includes the U Minh Thuong National Park, which is one of Vietnam's few remaining wetland forests.

The project, running until 2011, aims to enrich local forest resource, increase local residents' income, and improve the management capacity of rangers in this area.—Internet



A man fumigates an area under a building to help control the breeding of dengue-transmitting aedes mosquitoes in Singapore on 12 March, 2009. Outbreaks of dengue fever have risen in the Asia Pacific region in the past year, killing three times more victims in 2008 than in recent years, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Malaysia's palm oil production drops in February

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 March—Malaysia's crude palm oil production recorded 1.18 million tons in February, down 10.7 percent compared with the previous month.

This was reportedly the third month that the country saw a decreased production of crude palm oil.

The total palm oil stocks, including crude palm oil, fell 14.7 percent to 1.56 million tons in the month, according to the Malaysian Palm Oil Board on Wednesday. The country exported a total of 1.25 million tons of palm oil in February this year, down 7.2 percent from the previous month, but the exports of palm kernel oil were up 6.7 percent to 94,300 tons.—Internet

Israeli man injured in minefield, falls to death while being flown to hospital

HAIFA, 12 March — An Israeli man died on Wednesday after falling from a helicopter that was flying him to a hospital after he sustained severe injuries in a minefield. Numerous emergency responders were called to the scene after 24-year-old Alaa Agabriya lost his foot in a minefield located near the northern Israeli city of Beit She'an, according to Israeli news site Ynetnews.com. Medical teams stabilized Agabriya, then strapped him to a medevac's gear and began transporting him to the nearest hospital. But somehow slipped from the straps and plummeted to the ground, Ynetnews.com reported.—Internet



Afghan children are seen collecting water from a hand pump near Shuhada lake in Kabul. Surging population growth, climate change, reckless irrigation and chronic waste are placing the world's water supplies at threat, according to a landmark UN report.—INTERNET

Crude prices retreat as US inventories jump unexpectedly

NEW YORK, 12 March — Crude prices retreated on Wednesday as US inventories jumped unexpectedly.

The Energy Information Administration said crude supplies in the US climbed unexpectedly by 700,000 barrels for the week ended 6 March. Analysts had expected a drop of 1 million barrels.

Distillate demand fell

6.1 percent over the past four weeks from last year, with stocks off 2.1 million barrels last week, revealed the report.

The grim economic data also dragged down the prices. The US Labor Department said Wednesday that California, South Carolina, Michigan and Rhode Island registered double-digit unemployment rates in January.

The Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which has already announced output quota reductions of 4.2 million barrels a day, is to meet Sunday in Vienna.

Some analysts expect the cartel would slash another 500,000 barrels per day. However, investors are doubting if OPEC may cut production again.

Internet



Hu calls for support from armed forces for Nat'l interests

BEIJING, 12 March—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday called on the Armed Forces to provide mighty support for national interests and social stability.

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the armed police shall energetically speed up the modernization of defence, resolutely safeguard the country's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity,

and provide a mighty support for national interests and social stability, Hu said.

Hu, also chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at a plenary meeting of PLA deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC), the top legislative body.

He stressed the Party's leadership in the Armed Forces and called for the scientific

development of defence and Armed Forces.

The Armed Forces shall voluntarily serve the overall work of the Party and the country, and contribute to economic development and social stability, he added.

He also told local Party committees and governments to support the development of defence and Armed Forces.

Xinhua

World population to exceed nine billion by 2050

UNITED NATIONS, 12 March—World population is projected to reach 7 billion early in 2012, up from the current 6.8 billion, and surpass 9 billion people by 2050, an official UN population report said here on Wednesday.

The 2008 Revision of the official United Nations population estimates and projections, released here on Wednesday, said that developing countries will add 2.3 bil-

lion inhabitants with 1.1 billion people aged over 60 and 1.2 billion of working age.

Most of the additional 2.3 billion people will enlarge the population of developing countries, which is projected to rise from 5.6 billion in 2009 to 7.9 billion in 2050, and will be distributed among the population aged 15-59 (1.2 billion) and 60 or over (1.1 billion) because the number of children under age 15 in develop-

ing countries will decrease.

In contrast, the population of the more developed regions is expected to change minimally, passing from 1.23 billion to 1.28 billion, and would have declined to 1.15 billion were it not for the projected net migration from developing to developed countries, which is projected to average 2.4 million persons annually from 2009 to 2050.

Xinhua



A Chinese girl showcases a piece of shawl which are made of 18K gold at a shop in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 10 March, 2009.—XINHUA

Japan's Robot Saya can smile and scold

BEIJING, 12 March—Japan's robot teacher calls roll, smiles and scolds, drawing laughter from students with her eerily life like face. But the developer says it's not about to replace human instructors.

Unlike more mechanical-looking robots like Honda Motor's Asimo, the robot teacher, called Saya, can express six basic emotions—surprise, fear, disgust, anger, happiness, sadness—because its rubber skin is being pulled from the back with motors and wiring around the eyes and the mouth.

In a demonstration, the robot's mouth popped open, its eyes widened and eyebrows arched to appear surprised. Saya pulled back on its lips to make a smile, and said simple preprogrammed phrases such as "Thank you," while its lips moved, to express pleasure.

"Robots that look human tend to be a big hit with young children and the elderly," Hiroshi Kobayashi, Tokyo University of Science professor and Saya's developer, said yesterday. "Children even



A woman walks by a Japanese-made robot receptionist named Ms Saya at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in the southern city of Be'er Sheva in this picture taken on 5 Feb, 2007.—XINHUA

start crying when they are scolded." First developed as a receptionist robot in 2004, Saya was tested in a real Tokyo classroom earlier this year with a handful of fifth and sixth graders.

"Simply turning our grandparents over to teams of robots abrogates our society's responsibility to each other, and encourages a loss of touch with reality for this already mentally and physically challenged population," Kobayashi said.

Xinhua

World Kidney Day being observed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 12 March—The World Kidney Day is being observed in Nepal Thursday with various programmes with the slogan "Are your kidneys OK?"

This day is going to be celebrated by organizing various programmes including awareness rallies and interactions, the National Kidney Treatment Center said.

According to the Center, 2.7 million people in Nepal have one or the other kind of kidney diseases, but there are only 12 doctors for it.

Nepal has 2,700 new kidney patients added each year.—Xinhua

China protests US measure blocking poultry imports

GENEVA, 12 March—China on Wednesday made a strong protest against a US act on poultry, saying the measure seriously violates basic World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and affects normal trade between the two countries.

The Omnibus Appropriation Act of 2009, approved by the US Senate on Tuesday, includes a section which bans any fund from being used to "establish or implement a rule" allowing the import of poultry products from China.

"We believe this is a typical discriminative and trade protectionist measure," said the Chinese mission to the Geneva-based WTO in a verbal note to its US counterpart.

"It violates the basic rules of the WTO seriously and affects the normal trade of poultry meat between China and US negatively and damages the rights of the Chinese poultry industries," the Chinese mission said.

According to the verbal note, the US measure has triggered strong reactions in China, and the government is under increasing pressure from the poultry industries to adopt retaliatory measures.

The US move was "totally unfair and of a bad nature," said the verbal note, adding that China would raise complaints to the WTO in this regard and maintain the right of further measures. "At the same time, we would like to urge the US to eliminate such kind of discriminative and trade protectionist provision as soon as possible in order to correct its wrong decision," it said.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



A photographer takes pictures of hostesses in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

XINHUA



French pastry chef Jean-Michel Raynaud unveils a 2.1 metre high 'Barbie doll' chocolate mud cake which was made to mark the 50th anniversary of the world's most popular doll on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour.

INTERNET

Third H7 strain of avian flu found in Japan

TOKYO, 12 March—A third Aichi Prefecture farm has been tested positive for the H7 strain of bird flu virus, the Japanese Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry said on Wednesday.

The government departments are trying to identify what N-subtype the virus belongs to, the ministry said in a press release.

The third case of avian flu virus was also found on a quail farm in Toyohashi, Aichi Prefecture, where two weak-

virulent H7N6 subtype of bird flu virus were identified since the end of February.

The quail farm tested positive raises about 110,000 birds and has been quarantined for further investigation.

Internet

Tornado hits town in Philippines, destroys farmlands

DAVAO, 12 March—A massive tornado swept through a town in the Southern Philippines on Wednesday afternoon, destroying 18 hectares of farmlands but no one was reported injured or killed, officials said on Thursday.

About 8 million pesos (166,000 US dollars) worth of fruit trees were destroyed by the tornado that struck the township of Tupi in South Cotabato Province around 3:00pm local time (0700 GMT), said Gemma Rivera, social welfare assistant regional director in Central Mindanao.—Internet

Colliery gas blast traps six in China

LANZHOU, 12 March—Six people are trapped below ground after a gas blast on Thursday at a coal mine in northwest China's Gansu Province, according to the provincial coal safety production administration.

Zhou Chuanhai, head of coal mine supervision of the provincial administration, said rescue efforts were underway at Tanshanling Coal Mine in Tianzhu Tibet Autonomous County.

No casualties have been reported and no further details are available.—Internet

Apple unveils first "talking" iPod music player

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 March — Apple on Wednesday introduced a new iPod music player which the company said can speak song titles, artists and playlist names to users.

The 4-gigabyte iPod shuffle is Apple's first music player that has the talking feature and also "the world's smallest mu-



Attendees look over redesigned iPod Nano at Apple's "Let's Rock" media event in San Francisco, California.

INTERNET

sic player at nearly half of the size of the previous model," the company said.

The new model is significantly smaller than a

AA battery, holds up to 1,000 songs and is easier to use with all of the controls conveniently located on the earphone cord.

Internet

Australian unemployment rate hits new high in February

CANBERRA, 12 March—More than 53,000 full time jobs were lost in February in Australia, pushing the unemployment rate to 5.2 percent, the highest rate in four years.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data released on Thursday showed total employment rose by 1,800 to 10.810 million seasonally adjusted, with part-time employment up 55,600 to 3.146 million.

The economic slowdown on jobs is likely to intensify in coming months with the Federal Government predicting a jobless rate of 5.5 percent by June this year, rising to 7 percent 12 months later.—Internet

NEWS ALBUM

Man driving with 3 tires charged with DUI

Authorities charged a man with driving under the influence early on Monday after police pulled him over for driving a car with only three tires. Police said an officer spotted a 27-year-old man driving without a rear passenger tire.

The officer reported that the man displayed uneven balance and had bloodshot eyes. A Breathalyzer test he took registered a 0.2 blood alcohol level.

The man was charged with DUI and later released on his own recognizance.



Valjeo Akaasha, a six-month-old Bengal tiger, enjoys an unlikely encounter with Maverick, a 14-month-old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, while being taken for a walk at the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, a theme park in Vallejo, California.



A French winemaker has been charged with attempting to poison his wife, whom he accused of working too hard in the vineyard and of not doing enough for him, a prosecutor said on Tuesday.

French winemaker 'poisoned wife who worked too much'

A French winemaker has been charged with attempting to poison his wife, whom he accused of working too hard in the vineyard and of not doing enough for him, a prosecutor said.

Jacky Chatelain, a 51-year-old vineyard owner from the Chablis wine region of Burgundy, was arrested on Friday after a four-year investigation into how his wife Josiane had fallen ill with arsenic poisoning.

Under questioning, he admitted that he had tried to poison her because "she worked too hard in the vineyard and did not do enough to look after me," according to state prosecutor Francois Perain.

Ancient golden jewellery found in Egyptian tomb

Egyptian officials says archaeologists have found ancient golden jewelry in a pharaonic-era tomb that belonged to a senior official under Egypt's most powerful queen. The Supreme Council of Antiquities says five golden earrings and two rings were found in the tomb of Gahouti, the head of the treasury under Queen Hatshepsut, who ruled Egypt 3,500 years ago.

Tuesday's statement says the tomb was located on the west bank of the Nile River in Luxor, a southern Egyptian city famous for its Valley of the Kings and other ruins from pharaonic times.

The tomb had been looted, and its gates were engraved with text from the "Book of the Dead," which Egyptians believed would be needed in the afterlife.



Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, shows ancient golden jewelry found in a pharaonic era tomb thought to belong to a senior official under Egypt's most powerful queen, on the west bank of the Nile river in Luxor, Egypt. The Supreme Council of Antiquities says five golden earrings and two rings were found in the tomb of Gahouti, the head of the treasury under Hatshepsut, who ruled Egypt some 3,500-years ago.

Coffee taster's tongue insured for \$14m

A taste tester for Britain's Costa Coffee said the company has taken out an insurance policy on his tongue worth \$14 million. Costa Coffee taster Gennaro Pelliccia said the company took out the insurance policy with Lloyd's of London as it prepares to open a planned 100 new stores during the year, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Monday.

"In my profession, my taste buds and sensory skills are crucial," Pelliccia said.

"My 18 years of experience enable me to distinguish between thousands of flavors. My taste buds also allow me to distinguish any defects, which enables me to protect and guarantee Costa's unique Mocha Italia blend." While competitor Starbucks has been forced to close hundreds of locations around the world, Costa officials said their company has thus far evaded any recession-powered downturn and reported positive sales growth this year.



Open questions, open answers or determination to maintain peace

Shin Thant

It was very pleasant to have an aerial view of the natural beauty of Kayin State from the helicopter. Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) over the Thanlwin River, and Myainggalay Cement Plant among limestone mountains reflected the cumulative development Kayin State was enjoying in the time of the Tatmadaw government. To put it another way, the magnificent bridge and the large cement plant testified to the fact that at the heart of regional development lay stability and peace of the region.

Stability is necessary for development of a region, and peace absolutely calls for stability. Today, local people's desire is to lead a stable life through peace, which is evidenced by the heart-to-heart interview between the groups that have returned to the legal fold and United Nations special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar Mr Quintana on his tour of Kayin State.

On behalf of the people of Kayin State, representatives of national race groups expressed in an honest and frank way their opinions on the essence, benefits and taste of peace and the acts intended to disrupt peace. Showing their innate nature, responsible persons of various national race groups openly replied to the open questions of the delegation of the United Nations. **The brief accounts of the frank talks were—**

- why peace was made, and
- what those wishing to destabilize the nation are doing.

I witnessed regional development and effects of peace on local people as a result of peace.

I believe that according to their clarification, the people of Kayin State have understood well the great difference between present and past conditions of their region.

I am sure that like me, the staff of the United Nations have realized the objective conditions of Kayin State. Regarding the making of peace, grandpa Thar Htoo Kyaw of Myainggyingu said that **KNU had been very loud in shouting their objective to secure a prosperous future of Kayin national people since 1949, but it had not constructed even a school, health care centre or bridge; that instead it had burnt down school buildings, and blasted roads, bridges and gas pipelines; that KNU's collecting extortion money and committing robberies were intolerable, but Kayin State dwellers had no choice but to bear all the stresses and strains out of fear; that leaders of the armed group led a life of luxury with own businesses in Thailand and were commanding local battles from safe areas; that he had come to realize that Kayin nationals had to pay extortion money in the interests of KNU leaders and deal with evil consequences of armed insurgency, and made peace with the government due to KNU's religious discrimination and oppression; and that after making peace, they were able to do a lot for progress of their region under the care of the government.**

U Kyaw Than said that **they members of the group had led a peaceful life in urban areas since they made peace 14 years ago; that he wanted to live in a more rewarding life than ever; that previously they got involved in the armed insurgency but then they had already given it up; that they would never relapse into their old ways; that he had become a private of KNU because of forced recruitment of per head from each house, not because of his own wish; that he had troubled Kayin State and Kayin nationals for years due to the practice of wrong ways; that then the government showed its benevolent attitude and was taking care of them; and that he was looking forward to the best.**

U Htein Maung of Htokawkoe said that his group had made peace for two years; that each Kayin soldier favoured peace; that all the peace groups were working together to sustain peace; that the government was working hard in the interest of the nation; that they were in support of the government as it was trying its best for well-being of the entire people; and that they would always join hands with those serving the public interest with positive attitude. **With respect to the refugee camps, he said that Kayin nationals were forced to stay as refugees and were paid only a fistful of aid; that they felt depressed by such miserable conditions; that to be frank forcing Kayin nationals to be refugees for some funds from international community and providing Kayin people with just a small amount of money was somewhat like killing Kayin people; and that KNU had been committing terrorist activities and unscrupulous acts under the pretext of security of the refugee camps, taking a stronghold in the neighbouring country.**

Phado Aung San of Phayagon said that his troops' desire to enjoy the taste of peace was the same as that of the people of Kayin State; that while he was with KNU he was arrested twice for his proposal for peace talks; that he was forced to swear oaths not to return to the legal fold, and he escaped from attempts on his life two times; that he was one

of KNU leaders and owned a house and car; that however KNU's objective and acts and circumstances pushed him to make peace; that **the government gave him a warm welcome; that it built houses for his members and provided land allotments to earn their living; that it provided them with electric power and dug canals to supply irrigation water; that the government provided his group with all necessary assistance; that they no longer held arms in their village for security of the region; and that they had surrendered their arms because they did not need to take security measures.**

National race groups explained their objective conditions with their own views to Mr Quintana and party. In expressing their feelings, they did not represent their group, and their individual desire was similar to that of the entire people. I think Mr Quintana noticed the great difference between what he learnt from the western media and anti-government groups and what he witnessed on his tour. The answers of members of each group to open questions were the same.

Open answers to open questions showed that the interview was not conducted superficially, and that indicated the desire of the entire local people. Indeed, the desire of the entire local people is to witness greater development of Kayin State and hear the sounds of Kayin traditional drum and peace songs, not the sounds of gun fires from Dawna mountain range.

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Commander meets with staff in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye met with officials concerned and service personnel at the meeting hall of Rakhine State Information and Public Relations Department on 26 February.

At the meeting hall of Rakhine State PDC Office, the commander met with senior engineers at state, district and township Public Works, in-

charge senior engineers of road and bridge construction special group as well as officials and service personnel of department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the meeting hall of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

The following day the minister inspected progress in taking measures at Sai Tin Hydropower Project, gave cash assistance to staff and cordially greeted local people in Mawmayichaung village.

MNA

Ahtetpaunglaung-Nancho-Paunglaung 230 KV Power Grid under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected foundation of No. 1 tower and installation of tower No. 19 of Ahtetpaunglaung-Nancho-Paunglaung 230 KV Power Grid yesterday.

The minister arrived at Shwemyo main power station where officials reported on construction of Ahtetpaunglaung-

Nancho-Paunglaung, Kyunchaung, Shwegyin-Thayagon and Shwemyo Main power station 230 KV Power Grid Projects, construction of power lines and distribution of power. Managing Director Dr San Oo gave a supplementary report.

The minister gave instructions on early completion of the projects.

MNA

CPT Ministry holds coord meeting



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw speaks at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.—MNA

YANGON, 12 March—Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs held its work coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

The meeting was opened with an address by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun, departmental heads, chief engineers and officials concerned participated in the meeting.

The participants of the meeting reported on completion of works and measures to be taken sector-wise.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

No. 2 BED D-G visits examination centres

YANGON, 12 March—U Aye Lwin, Director-General of No. 2 Basic Education Department, inspected examination centres for the matriculation examination 2009 in Mandalay.

In addition to examination centres of BEHS Nos 5, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 25, he visited

examination centre of BEMS No. 15 being kept in reserve.

The director-general viewed students taking the examination in the centres, and supervised timely delivery of question papers and keeping of answer papers by supervisors and assistant supervisors.—MNA

Over 7,800 acres of poppy plantations destroyed this year

YANGON, 12 March—A total of 993.1 acres (401.88 hectares) of poppy plantations grown in Hsenwi, Tangyan, Namhkam and Kutkai Townships of Shan State (North), Hsihseng, Kunhein and Kehsi Townships of Shan State (South), Kengtung, Mongkat, Monghsat, Mongpying and Metmong Townships of Shan State (East) and Waingmaw, Tanai, Phakant and Putao Townships of Kachin State were destroyed from 21 to 27 February.

Similarly, a total of 591.19 acres (239.24 hectares) of poppy fields in Hsenwi, Tangyan, Mongyai, Manton, Namhkam and Kutkai Townships of Shan State (North), Pinlaung, Hsihseng and Monai Township of Shan State (South), Mongton, Monghsat and Mongkhoak Townships of Shan State (East), Waingmaw, Tanai, Phakant and Putao Townships of Kachin State were destroyed from 28 February to 6 March. The total poppy plantations destroyed this year poppy cultivation season are 7892.86 acres.

MNA

MAAS holds educative talks

YANGON, 12 March—Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science

of the Ministry of Education organized the educative talks No. 2/2009 at

Arts Hall of Yangon University on 11 March afternoon, with an introduc-

tory speech by President of the academy U Than Oo.

Secretary of the academy Dr Myo Thant Tin introduced retired ambassador U Hla Maung (Economics) to those present. Next, Member of the academy U Hla Maung (Economics) gave the talks on world monetary affairs and economic crises.—MNA

President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo speaking at educative talks No. 2/2009.—MNA



Old students to hold respect paying ceremony

YANGON, 12 March—Old students who had concluded their study at Yangon Institute of Technology (Civil) between 1987 and 1991 will hold the respect paying ceremony and get-together at Kyaukseintwin Dhammayon on Shwedagon Pagoda road on 4 April. Old students and faculty members were invited to attend the ceremony without fails.

Old students may contact Ko Than Win (Tel-095017425), Ko Ko Htwe (Tel-095179110), Ko Ko Aye (Tel-095119070), Dr Nyan Myint Kyaw (Tel-095033558), Ko Htay Win (Tel-095047360), Ko San Kyu (Tel-095052200), Ko Aung Kyaw Lwin (Tel-092044204), Ko Khin Zaw Win (Tel-092002383), Ma Cho Cho Thin Kyi (Tel-644987) and Ma Yi Yi Khin (Tel-095003281).—MNA



Regional development tasks inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo inspected progress in tarmacking Kyantaw road

and Parami road section-1 and building the retaining wall in Myeik on 28 February.

Upon arrival at Thamoat village, responsible personnel of Dawei-Myeik railroad construction project

briefed the commander on the chosen places for axis of Boatchan-Thamoat railroad section and Myeik railway station.

After hearing the reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Development tasks ongoing in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 13 February inspected summer paddy fields, and the tarmacking of Hpa-an-Gyaing road section between mile post Nos 22/0 and 22/1 in Hpa-an Township, and Htokawkoe nursery, Win Thuzar Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1, and the watermelon farm near Daweidan Village.

On 17 February, he inspected Dali Bridge on Chaunghnakhwa-Thanyabayar-Kya-in Seik-kyi Road, and the crop plantation and summer paddy field near

Thanbaya Village. He had a meeting with service personnel and townsenders at the office of the township and viewed Kya-in-Seikkyi-Kyarkhat detour road.

On 21 February, he viewed sanitation tasks by service personnel at the areas around the office of Kayin State PDC office and Barme Mountain.

He visited the integrated farm of U Tun Ne near Shwedaw Village and the progress of the village, and inspected progress in constructing the basic education primary school of Phekatar village, and the edible oil crop plantation of U Tun Khin near

Kawttayokeya village in Hpa-an Township.

On 27 February, he inspected Bawthabyu BEPS, and free health care services given to villagers of Shwegun model village at Shwegun Station Hospital and presented free eyeglasses to the elderly eye patients.

Brig-Gen Zaw Min provided cash assistance for the patients of Shwegun Station Hospital, and inspected the rubber farm of U Aung at mile post No. 53 on Kamamaung-Papun road section, Myainggying quarry, and the rubber farm of U Chit Aye at mile post No 46.

MNA

Seinle Shwe Pyi Journal in circulation

YANGON, 12 March—Volume VI, No 8 Seinle Shwepyi Journal came out today.

It carries local and foreign news including the preliminary discussion for the upcoming 2010 election, good prices for cuttlefish from Taninthayi Coastal Region at Chinese market, commercial

breeding of lobsters, training on fish preserve and dried fish, earning US\$ 11 million from fruits and vegetable trading at borders, Cambodia's ban on rice import from Thailand.

The journal is available at Serpay Beikman bookshop on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Pan Shwe Pyi

book shop on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, News and Periodicals Enterprise bookshop and manuscripts can be sent to No 8, 2nd floor, Panchan Tower at the corner of Dhammadi and Bargaya streets in Myaynigone, Sangyoung Township Tel: (538320).

MNA

GAD holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The work coordination meeting of the General Administration Department was held at the hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

In his address, the minister explained the progress of the State and future tasks of the department.

Commissioners of State and Division GADs reported on accomplishments of four construction tasks and matters related to agricultural, livestock breeding and regional development tasks.

The Director-General of GAD and directors discussed the reports and fulfilled the requirements.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General U Myat Ko of GAD, Director-General of Myanmar Correctional Department U Zaw Win, Director-General U Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si of Myanmar Police Force and officials.

MNA

UMFCCI Vice-President meets foreign guests



UMFCCI Vice-President U Win Aung and party hold discussions with Vulnerable Analysis Coordinator Mr Naoki Minamiguchi of FAO.

UMFCCI

YANGON, 12 March—Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, and Joint

Secretary (1) Dr Maung Maung Lay and party met Vulnerable Analysis Coordinator Mr Naoki Minamiguchi of FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific at the office on 9 March.

At the centre of the cordial meeting were programmes to hold workshops and educative talks for development of Myanmar's agriculture sector.

A Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr Li Rong of Yunnan Province Trade Department of the People's Republic of China together with Chinese Economic & Commercial Counsellor called on Vice-President U Win Aung, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and party at the same venue in the afternoon.

The meeting focused on boosting bilateral trade and investment, and reached an agreement under which Myanmar will stage exhibitions at China (Kumming) ASEAN Stone Expo and The 4th China Yunnan International Pu'er Tea Expo to be held in April and July in Kumming, Yunnan Province.—MNA

Local amateur makes bright start in Myanmar Masters

YANGON, 12 March—Local amateur Bo Bo Lay took the lead firing a blistering 67 in the first round of the US\$ 60,000 Myanmar Masters 2009 held at Pun Hlaing Golf Club, here, this morning.

Zaw Paing Oo and Stewart GINN (Australia) followed the leader with 68 strokes each in the second place, Yan Myo Aye with 69 strokes in the third place and Airil Rizman (Malaysia) with 69 strokes in the fourth place.

Among the spectators were President U Teza of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min and U Min Thein, officials and fans.

The main sponsor is Air Bagan Ltd and co-sponsors, International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, KBZ Bank, Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Aureum Palace Hotel, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, CEPESA, KM Golf Centre, Srixon, Alpine Purified Drinking Water.

The second round continues at the same venue tomorrow morning.—MNA



Bo Bo Lay (Amateur) taking part in Myanmar Masters 2009 golf tournament.—MGF

F&R holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall, here this morning, with an address by Minister for F&R Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present at the

meeting were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, managing directors, directors-general, general managers, directors of the enterprises and

departments, managers at state and division levels, departmental officials at state and division levels and officials concerned.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun made a speech on the occasion. Next, departmental heads

briefed the minister on accomplishment of the tasks to meet the set targets and future plans for new financial year.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions and the meeting came to a close.—MNA

Alpha Health & Care Ltd holds press conference



Press conference on natural traditional medicine distributed by Alpha Health & Care Ltd (Myanmar).—MNA

YANGON, 12 March—Alpha Health & Care Ltd (Myanmar), a branch office of Alpha Group International Ltd (New Zealand), held a press conference on natural traditional medicines at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel here, yesterday morning.

Vice-Chairman to Myanmar branch Dr Khin Shwe made an opening speech on the occasion.

Chairman of Alpha Group International Ltd (New Zealand) Prof Gao Yihuai, Chief Executive Officer Mr Gao Wei, General Manager Mr Li Tiegang and Advisory Technology Prof Tang Wenbo made speeches on the occasion.

Responsible personnel replied to the queries raised by media persons and those present observed traditional medicines on

display.

Ganopoly O +, Ganopoly C +, Ganopoly B +, Ganopoly A +, Hepa Tech Heripoly, Heri PAG, FEMO Care and other

medicines are being distributed. For further information, please dial Tel-558675, 558676, 559437 and 559537.

MNA

Compensation handed over to 12 Myanmar seafarers

YANGON, 12 March—Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Association presented compensation to Myanmar seafarers

who were free from Somali pirates, at its office on 37th Street in Kyauktada Township yesterday.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Win Ngwe gave a speech and Country Representative U Htay Aung explained efforts for securing the compensation.

Treasurer U Ye Aung of the association

presented compensation to 12 Myanmar seafarers.

On behalf of the seafarers, U Kyaw Soe and Joint Secretary U Min Zaw spoke words of thanks.

While discharging duties onboard MV Bright Ruby, 12 Myanmar seafarers were seized by Somali pirates from 10 September to 16 October 2008.—MNA

cooperation between Myanmar and India, Kayah State's golden future, directives for the Tatmadaw and Today's Tatmadaw, festival of Mansettawya Pagoda and travel features and others.

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Marijuana, opium, stimulant tablets seized in Kayin State, Shan State (East)

YANGON, 12 March—Local authorities seized 3.674 kilos of marijuana from Kyi Lwin of Kanasopin Village in Thandaung Township, Kayin State, and 6.613 kilos of marijuana from U Maung of Nyaungpintha Village, Kyaukkyi Township, at 4.30 am on 5 March. Action was taken against them at Zayatkyi Police Station.

Similarly, Kengtung Special Anti-Drug Squad seized 563.38 gm of opium from Daw Nann Oun during its inspection of the tri-cycle vehicle driven Aung Thu on en-route from Panmaw Village to Mongpyin at Mongpyin Check Point in Shan State (East) at 11.55 am on 6 March. After questioning her, the

authority also seized 1.306 kilos of opium from Nandar Sara, son of Daw Nann Oun, at her home on Pangyan Street in lower Zaydan Ward in Mongpying. Local authorities are investigating the case to arrest the related drug traffickers.

Tachilek Special Anti-drug Squad discovered 2 million stimulant tablets bearing WY letters and seized over K1 million from the truck with No Plate 1 Kha/6612 driven by Sai Yi on the en-route from Kengtung from Tachilek at 11:30 am on 7 March. The stimulant tablets were hidden in the extra fuel tank of the truck. Truck conductor Sai Hti Shan managed to escape. Truck owner Sai Yi was arrested

and put under investigation. The local authorities are investigating the case to be able to arrest those who involved in the drug trafficking.

Kengtung Special Anti-drug Squad searched Shwemyodaw passenger bus driven by Saw Win Aung en-route from Kengtung to Tachilek at Naungnun Check Point in Shan State (East) at 12.30 pm on 7 March and seized 4.3 kilos of opium hidden in four bamboos. The driver and the bus conductor were arrested and put under investigation. The local authorities are investigating the case to arrest those involved in the drug trafficking.

MNA



Treasurer U Ye Aung of MOSA hands over compensation to a seafarers.—MNA



Wulon species tea farm in Tangyan, Shan State (North), generates job opportunities

Article: Htein Lin (Myanma Alin); Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

(from page 16)

Shan State is well-known for tea which is of two kinds: pickled tea and green tea. Myanmar people enjoy pickled tea to the accompaniment of several kinds of roasted fritters. They still preserve a tradition of serving guests pickled tea salad at social occasions, wedding receptions and at home.

Green tea is made by adding some tea into the boiling water. According to medical experts, green tea is good for our health.

Shan State has been growing tea on a large scale for generations. Referring to the tea-growing regions, it is known as Zayan tea, Shwephi tea and Namsang tea.

Farmers have relied on domestic species of tea for long, and but failed to apply advanced agricultural methods, thus seeing a fall in per acre yield. Now, the trial cultivation of Wulon tea species with high yield and quality has proved successful in Shan State (North).

On our tour of Tangyan on 1 March morning, we were amazed by the vast stretch of farm of tea grown row after row in a well-organized way on the slopes of the moun-



**Township PDC
Chairman U Kyaw
Thura.**

tains at the entrance to Khoyawng Village-tract in Tangyan.

When asked about the tea enterprise of the region, Chairman of the township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Thura told the Myanma Alin Daily, "Our township grows two species of tea. The first is local species, and the other is Wulon species. Our township has an area of 2435 acres of tea farms."

In an interview, Managing Director U Than Win of Ruby Garden Co in Tangyan said, "We run tea farms on a large scale because we want to provide quality tea for our customers, we want to create jobs, and we want to help our country earn foreign ex-

change."

He added that his company was trying Wulon species tea in Tangyan Township; that it launched groundwork in 2005 to grow tea; that it put 500 acres under tea in 2008; and that it would increase the sown acreage to 1000 acres by 2009, and 2000 acres by



**Managing Director
U Than Win of Ruby
Garden Co.**

the year 2010.

He said that Wulon high-yield tea species was imported from China; that it was of two kinds—ordinary species and high-yield species; the interval between one tea sapling and another was one and a half feet, and between a row of tea saplings and another five feet; that they put natural fertilizers, and groundnut husks in the farms; the plants could be harvested when they were at the age of three years at the rate of twice a month; that the harvesting season was from March to November; that on average, per acre yield of green leaves was about 1700 viss; that due to the assistance rendered by local administrative bodies and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the

reproduction of tea plants was successful and that saved about one-third of the foreign exchange spent on import of tea species; and that they had a plan to distribute tea grafts to interested companies.

For the tea farms, he said that they had 60 permanent staff and 200 to 250 daily-wage earners, and had over 300 employees at that time; that the number of employees would increase to over 1000 when the project hit 2000 acres of tea farms; and that the majority of the employees were from nearby villages.

Regarding the staff welfare services, he said that they presented employees assistance at the same rates as that in the region; and they paid bonuses of cash and clothes

on significant holidays based on their performances.

Tangyan Township has a tea factory. In the past, the township was behind other regions in development due to lack of stability. Now, it has left far behind such undesirable conditions, and it grows such poppy-substitute trees as rubber, tea, physic nut and maccadamia with the encouragement of the government and under the leadership of Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut. As a result, local people enjoy many job opportunities with higher living standards.

**Translation: MS
Myanma Alin: 6-3-2009**



Tea is grown in rows in a 500-acre farm.



The thriving three-year-old Wulon (high-yield) tea plantation of Ruby Garden Co.

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Nine paintings stolen from Egypt's museum palace

CAIRO, 12 March—Nine paintings in a museum palace of Egypt's 19th century ruler Mohamed Ali have been stolen from the old palace in the northern suburb of Cairo, local media reported on Wednesday. The Culture Ministry said the paintings, which depict Ali and his family, were likely removed early Tuesday from the frames in the museum palace in Shubra el-Kheima. Police have launched investigations into the stealing, said the ministry. On Tuesday, Egyptian Minister of Culture Farouq Hosni and Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities Zahi Hawwas visited the stealing spot in the palace.—Internet

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Models perform at a fashion show during a VIP reception of Fashion Shanghai 2009, held in east China's Shanghai, on 10 March, 2009.
XINHUA

Drive with care

Teen kills 15 in Germany before taking own life

WINNENDEN, 12 March—A 17-year-old wielding a Beretta 9 mm pistol burst into classrooms at his former high school Wednesday and gunned down students — some of whom died with their pencils still in hand — in a rampage that ended with 15 dead before he took his own life, authorities said.

There was no immediate indication of motive, but the gunman's victims were primarily female: eight of nine students killed were girls, and all three teachers were women. Three men were killed later as the suspect, identified by police as Tim K, fled.

"I heard two shots and then screaming," said a 15-



Pupils place flowers and candles in front of the Albertville school in Winnenden near Stuttgart, southern Germany, on 11 March, 2009. —INTERNET

year-old student who gave her name only as Betty. "At first I thought it was a joke, but then someone called 'Run, run!' and I saw students jumping out of the windows and took off running."

The gunman — dressed

in all black — took students in the first classroom completely by surprise, evidenced by the morbid scene that awaited the first officers to arrive, said regional police director Ralf Michelfelder.

Internet

Gas leak postpones space shuttle Discovery launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 12 March—NASA postponed the launch of space shuttle Discovery just hours before it was to head to the international space station Wednesday because of a hydrogen gas leak that could have been catastrophic at liftoff.

The leak was in a different part of the system that already has caused a vexing one-month delay.

Shuttle managers put off the launch until Monday but left open the possibility that the repair work might allow for an attempt Sunday.

The latest delay means Discovery's two-week flight must be shortened and some spacewalks cut out of the mission. That's because Discovery needs to be gone from the space station before a Russian Soyuz rocket blasts off March 26 with a fresh station crew.—Internet



Full moon begins to set as the space shuttle Discovery sits on Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39-A before sunrise on 11 March, 2009 in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

INTERNET

Major oil slick off Australia coast beaches, birds

SYDNEY, 12 March—A major oil clean-up was underway off Australia's northeast coast on Thursday to limit the damage to beaches and marine life after a ship lost 30 tons of fuel when its hull was pierced by a container washed overboard.

Marine experts are still searching for 31 containers of ammonium nitrate, used for making fertiliser and explosives, which were lost from The Pacific Adventurer off Moreton Bay near the city of Brisbane on Wednesday.

If the containers, which have 620 tons of ammonium nitrate, leak it could cause major algae blooms which would choke marine life in Moreton Bay, say marine scientists. Maritime Safety Queensland said the missing containers may never be recovered.—MNA/Reuters



File photo shows animal rescue personnel cleaning an oil-soaked penguin after being caught-up in oil spill in Australia.
INTERNET



Lack of vitamin D linked to teen health problems

DALLAS, 12 March — New research in teenagers links low levels of vitamin D to high blood pressure and high blood sugar, which can lead to ominous early health problems.

The “sunshine” vitamin is needed to keep

bones strong, but recent research has linked vitamin D to other possible health benefits.

The teen study confirms results seen in adults, linking low levels with risk factors for heart disease, the researchers said.

Teens in the study with the lowest vitamin D levels were more than twice as likely to have high blood pressure and high blood sugar.

They were also four times more likely to have metabolic syndrome, defined as have three of more conditions that contribute to heart disease and diabetes — including high blood pressure, high blood sugar, big waists and high cholesterol.

Internet

France to return to NATO command

PARIS, 12 March — French President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Wednesday that his country will return to NATO’s military command after a 42-year rift.

In 1966, French President Charles de Gaulle pulled France out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s integrated military command, saying it undermined France’s sovereignty, BBC reported.

“This reapprochement with NATO ensures our national independence,” Sarkozy said. “To distance ourselves would limit our independence and our room for maneuver.” —Internet

Flossing monkeys ‘proof’ animals teach tool use

TOKYO, 12 March — Thai monkeys have been observed showing their young how to floss — proof primates teach offspring to use tools, a Japanese researcher said on Wednesday.

“I was surprised because teaching techniques on using tools properly to a third party are said to be an activity carried out only by humans,” Professor Nobuo Masataka of Kyoto University’s Primate Research Institute told AFP.

His research team observed seven female long-tailed macaques and their offspring and monitored how often the mothers cleaned the spaces between their teeth with strands of human hair, in a colony of 250 animals near Bangkok.

The study found that the frequency of teeth-cleaning roughly doubled and became more elaborate when the infant monkeys were watching, suggesting that the females were deliberately teaching their young how to floss, he said. —Internet



Screen picture of a video released by the Primate Research Center of Tokyo University on 11 March, 2009, shows a Crab-eating Macaque mother teaches her child to “brush teeth” in a temple ruins, more than 100 kilometres North East of Bangkok, capital of Thailand. —XINHUA



New South Wales police stand outside the Reserve Bank of Australia building after a street was closed due to the discovery of a suspicious package in Sydney’s central business district, on 12 March, 2009.

Police have confirmed that a ‘suspicious package’ left in Phillip Street, on Thursday is nothing more than a tackle box full of fishing items. —INTERNET



A model shows a new Nintendo DS Lite handheld video-game machine during a news conference in Tokyo. Global sales of the Nintendo DS handheld topped 100 million in 4 years and 3 months — a milestone reached at the quickest pace for any video game console — the Japanese manufacturer said on 12 March, 2009. —INTERNET

Google preparing to steer more telephone traffic

MOUNTAIN VIEW, 12 March—Internet search leader Google Inc is preparing to steer more telephone traffic through an online command center that it acquired nearly two years ago.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company is heralding the expansion on Thursday by rebranding GrandCentral Communications as Google Voice. Google bought GrandCentral in July 2007 for an undisclosed amount.

As part of the transition to the new identity, Google is upgrading the service for GrandCentral’s current users to include automated transcriptions of voicemails and discounts on international calls. —Internet

Man survives Niagara Falls plunge, resists rescue

NIAGARA FALLS, 12 March— A man jumped into Niagara Falls on Wednesday and survived the 180-foot plunge, then resisted rescue attempts before he eventually was pulled from the icy water to safety, police said.

The man, believed to be in his late 30s, was semi-conscious when he was taken to a hospital. He lapsed into unconsciousness and was listed in critical condition. Niagara Parks Police Chief Doug Kane said the man “voluntarily entered into the water and refused medical assistance at the bottom.” —Internet

New clue on why cancer spread is linked to diet

PARIS, 12 March— Investigators on Wednesday said there could be a clue to explain why dietary restriction succeeds or fails in braking the growth of cancer.

Scientists spotted a century ago the link between calorie intake and the progression of certain kinds of tumour.

But how this works at the molecular level has been unclear.

In addition, tumours may remain puzzlingly immune to fasting among some individuals but not among others, which is partly why the practice



Lab mice Investigators on Wednesday said there could be a clue to explain why dietary restriction succeeds or fails in braking the growth of cancer. INTERNET

has not been incorporated into cancer treatment.

Nada Kalaany and David Sabatini of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

looked at the impact of food curbs on six types of human cancers that had been grafted onto mice which had been genetically modified to lack immune resistance.

The mice were then split into two groups, with one batch able to tuck into a standard rodent diet for two to three weeks.

The others received daily meals that amounted to a 40 percent reduction in calories compared to their counterparts, which led to a fall of between 20 and 30 percent in body weight.

Internet

SPORTS

PSG head French assault on UEFA Cup



Paris Saint-Germain's (PSG) players celebrate a goal during a recent football match in Lorient, western France.
INTERNET

Paris, 12 March — Paris St-Germain lead the French charge in the UEFA Cup on Thursday night, one of 16 teams left in the competition who will all feel that the trophy is within their grasp after the shocks of the previous round.

Pre-tournament favourites AC Milan were sent packing by Werder Bremen, while Italian big guns Fiorentina, Spanish heavyweights Valencia and English Premier League representatives Tottenham and Aston Villa all fell by

the wayside.

PSG booked their place in the round of 16 with a convincing 5-1 aggregate victory over Germans Wolfsburg, while fellow Ligue 1 sides Marseille and St Etienne are also bidding for a place in the quarter-finals.

The Parisians welcome Portugal's Braga to the Parc des Princes on Thursday evening, buoyed by a resurgence in domestic form that has seen them close to within one point of league leaders Lyon.

Internet

Revenge over Mourinho fails to douse Fergie's fire



Manchester United's Portuguese midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo (right) scores past Inter Milan's Brazilian goalkeeper Julio Cesar during their UEFA Champions League second round second leg football match at Old Trafford in Manchester.—INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 12 March—Sir Alex Ferguson demonstrated why he has been Manchester United's special one for over two decades as he laid into his players in the aftermath of a 2-0 win over Inter Milan that sent them into the last eight of the Champions League.

The victory may have enabled Ferguson to settle at least one score with Inter boss Jose Mourinho, whose Porto side had eliminated United at the same stage on their way to lifting the trophy back in 2004.

Internet

Back to Serie A for Mourinho but for how long?

MANCHESTER, 12 March — Jose Mourinho is confident Inter Milan will bounce back from the disappointment of their Champions League exit and go on to claim a fourth consecutive Serie A title. Given that Inter currently stand seven points clear of Juventus at the top of the Italian top flight, few would disagree with that view.

But whether Mourinho sticks around for the defence of the Scudetto is another question altogether. Everything about the former Chelsea manager's demeanour during his time in Manchester suggested that he would find it hard to resist an attractive offer to return to the Premier League.

Manchester City,



Inter Milan's coach Jose Mourinho leaves the field after losing 2-0 in their UEFA Champions League second round second leg match against Manchester United at Old Trafford, in Manchester, on 11 March.—INTERNET

where the position of Mark Hughes appears fragile, looks the most likely possibility but it is not inconceivable that Liverpool could be looking for a new manager by the summer given the current uncertainty over the future of Rafael Benitez.

Internet

Federer keen to renew rivalry with Nadal at ATP Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 12 March — Roger Federer, bested by Rafael Nadal in a five-set final at the Australian Open in January, is keen to renew his rivalry with his Spanish foe at the Indian Wells Masters series.

Federer's appearance in the California desert, where men's play begins Thursday, marks his first tournament since falling to Nadal in Melbourne, as the 13-time Grand Slam champion nursed a nagging back injury. Now he said he's rested and ready to bid for a fourth title in the event he won in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

"I love playing matches against him, especially those five-setters, seeing if I can hang with him physically without a problem," Federer said Wednesday. "He's the greatest challenger I've ever had." I am really motivated because I don't know how much better he can play," Federer added. "I don't know how much better I can play, but I am right there and he's playing the tennis of his life."

Nadal's victory in the first Grand Slam of the year marked the Spaniard's first hardcourt Grand Slam triumph. He also denied Federer a record-equalling 14th Grand Slam crown. But the 27-year-old Swiss, who broke down in tears in the wake of that defeat, said he wasn't unhappy with his performance there.—INTERNET

Arsenal defeat Roma on penalties in Champions League

ROME, 12 March — AS Roma's Max Tonetto skied his penalty miles over the bar to hand Arsenal a place in the Champions League quarter-finals following a tense match that went to the spot-kick lottery on Wednesday.

Arsenal won the shootout 7-6 thanks to Tonetto's sudden death

miss after Eduardo and Mirko Vucinic had seen their earlier efforts saved by goalkeepers Doni and Manuel Almunia respectively. It means all four English teams made it through to the last eight with Italy's three representatives all bowing out — it is the first time in seven years no Italian team has made it through

Peer cruises, Dokic falls at Indian Wells tennis

INDIAN WELLS, 12 March — Israel's Shahar Peer, whose exclusion from the WTA Dubai Open unleashed a storm of controversy, has got back in business in the best possible way on Wednesday — with a win.

Peer cruised into the second round of the 4.5 million-dollar BNP Paribas Open with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Ukrainian Kateryna Bondarenko. "I'm a professional tennis player, I want to play," said Peer, whose period of enforced idleness ended with a first-round loss at the Monterrey Open last week.

Peer said she felt "angry and sad" last month when she was denied a visa to the United Arab Emirates and thus missed the two million-dollar Dubai Open. "If you put politics to one side, it was bad for me because I was playing very good," said Peer, who reached the semi-finals at Pattay City and quarter-finals at Auckland earlier this year before winning two singles matches in Israel's loss to Ukraine in the Fed Cup.

"To have two and a half weeks with nothing, it's hard." But Peer said she had been buoyed by the outpouring of support she had received from around the world, and from the WTA.

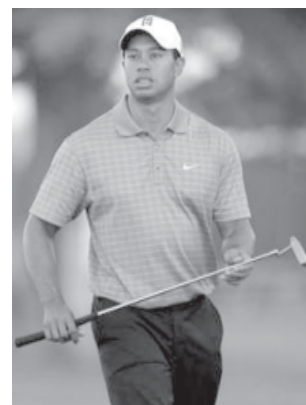
In other matches on Wednesday, Australian Open darling Jelena Dokic was bundled out of the first round by US veteran Jill Craybas 6-4, 6-2. Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova booked a second-round clash with Safina, beating New Zealand's Marina Erakovic 6-4, 6-1.

Internet

Woods trying to get on track with Masters looming

DORAL, 12 March — Fans began showing up at Doral on Tuesday morning when it was dark. Several hundred surrounded the first tee when Tiger Woods finally arrived for another practice round at dawn. And then he was gone.

Unlike his short-lived return to competition two weeks ago at the Accenture Match Play Championship, where he was eliminated in the second round, this disappearing act lasted only a few seconds as he walked through a thick strip of fog that stretched across the fairway. Woods is assured of playing four rounds this week.



Tiger Woods walks to the third hole during a practice round at the CA Championship golf tournament, on 11 March, 2009, in Doral, Fla.—INTERNET

The CA Championship, which starts on Thursday on the Blue Monster with a world-class field of 80 players, will be his first stroke-play tournament since he won the US Open in June, a week before reconstructive surgery on his left knee.—INTERNET

Arsenal's French midfielder Abou Diaby takes the last penalty for the team during their UEFA Champions League second round second leg football match against AS Roma at the Olimpico football stadium in Rome.—INTERNET



Deepest Sympathy

We would like to convey our deepest sympathy and condolence to the family of Dr. U Tun Aung Kyaw, Joint Secretary II, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science, (Deputy Director, retired, Trachoma Control Project, Department of Health); National Literary Prize Winner and Senior Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, who passed away suddenly on Wednesday, 11th March 2009.

Myanmar Academy of Medical Science



Filipino children take a bath from free water stations in the poor residents of Tondo in Manila, the Philippines, on 12 March, 2009. A temperature of 33.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at 1:50 pm Wednesday. Relative humidity was registered at 96 percent. So far, the hottest day in Metro Manila was on 6 March at 36 degrees Celsius.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (13.3.2009) (Friday)

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

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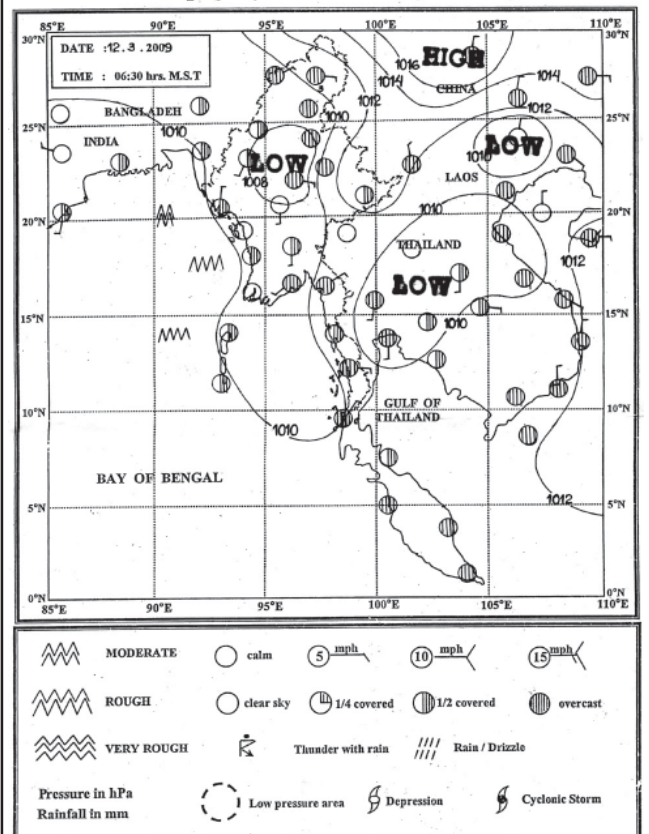
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- ☐ Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- ☐ The Longest Beach Resort in Myanmar (Ngwehsaung)
- ☐ Oxen Brothers
- ☐ Myanmar Natural Resource Spirulina
- ☐ Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
- ☐ Myanma Culture and Banana
- ☐ Inlay Blacksmith Craftsmanship
- ☐ Towards Pondaung Ponnya Yaw Region (Part-I)
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
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- ☐ Oil Painting Model Demonstration
- ☐ The Myanmar Truban Unique
- ☐ Poem Garden "Join Hands together"
- ☐ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 12 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thunder-showers has been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (40°C), Monywa, Pyinmana, Minbu, Magway, Pakokku, Shwegyin and Hpa-an (39°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-3-2009 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 12-3-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-3-2009 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 11-3-2009 was (9.1) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 12-3-2009 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 (7) mph from Southwest at (20:15) hours MST on 11-3-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th March 2009: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-3-2009: Partly cloudy.



**Friday, 13 March
View on today**

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Song of Yesteryear

7:50 am

5. နားဝင်ပီယီသုလက်သံ

8:00 am

6. မြသားရောင်ခြယ်သနေသည့်

လျှပ်စစ်မြစ်ရေတင်စီမံကိန်း

8:10 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:15 am

8. Dance of National Races

8:20 am

9. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. The Mirror Image of The Musical Oldies

4:30 pm

4. “တစ်လောကလုံးလင်းပါစေ” (မြေတိုင်း၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ မေဇာဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ဝါဝါအောင်၊ စက်ဖူးပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

4:45 pm

5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

4:55 pm

6. အသေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေးအသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:10 pm

7. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံရိုး” (အပိုင်း-၆၀)

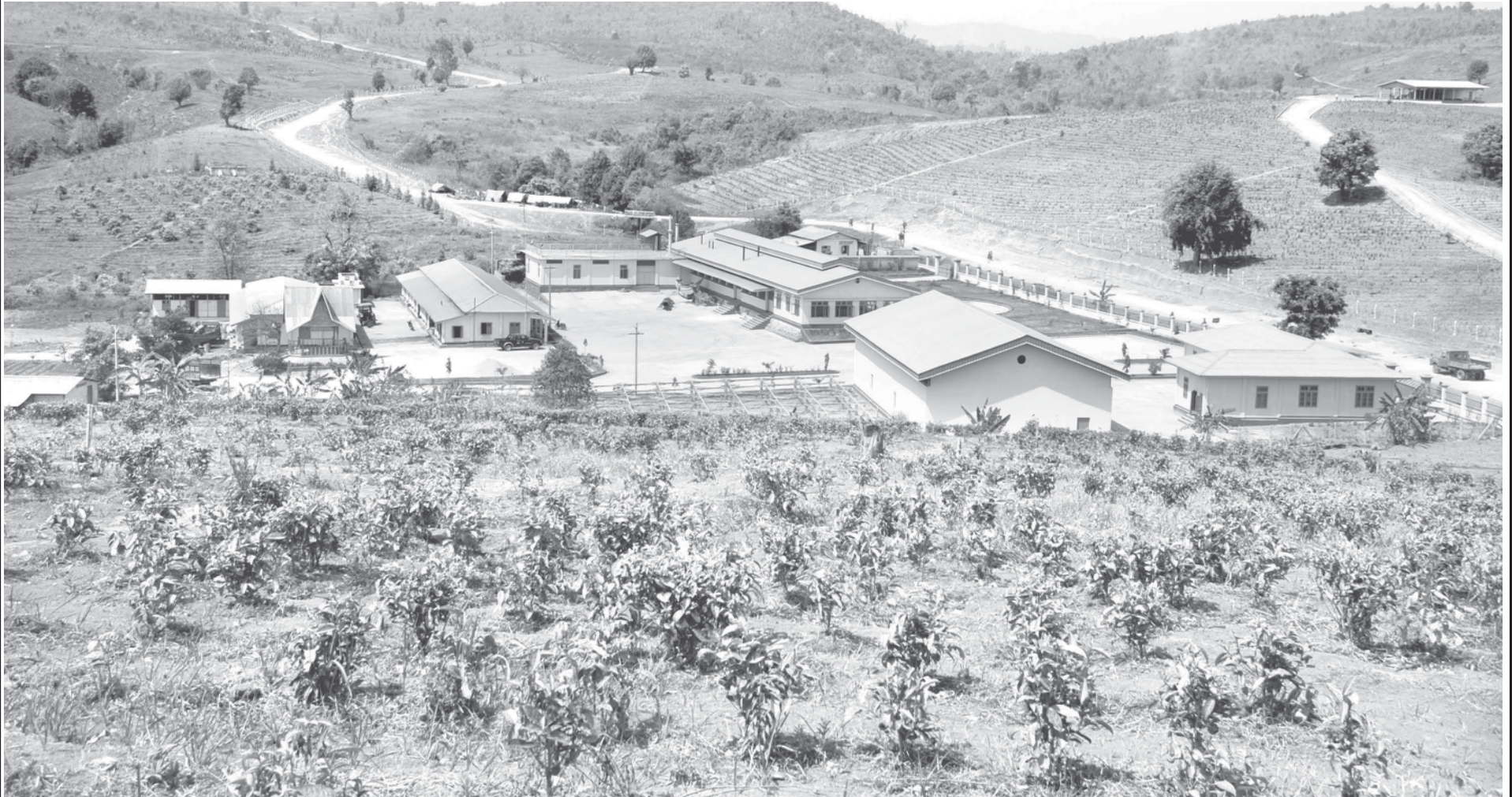
8:00 pm

15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၈)



Wulon species tea farm in Tangyan, Shan State (North), generates job opportunities

Article: Htein Lin (Myanma Alin); Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)



A tea factory under construction near Khoyawng Village-tract, Tangyan Township, Lashio District.

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New method for monitoring volcanoes



Kamchatka, Siberia, Russia. Volcanoes emit significant amounts of sulfur dioxide.

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 March—Seventeen of the world's most active volcanoes have been supplied with monitoring equipment from Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden to measure their emission of sulphur dioxide. The measurement results will be used

to make it easier to predict volcano eruptions, and they can also be used to improve today's climate models.

One of the Chalmers researchers who developed the monitoring equipment is Mattias Johansson, who recently defended his doctoral dissertation in the subject.

The most active volcanoes in the world have special observatories that monitor them in order to be able to sound the alarm and evacuate people in the vicinity if an eruption threatens. These observatories keep track of several parameters, primarily seismic activity. Now 17 observatories have received a new parameter that facilitates their work – the volcanoes' emissions of sulphur dioxide.

"Increasing gas emissions may indicate that magma is rising inside the volcano," says Mattias Johansson at the Department of Radio and Space Science at Chalmers. "If this information is added to the other parameters, better risk estimates can be made at the observatories."

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

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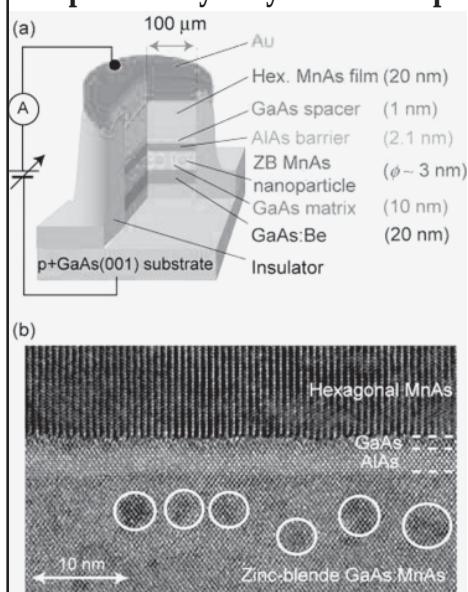
Open questions, open answers or determination to maintain peace

Stability is necessary for development of a region, and peace absolutely calls for stability.

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Spin Battery: Physicist develops battery using new source of energy



SCIENCE DAILY, 12 March—Researchers at the University of Miami and at the Universities of Tokyo and Tohoku, Japan, have been able to prove the existence of a "spin battery," a battery that is "charged" by applying a large magnetic field to nano-magnets in a device called a magnetic tunnel junction (MTJ).

The new technology is a step towards the creation of computer hard drives with no moving parts, which would be much faster, less expensive and use less energy than current ones. In the future, the new battery could be developed to power cars.

Internet