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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Yeywa Hydropower Project running smoothly

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe

inspects Yeywa Hydropower

Project.

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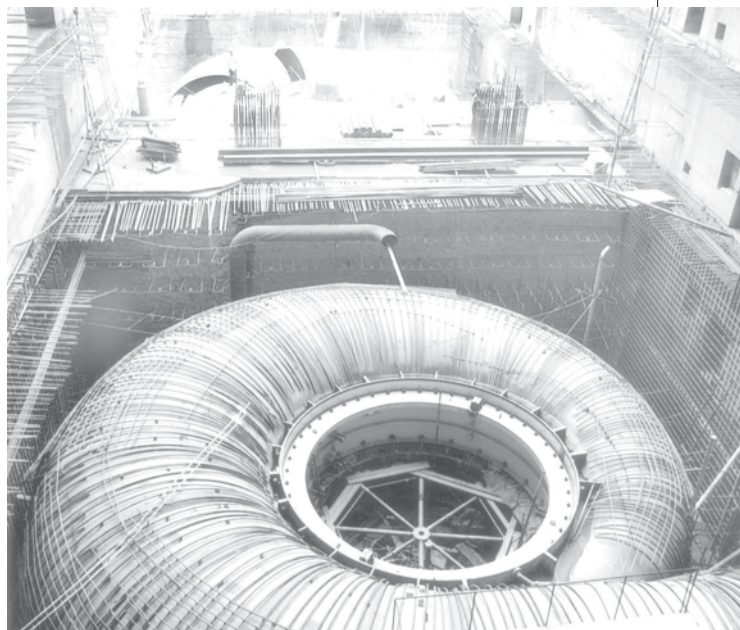
NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected Yeywa Hydropower Project in Mandalay Division on 27 February morning.

The commander viewed the installation of 230 KV twin bundle circuit between Yeywa and Belin, and gave instructions on work.

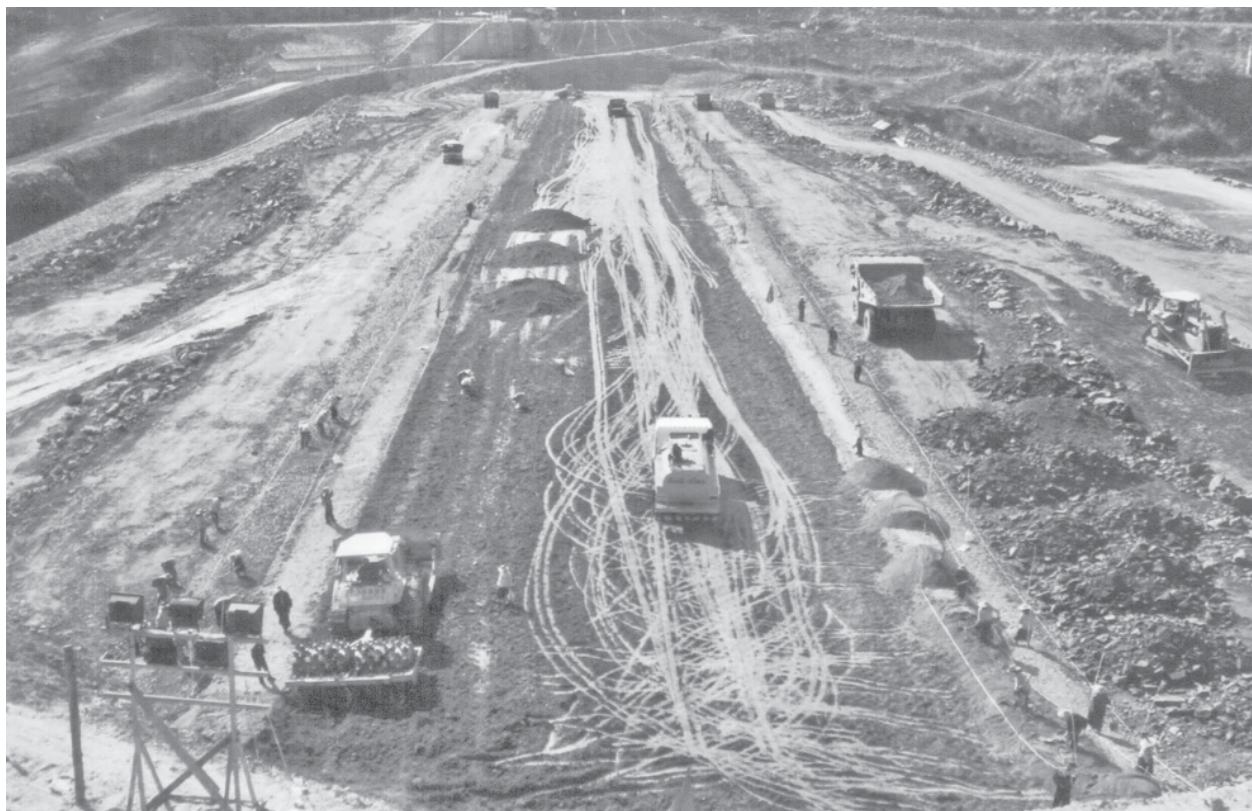
Next, he inspected progress in constructing Kyaukse-Phyaukseikpin-Yeywa Road being undertaken by Public Works. In response to the report on progress of No. (2) inter-district road by officials concerned, the commander gave instructions on tasks.

The commander also inspected construction of Myanmar Elephant, Tiger Head, and AAA cement plants.

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Kunchaung Hydropower Plant gaining momentum



Embankment of Kunchaung Hydropower Project is under construction with the use of heavy machinery.

Article & Photos:
Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

While implementing hydropower projects in various regions of the nation to generate more and more electricity, the government is carrying out the tasks of supplying water obtained from the hydropower plants to the arable lands. Kunchaung Hydropower Project is one of the facilities being undertaken by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.

Kunchaung Hydropower Project is being implemented on Kun Creek, nine miles southwest of Pyu, Toungoo District in Bago Division. To write byline articles, we, members of the news team visited the site of Kunchaung Hydropower Project. In interviews, Project Assistant Director U Ye Myint Tun, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ko Myint and Deputy Staff Officer U Ye Win Tun (Civil) explained facts about the project and conducted us round the project site.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Engage in extended breeding of fresh water fish

Extended breeding of fresh water fish and sea fish is being carried out in addition to engaging in deep-sea fishing so as to satisfy the demand for fish with the world's growing population.

In Myanmar, creeks, rivers and tributaries as well as coastal regions are blessed with fresh water and sea fish and prawns.

The extended breeding of fresh water fish and prawns and engaging in coastal water and off-shore fishing on a wider scale will surely be commercially beneficial.

At present, there are over 200,000 fish breeding ponds in the nation. Those fish breeding ponds produced over 300 million viss of fish in 2008. Fish breeding is carried out not only in lower Myanmar but also in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions of upper Myanmar. Fishes such as variety of carp (*Labeo rohita*), white *Hamilton's carp*, golden *Hamilton's carp*, kind of large carp (*Catla buehanani*), *Barbus spp* and *Teelabia* are bred most.

Greater efforts are to be made not only to ensure self-sufficiency in fresh water fish but also to export the surplus. Meanwhile, priority is to be given to choosing the sites for better fish breeding ponds, hygienic environment and quality of feedstuff while engaging in fish breeding on a commercial scale.

In Myanmar, there are over 3,000 natural ponds and lakes capable of producing over 800,000 tons of fish yearly. Therefore, efforts are to be made for perpetual existence of those fishing resources and for ensuring systematic fishing to protect different species of fish from extinction.

As breeding of fresh water fish and prawn can be of great benefit fish breeders are to widely engage in breeding of quality fish and prawns with the effective application of modern breeding techniques. Only then, will the nation be able to export Myanmar marine products all the more.

Business Development Manager Daw Ei Ei Mon of KMD Group of Companies explains facts about Prolink LCD monitors.—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

Coord meeting of Forestry Ministry held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The Ministry of Forestry held the coordination meeting at the assembly hall of Yezin Forest Research Division, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

State and Division level officials of Forest Department, Arid Zone Greening Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise submitted reports on their respective sectors.

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

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung makes an address at coordination meeting.

FORESTRY



KMD to distribute Prolink LCD monitors

YANGON, 13 March—A press meeting on distribution of Prolink LCD monitors by KMD Sales & Service Centre, the sole agent of Myanmar, took place at Café Blue in Maha Bandoola Park Street today.

First, Business Development Manager Daw Ei Ei Mon of KMD

Group of Companies explained facts about Prolink LCD monitors. Prolink brand computer and accessories have been distributed since 1991 to meet the needs of customers and ISO 9001 Quality Certificate was awarded in 1999.

As an introduction of Prolink LCD monitors on the market, those monitors can be available at K 79,000 each at the summer pre-sales of KMD Sales & Service Centre together with a lucky draw programme at the Strand Hotel on 21 March from 12 noon to 5 pm. For detailed information, contact KMD Sales & Service Centre of No 550-552, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, (Ph: 204071, 245180, 384109, 503511, 503522).

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Appointment of Sri Lankan Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Newton Gunaratna as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Newton Gunaratna was born in 1940. His career is in media work. He used to work in Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation from 1963 to 1997 and Private Media Corporation from 1997 to 2006 respectively. Since 2006, he is serving as President's Media Director in Electronic Media. Mr. Newton Gunaratna is married.—MNA

Book on 2nd Myanmar Emperor published

YANGON, 13 March — A book entitled King Tabin Shwehti and King Bayint Naung and the founding of the 2nd Myanmar Emperor comes out today.

The book written by Hein Zay is also a compilation of the records of the history of Taungoo, famous achievements of King Tabin Shwehti and King Shin Ye Htut and their conquests in Hanthawady, Mottama and marching to Rakhine.

It costs K 2500 per copy and the book is available at Soe Publishing House, Ph 378419; 553757.

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500 stimulant tablets seized in Ayethaya

YANGON, 13 March—Special Anti-drug Squad in Taunggyi arrested three drug traffickers and seized 500 stimulant tablets bearing WY in Ayethaya Myothit in Taunggyi on 10 March.

The authorities searched Myo Zaw Wai and Maung Maung Lwin (a) Ah Si Bya at Ngwemintha Restaurant in Ayethayar Myothit, Taunggyi, on 10 March and seized 500 stimulant tablets from the bag of Myo Zaw Wai. After questioning them, the authorities also arrested Ma Mar Pa Ri, wife of Myo Zaw Wai. The authorities are also taking measures to arrest those related to the case. — MNA



Terrorism expected to increase as downturn worsens: expert

SINGAPORE, 13 March—A terrorism expert warned that terrorist threat is expected to increase as the global economic crisis deepens, local media reported on Friday.

According to local radio 938Live's report, Dr Rohan Gunaratna, from the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, spoke to reporters ahead of a regional security conference that the current economic crisis could cause more people to have financial problems, hence there will be more resentment towards the government.

"Certainly terrorists will try to exploit the resentment at a global level of the worsening financial crisis, and they will do everything possible to attack," Rohan was quoted as saying by the report.

He added that terrorist groups would find it easier to recruit and resort to crimes to raise money.

"I believe that unless governments are willing to commit more resources, the threat of terrorism will grow and there will be more attacks," Rohan said, adding that it is important for governments not to cut down or cut back on security budget and to build law enforcement and intelligence capabilities.—*Internet*



Hamas members inspect the destroyed offices of the head of the Hamas government in Gaza. Members of the regional Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) meeting at a summit in Teheran have urged the rapid rebuilding of violence-wracked Afghanistan and the Gaza Strip.—INTERNET

Japan to join anti-piracy patrols

TOKYO, 13 March — Two Japanese warships are to join an anti-piracy mission off Somalia. The two destroyers are to set sail on Saturday and are expected to reach the Gulf of Aden in about three weeks.

Their deployment follows a defence ministry decision in January, which required approval by parliament and the prime minister. Japan's pacifist constitution allows its forces to mount operations only in self-defence, making the decision to deploy so far from home controversial.

The two ships, Sazanami and Samidare, will carry a total of about 400 sailors and coast guard officials. Their initial role is to protect only Japanese shipping.

The public concern has been that Japan must not be drawn into military actions far beyond its own shores and interests. But the mission has been gaining support in recent weeks.—*Internet*



Japan's Maritime Self-Defence Force is only allowed to deploy defensively.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,257

WASHINGTON, 13 March—As of Thursday, 12 March, 2009, at least 4,257 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,424 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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



Dutch police said the warning of a threat should be taken seriously.—INTERNET

One PKK member killed in clash in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 13 March—One member of the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) was killed in an armed clash in southeastern Turkey Friday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The clash between the PKK militants and the Turkish security forces occurred near Eskihsar village of Nusaybin town of Mardin province, said the report.

It added that the large-scale operation in fighting against the PKK members in the region was continuing.

The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in the over-two-decade conflict.

Internet

Taleban poised at the gates of Kabul

KABUL, 13 March—A top Taleban commander has told CNN his insurgents are poised and ready to attack Kabul and could strike virtually anywhere in the city. It would be tempting to put this down to Taleban propaganda except one of Kabul's top cops is saying the same thing. "We are working on a security strategy for the city and if we don't get it right, they [the Taleban] can attack at any minute, at any hour, any time," says Commander Mohammed Daud Amin, in charge of securing the Kabul district that includes the Presidential Palace and many government ministries.

Proof of the menacing threat came just last month when eight Taleban fighters, bristling with weapons and suicide vests, burst into three government buildings in the center of Kabul. Police and security forces managed to kill all the insurgents before they could detonate their vests, but 20 people were killed and dozens were wounded.—*Internet*

Seven held over Amsterdam threat

AMSTERDAM, 13 March — Seven people have been arrested in the Netherlands on suspicion of planning to blow up shops in Amsterdam. Police said they had acted on a tip a day earlier from an anonymous caller in Belgium who had warned of attacks intended to cause many casualties.

The suspects, six men and a woman, have joint Dutch and Moroccan citizenship. Earlier on Thursday, the authorities closed a major shopping street in Amsterdam. A concert by the American band The Killers was also cancelled. —*Internet*



Children walk with empty watering cans in a village in the Taleban stronghold of Arghandab district in Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan, on 12 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Final Gaza toll shows 960 civilians killed

GAZA, 13 March—Israel's 22-day offensive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip killed 1,434 people, including 960 civilians, 239 police officers and 235 fighters, a group said on Thursday.

Israel carried out attacks by air, land and sea from 27 December to 18 January in a bid, it said, to force Hamas and other militant Islamist groups to stop firing rockets and mortars at southern Israeli towns across their border.

"The investigations reveal that throughout the course of the assault, Israeli Occupation Forces used excessive, indiscriminate force, in violation of the principle of distinction," the group said in a report.

The principle of distinction "obliges all parties to the conflict to distinguish between combatants and non-combatants."

Internet



Turkey's first high-speed train is seen in Ankara on 13 March, 2009. The train made its official trip from the capital city of Ankara to the neighboring province of Eskisehir on Friday, marking the start of the long-awaited high-speed train shuttle between Ankara and Eskisehir.—INTERNET

Two killed in plane crash in Brazil

BRASLIA, 13 March—A small plane crashed in a shopping mall parking lot in Goiania, in the centre of Brazil, on Thursday, killing two occupants, local fire department said.

The victims were a man, who piloted the plane, and his five-year-old daughter. There were no injuries on the ground.

The aircraft, a PT-prefix VFI, fell at around 18:30 local time (2130 GMT) on about 20 vehicles that were parked in the parking lot. The accident caused a fire, which was later brought under control by firefighters.

The police suspected the accident might have been intentional because the plane made some dangerous maneuvers before it fell down.—Xinhua

EU top business group predicts 4.5 m jobless in 2009

BRUSSELS, 13 March—A European top business group predicted on Thursday gloomier economic prospect as 4.5 million people are expected to lose their jobs in the European Union this year.

Business Europe said in its latest economic forecast that the economy in the 16-nation euro zone would shrink by 2.1 percent this year. But last year it expanded 0.8 percent.

The group said that the 27-nation EU would witness an economic contraction of 2.2 percent in 2009.

The forecast was gloomier than the 1.9 percent contraction made by the European Commission in January for the 16-nation euro zone.—Xinhua

World must help Africa reap rewards from economic efforts

UNITED NATIONS, 13 March — Now that African countries have made great strides in adapting to globalization through economic reform, the international community must help them transform their gains into real reductions in poverty, the UN Deputy Secretary-General said.

"African countries have committed themselves to globalization," Asha-Rose Migiro said Wednesday in her keynote

address in Dar es Salaam at a conference entitled, "Changes: Successful Partnerships For Africa's Growth Challenge," co-hosted by the government of Tanzania and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "They have put their macroeconomic houses in order. They have designed not one but two generations of Poverty Reduction Strategy

Papers. The world needs to match these efforts with increased aid and better technical assistance," Migiro said.

She said prudent policy decisions have played an important role in Africa's strong performance, even as Africa benefited from the demand for commodities, debt relief and investors' search for yield.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Obama says he supports free-market economic system

WASHINGTON, 13 March — US President Barack Obama said on Thursday that he supports the free market economic system, a move to seek support for his efforts to revive the ailing economy.

During a meeting with CEOs and other top leaders, Obama said he wants government to right the ship and then "let private enterprise do its magic."

"At these moments,

government has stepped in not to supplant private enterprise, but to catalyze it, to create the conditions for thousands of entrepreneurs and new businesses to adapt and ultimately to thrive," said the President.

He said his government must move quickly and aggressively on the most immediate threats to the American economy and financial stability — jobs, housing and credit.

"And that's why we've already passed a recovery plan that will save and create 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, more than 90 percent of which will be located in the private sector," he explained.

"That's why we've launched a housing plan that will help responsible families lower their monthly payments, a plan that's already helping responsible homeowners save money by refinancing their loans," he added.

Xinhua

First train from Syrian city arrives in Turkey

ANKARA, 13 March—The first train from a Syrian city arrived in Turkey on Thursday night, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The first train between the northwestern Syrian city of Aleppo and Turkey's southern city of Mersin stopped at Turkey's southern city of Adana on Thursday night, said the report, adding that Fikret Deniz, deputy governor of Adana, welcomed the passengers aboard the train.

Deniz said that Turkey attached great importance to train transportation between Turkey and Syria, adding that the new train service would enliven trade and tourism between the two countries.—Xinhua



A man looks at a display of Samsung LCD and plasma televisions at during the IT show in Singapore on 13 March, 2009. Samsung Electronics, the world's top maker of memory chips and flat TVs, expects a very difficult year with shrinking growth and demand, but aims to maintain a profit and outperform the market, Samsung vice chairman and Chief Executive of Samsung Electronics Lee Yoon-woo said on Friday.—INTERNET

Brazil's industrial employment down 1.3% in January

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 March — The industrial employment in Brazil was down 1.3 percent in January over December and a further 2.5 percent down compared to the same period last year, according to a monthly study released on Thursday by the Bra-

zilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

It was the fourth consecutive fall in the industrial employment rate. Since the international financial crisis started escalating, in September, the industrial employment

rate fell 3.9 percent.

In the Feb 2008 to Jan 2009 period, the industrial employment was up 1.6 percent from the previous 12-month period, the lowest growth rate since the 1.5 percent registered in Sept 2007.

Xinhua



An undated handout image shows a species of rain frog (Pristimantis genus) potentially new to science that was discovered in the hills of Tacarcuna, Colombia. —XINHUA



Bush shoe-thrower gets three years in prison



Adel, nephew of TV reporter Muntazer al-Zaidi, displays a picture of his uncle during a protest by Zaidi's relatives demanding his release from jail in central Baghdad on 19 Dec, 2008.—INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 13 March—An Iraqi court sentenced on Thursday an Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former US President George W Bush to three years in prison.

Defiant Muntadhar al-Zaidi, 30, had pleaded not guilty at the courtroom of the Iraqi Central Criminal Court.

Judge Abdul Amir Hassan al-Rubaie asked Zaidi during Thursday's session "are you innocent?"

Zaidi immediately answered, "Yes, your honor,

my reaction was natural, just like any Iraqi would have done."

Reporters and Zaidi's family members and relatives were then ordered to leave the courtroom for the verdict which sent Zaidi to three years in prison for assaulting visiting foreign leader.

"The sentence for Zaidi is harsh, and we as Zaidi's defense team will contest the sentence in the appeals court," Dhiyaa al-Saadi, head of Zaidi's 25-lawyer defence team, told reporters.—*Internet*

Astronauts return to Int'l Space Station as threat passed

WASHINGTON, 13 March—Astronauts returned to the International Space Station on Thursday after taking refuge in Soyuz capsule in case of a collision with a flying debris cloud, NASA said.

"The debris threat to the International Space Station has passed," NASA said in a statement posted on its website.

The International Space Station Expedition 18 crew members returned the station to normal operations after being notified of the all clear at 12:45 pm EDT (1645 GMT). They took refuge for 11 minutes in the Soyuz escape capsule.

The crew took precautionary measures due to space debris that has been determined to be within the range where a collision is possible. News of the close



International Space Station (ISS) Commander Mike Fincke (L) and Flight Engineer Yuri Lonchakov work outside the Russian segment of the station during their spacewalk from the orbiting laboratory in this 10 March, 2009 image from NASA TV.—INTERNET

approach came too late for flight controllers to coordinate an avoidance maneuver.—*Internet*

Study finds "Peking Man" lived in an older, cooler age

BEIJING, 13 March—Scientists using a new radioactive dating method have found that "Peking Man," or *Homo erectus* who was believed to live in the Zhoukoudian Caves in suburban Beijing 400,000 to 500,000 years ago, is actually 200,000 years older, according to a scientific journal published Thursday.

Guanjun Shen from the Nanjing Normal University in eastern Jiangsu Province and his colleagues used an upgraded method based on the radioactive decay of aluminum (Al) and beryllium (Be) isotopes in quartz grains to carry out the dating process. The new results showed that the tool-making "erect man" could be dated back as early as 770,000 years ago.

Shen said the average margin of error of this new method could be plus or minus 80,000 years.

Their research finding was published on the Thursday issue of London-based science journal *Nature*.

Internet



A replica of the 'Peking Man' sits on display at a museum in Beijing. Barrel-chested "Peking Man," the collective name given to the treasure trove of homo erectus fossils found near the Chinese capital in the 1920s, is some 200,000 years older than previously thought, according to a study released Wednesday.—INTERNET



In this image taken from Israel's Channel 10 television, an injured hiker falls to death from an Israeli military helicopter sent to rescue him from a minefield he accidentally stepped into in northern Israel, on 11 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Bridge connecting Hong Kong, Macao and Zhuhai to be built this year

BEIJING, 13 March—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Friday that the construction of the bridge connecting Hong Kong, Macao, and Zhuhai will start before the end of this year.

Wen made the remarks at a press conference after the closing ceremony of the annual session of the National People's Congress, the top legislative body.

"I want to make it here clear that the financing problem legging the Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao bridge project has already been resolved," said Wen.

Internet

Family meals good for teens

BEIJING, 13 March—Parents wanting to instill good eating habits in their children, particularly teenagers, should make sure they eat meals together.

In one of the first long-term studies to look at the benefits of family meals, researchers at the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota found that family meals have a big impact on adolescents because they encourage healthy eating habits and good nutritional choices.

"These findings suggest that having regular family meals during the transition from early to middle adolescence positively impacts the development of healthful behaviors for youth," said Teri L Burgess-Champoux, who worked on the study.—*Internet*

US Airport runways not safe enough for aircraft accidents

LOS ANGELES, 13 March — Eleven major airports in the United States, including the Los Angeles International Airport, might fail to meet a 2015 deadline for federal runway safety standards set to reduce the risk of aircraft accidents, a report said Wednesday.

Two runways at the Los Angeles Airport are smaller than what federal regulations have required for airports since 1988, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, citing a recent report by the

inspector general's office for the US Department of Transportation.

Other airports must create safety areas that comply with the federal standards where feasible or develop alternatives such as collapsible pavement around runways, according to the newspaper.

After several accidents related to inadequate safety areas at airports, the US Congress in 2005 set a deadline of 2015 for compliance. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Malaysia urged to force big oil to produce biofuel



An oil palm plantation covers a swath of land where a forest once stood in the Miri interior, eastern Malaysian Borneo state of Sarawak in 2007.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 March— Malaysia must force major oil firms to produce biofuel if the once-vaunted biodiesel industry is to have any future, industry experts told a conference Thursday.

When crude oil prices rocketed last year, Malaysia and Indonesia, which produce most of the world's palm oil, heavily

promoted their version of biofuel — a mixture of diesel with five percent processed palm oil.

But the industry's fortunes waned when the price of crude oil tumbled, triggering a crash in the palm oil price which made supply uncertain and jeopardised the long-term contracts needed to develop the biofuel industry.

Malaysia already requires government diesel vehicles to use biofuel, with privately owned diesel vehicles compelled to make the shift by next February.—*Internet*



A worker inspects a wool suit jacket, that will be sold in the US, at a clothing factory in San Rafael de Alajuela, Costa Rica, on 11 March, 2009.

INTERNET

Woman shot in robbery in greater Athens dies

ATHENS, 13 March—A woman shot in an armed robbery at the Germanos chain in Vyronas in greater Athens area died as a result of her injuries shortly after arriving at the hospital on Thursday afternoon.

Police said the woman was shot in the chest and doctors had no time to save her, since she died within minutes of arriving at hospital.

The outlet of the Germanos chain in Vyronas where the woman worked had earlier been the target of an armed robbery by two men, one of whom was also injured in a subsequent exchange of fire with an off-duty police officer that happened to be on the scene and gave chase. According to *Athens News Agency*, the robber, an Albanian national, is now being treated for his injuries at the Evangelismos Hospital, while his accomplice managed to get away.

The incident occurred shortly after 2 pm local time, when the two armed men entered the electronic goods outlet and grabbed an unknown quantity of money. On their way out of the shop, however, they began to shoot and a bullet hit the unlucky woman.—*Internet*

Strong earthquake hits offshore south of Panama

PANAMA CITY, 13 March— An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale rocked the seabed 340 km south of Panama on Thursday, local media reported, citing the US Geological Survey.

The quake struck at 2323 GMT and its epicenter was 10 km below the Pacific Ocean, the report said.

No tsunami warnings were issued and there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage in Panama.

The quake was felt in Chiriqui Province of southwestern Panama and in southeastern Costa Rica, but not in Panama City.—*Internet*

Chicken carcass confirmed positive for H5N1 virus in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 13 March—A chicken carcass found in Hong Kong's Tung Ping Chau was confirmed to be H5N1 positive after a series of laboratory tests, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of Hong Kong (AFCD) said on Thursday.

A spokesman of AFCD said that the carcass was found floating in the sea off Kang Lau Shek, Tung Ping Chau, on 2 March. It was highly decomposed when found and required a series of confirmatory tests for avian influenza. Test results available on Thursday confirmed that the dead bird was H5N1 positive.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM



A man climbs up a frozen artificial waterfall in the Swiss mountain resort of Pontresina on 26 January, 2008.

The new Apple iPod Shuffle is shown at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif. Apple Inc unveiled a minuscule new iPod Shuffle that takes its 'smaller is better' mantra to a whole new level. The third-generation Shuffle, a slim aluminum rectangle less than 2 inches long, takes up about half as much space as the previous version even as it doubles music storage space to 4 gigabytes holds about 1,000 songs.

Kangaroo intruder terrorizes sleeping family

An Australian couple thought they were being attacked by an intruder when a kangaroo crashed through their bedroom window and started jumping on them.

"My initial thought, when I was half awake, was it's a lunatic ninja coming through the window. It seems about as likely as a kangaroo breaking in," Beat Ettlin told local media. The three-meter (9 feet) kangaroo smashed through the window in Ettlin's Canberra home Sunday night. While Ettlin and his wife and young daughter took refuge under the blankets, the injured kangaroo jumped on top of them, gouging holes in the furniture and smearing blood all over the walls, said the Australian Associated Press.

The next thing Ettlin heard was his 10-year-old son Leighton screaming from his bed: "There's a 'roo in my room!"



Oldest sea turtle fossil unveiled in Mexico

Paleontologists on Thursday unveiled the oldest fossil remains of a sea turtle that lived 72 million years ago in northern Mexico, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) said.

"It is the oldest sea turtle of its kind and it belongs to the chelonia family. The oldest specimen of this species up to now was 65 million years old and was found in New Jersey, United States," the INAH said in a statement. The fossils of seven sea turtles were found at different sites in Coahuila, the state that Mexican scientists call "the paradise of paleontology."

These sea turtles inhabited the northern region in the late Cretaceous period, 72 million years ago, and is the ancestor of the present day green turtle, the institute said. It was one meter (yard) long, 70 centimeters (28 inches) wide and distinguished from other turtles by its rounded head.



Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) head to the sea just after hatching. Paleontologists unveiled the oldest fossil remains of a sea turtle, the ancestor of the present day green turtle, that lived 72 million years ago in northern Mexico, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) said.

Georgia inmate arrested trying to get back in jail

Authorities say they arrested an escaped jail inmate trying to sneak back into the lockup with cigarettes allegedly stolen from a nearby store. Sheriff Tommy Gregory said on Saturday that 25-year-old Harry Jackson had opened a door to the exercise yard and climbed the outer fence.

Deputies found a jail door unlocked early Saturday and were looking for the inmate. They spotted Jackson trying to come back in and found 14 packs of cigarettes they believe were stolen from a convenience store about a block away. Jackson faces new charges of breaking out of jail and burglary. He was already in jail in Camden County in far southeast Georgia for charges including possession of a controlled substance and violating probation.



Kunchaung Hydropower Plant gaining momentum

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

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Kun Creek that originates at Bago mountain range flows into Sittoung River. Kunchaung Hydropower Project was included in the tasks of the United Nations Development Program in 1964. It was one of the multi-purpose projects for development of Sittoung Valley.

Upon completion, the following benefits can be created by Kunchaung Hydropower Project.

(1) The electricity

generated from the project can be supplied to the entire nation through the national power grid.

(2) The project will prevent flooding in some parts of Sittoung Valley.

(3) The project can irrigate the farmlands in Sittoung Valley, Kanyutkwin and Penwgon regions for cultivation of mixed crops.

At present, the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is building the embankment of the dam,

the spillway, the conduit, the water control tower and the water intake structure and laying of pre-stressed steel pipelines. Likewise, the diversion weir and irrigation facilities are under construction.

So far, a total of 4,340 feet long water tunnel on both sides are being dug. Necessary maintenance tasks are being carried out at the already-completed tunnel. The afflux tank is under construction with the use of 38,530 cubic feet of



Surge drum is being built at Kunchaung Hydropower Plant.

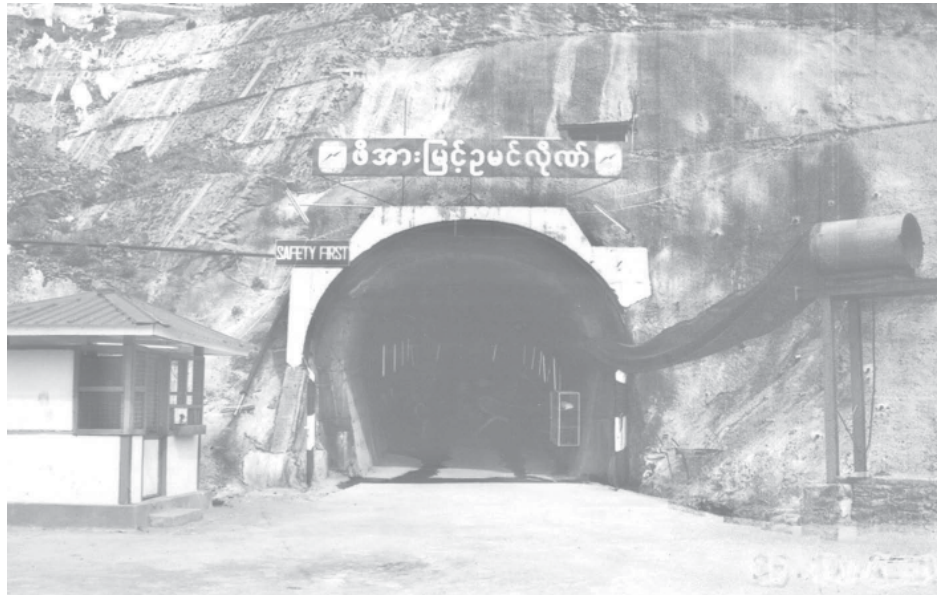


Photo shows penstock tunnel of Kunchaung Hydropower Project.

concrete. Moreover, the land preparation is being carried out for construction of the hydropower plant.

The construction of embankment has completed by 95.6 per cent, the spillway 76.6 per cent, the intake structure 95 per cent, the water intake tunnel 57 per cent, the afflux tank 94.8 per cent and the power plant 25 per cent. So far, the whole project has completed by 71 per cent.

The Staff Officers explained to us that water from the power intake structure will be supplied to the water tunnel through the low stressed steel pipeline for generating electricity. After that, water will be distributed to the power plant through the high stressed steel pipeline for generating electricity with the use of three 20-megawatt generators.

A total of 190

million kilowatt hours generated from the plant will be supplied to the entire nation through the power grid. Thanks to implementation of Kunchaung Hydropower Multi-purpose Project, the people will have the opportunities to get electricity and to extend cultivation of paddy and other crops.

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Clear sky visibility over land has decreased globally

MARYLAND UNIVERSITY, 13 March — A University of Maryland-led team has compiled the



Industrial pollution clouds an otherwise clear sky.

first decades-long database of aerosol measurements over land, making possible new research into how air pollution changes affect climate change.

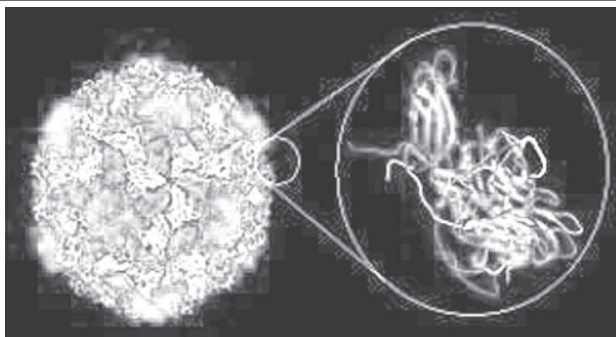
Using this new database, the researchers show that clear sky visibility over land has decreased globally over the past 30 years, indicative of increases in aerosols, or airborne pollution. Their findings are published in the journal Science.

"Creation of this database is a big step forward for researching long-term changes in air pollution and correlating these with climate change," said Kaicun Wang, assistant research scientist in the University of Maryland's department of geography and lead author of the paper. "And it is the first time we have gotten global long-term aerosol information over land to go with information already available on aerosol measurements over the world's oceans."—Internet

AIDS vaccine gets closer

STOCKHOLM, 13 March — Rutgers AIDS researchers Gail Ferstandig Arnold and Eddy Arnold may have turned a corner in their search for a HIV vaccine. With the support of the National Institutes of Health, the Arnolds and their team have been able to take a piece of HIV that is involved with helping the virus enter cells, put it on the surface of a common cold virus, and then immunize animals with it.

They found that the animals made antibodies that can stop an unusually diverse set of HIV isolates or varieties.—Internet



Human rhinovirus showing pieces of HIV (red) that stimulate helpful immune responses displayed on the rhinovirus surface, thereby creating a safe mimic of HIV.

Preserved shark fossil adds evidence to great white's origins



A new University of Florida study could help resolve a long-standing debate in shark paleontology.

TALLAHASSEE, 13 March — A new University of Florida study could help resolve a long-standing debate in shark paleontology: From which line of species did the modern great white shark evolve?

For the last 150 years, some paleontologists have concluded the great white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*, is a smaller relative of the line that produced *Carcharodon megalodon*, the largest carnivorous fish known. Other paleontologists disagree, arguing the great white shark evolved instead from the broad-toothed mako shark. The second group contends *megalodon*, which grew to a length of 60 feet, should have its genus name switched to *Carcharocles* to reflect its different ancestry.—Internet

Commander inspects soya-bean plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo, on 2 March, visited soya-bean plantation of peasant U Ai Kaung near Wan-kyauk-long village of Fanmin village-tract in Tachilek Township.

The commander also inspected broadcast of fertilizer in summer paddy field of U Ai Zhang in Wan-kyauk-long village and cordially greeted the farmers. The commander then looked into upgrading of Hanthawadi Street of Sansai (B) Ward of Tachilek Township.

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Cash and kind donated to MFB

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March – A ceremony to donate cash and kind to Myanmar Fire Brigade

that will participate in the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade took place here this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-

Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, departmental heads and officials.

The minister spoke on the occasion and presented K 5 million, equipment and foodstuff to officials. — MNA

Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents cash assistance for members of FSD who will participate in 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade through an official. — MNA



Winners of Photo Contest, best manuscripts of Myawaddy announced

YANGON, 13 March—Winners of Myawaddy Photo Contest and the best manuscripts of the year of Myawaddy and Ngwetaryi magazines were announced today.

Sit Nyein Pan won the first; Dr Win Mar (IM-2) the second and U Soe Lwin (Moe Thauk) the third in the photo contest. Aung Myo Tun (Upper Myanmar), Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture) and Maung Maung Tun won the consolation prizes.

Cartoonist Maung Tin Yu became the best cartoonist of the year of Myawaddy Magazine. Maung Sein Win's (Padigon) "Shwe Myanmar" poem won the the best poem of the year and Maung Khin Min (Donubyu)'s article won the best article of the year of Myawaddy Magazine.

Cartoonist Maung Lwan Maung (Thuwunna) won the best cartoonist of the year of Ngwetaryi Magazine. Maung Hae Mar's "Kyun-ka-lay-baw-hmar" was selected as the best poem of the year and Ma Kyan's "Ah-sut-khun" was selected the best article of the year of Ngwetaryi Magazine. Ko Naing (Chin Hill)'s "Taung-pyar-hmar-kyar-pwint-hlyin-pyint" won the best short story of the year and Aung Pan Chaung Thar (Yesagyo)'s "Chein-te-nya" was selected as the best novel of the year.

The winners will be awarded at the anniversary celebration of Myawaddy TV and are to contact Myawaddy Publishing House Ph 559273 and 371277. — MNA

Integrated farm doing well in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint attended a ceremony to contribute cash to the funds of the training school for development of national races at the school in Loikaw, Kayah State, on 2 March.

On 3 March, Brig-Gen Win Myint visited the integrated farm at the village of Hmone-pya in Loikaw township and inspected fish and livestock breeding farms and vegetable cultivation and bio-gas-powered plant there and gave instructions to officials concerned. —MNA

Malaysian Rizman leading Myanmar Masters

YANGON, 13 March—The Myanmar Masters 2009 golf tournament, organized by Myanmar PGA, continued at Pun Hlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

After the second round, Airil Rizman (Malaysia) stood first with 138 strokes. Soe Kyaw Naing, Zaw Paing Oo, Stewart GINN (Australia) and Bo Bo Lay (Amateur) tied at second position with 142. Yin Aung Latt and Thein Zaw Myint secured the third positions with 144 each.

President of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation U Teza, Vice-

Presidents U Zaw Min and U Min Thein, General Secretary U Aung Kyi and executives, responsible persons of Pun Hlaing Golf Club and spectators were present.

Air Bagan Ltd mainly sponsored the tournament together with International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, KBZ Bank, Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Aureum Palace Hotel, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, CEPSEA, KM Golf Centre, Srixon and Alpine Purified Drinking Water.

The third round of the tournament continues tomorrow.—MNA



Airil Rizman (Malaysia) focusing on competition in second round of Myanmar Masters 2009. —MGF

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

UNHCR High Commissioner concludes visit

YANGON, 13 March—Mr Antonio Guterres, High Commissioner of UNHCR based in Geneva, Switzerland, and Mr Raymond Hall, Regional Coordinator of UNHCR based in Bangkok, Thailand, arrived here by air on 7 March. They visited Bagan-NyaungU on 8 March.

The guests called on Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Oo, U Nyan Win and Col Thein Nyunt in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 March.

On 10 March morning, the guests visited the National Museum in Yangon. In the afternoon, they met the staff of UNHCR from Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships at Sittway Hotel and visited the cultural museum, the library and the view point in Sittway. On 11 March morning, they visited the primary school in Auknan village in Rethedaung Township built by UNHCR. In the afternoon on the same day, the guests met the resident representatives of UN agencies at UNDP office in Yangon and visited the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Yesterday morning, the guests toured Myeik Township, and in the afternoon met Chairman of Tripartite Core Group Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu and left here by air in the evening. — MNA



Rail Transportation Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Ministry of Rail Transportation held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry here, with an opening speech by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, directors-general, managing directors, principal of Central Institute of Transport and Communications and officials concerned of states/divisions.

At the meeting, the minister stressed the need for minimizing loss and wastage and timely completion of the projects and implementation of more new projects.

Deputy ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than presented reports. And the directors-general, the managing directors and the principal also presented reports on works done by their departments. Afterwards, the minister left necessary instructions.—MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min speaking at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Rail Transportation. —MNA

Rural development tasks to be completed on schedule



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt delivers an address at his ministry's coordination meeting. —PBANRDA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held a Coordination meeting at

its assembly hall here on yesterday morning.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt in his speech called for completion on schedule of projects for rural development, construction of inter-district roads and rural housings, and supply of safe water.

Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint, Acting Director-General of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department U Khin Kyuu, Director-General of the Education and Training Department U Than Win, Managing Director of Development Affairs Bank Ltd U Khin Lat and directors of state/division Development Affairs Departments presented reports on work progress.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe held discussions on engineering work and

assessed the reports.

The minister gave concluding remarks.

Up to 10 March 2009 in 2008-2009 fiscal year, township development affairs departments constructed and upgraded 289 miles and one furlong of urban roads and 786 miles of rural roads, totaling 1075 miles and one furlong. The length of the roads constructed by township development affairs departments has surged to 39,050 miles and one furlong from 5936 miles and two furlongs in 1988. Of the targeted 3048 clean water supply works: 716 in urban and 2332 in rural areas, 3033 have been completed up to now. The rural water supply project for three arid regions—Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions was put into action in 2000-2001 financial year, and up to 10 March 2008, the departments completed 12,584 rural water supply facilities.

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41st Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment begins

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The 41st Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (41st CCI), hosted by Myanmar, commenced at Golden Palace Hotel in Nyaung U on 11 and 12 March.

It was attended by officials of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the ASEAN Secretariat, delegates of ASEAN members Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, departmental officials of the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of

Information, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2.

The participants discussed future tasks to

be carried out according to the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement signed by ASEAN Economic Ministers at the 14th ASEAN Summit and promotion of investment between the ASEAN and its partner countries.

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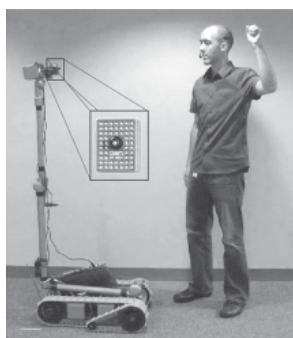
Robot responds to human gestures

BROWN UNIVERSITY, 13 March—Imagine a day when you turn to your own personal robot, give it a task and then sit down and relax, confident

that your robot is doing exactly what you wanted it to do.

So far, that autonomous, do-it-all robot is the stuff of science fiction or cartoons like "The Jetsons." But a Brown University-led robotics team has made an

Brown computer scientists have built a robot that can follow nonverbal commands from a person.



important advance: The group has demonstrated how a robot can follow nonverbal commands from a person in a variety of environments—indoors as well as outside—all without adjusting for lighting.

"We have created a novel system where the robot will follow you at a precise distance, where you don't need to wear special clothing, you don't need to be in a special environment, and you don't need to look backward to track

it," said Chad Jenkins, assistant professor of computer science at Brown University and the team's leader.

Jenkins will present the achievement at the Human-Robot Interaction conference March 11-13, 2009, in San Diego. A paper accompanying the video also will be presented at the conference.

Matthew Loper, a Brown graduate student, is the lead author on the paper.—Internet

Basic Junior Officer Course concludes

YANGON, 13 March—The Basic Junior Officer Course No. 43 of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) concluded at the parade ground of the institute this

today, with an address by Rector U Win Maung.

It was also attended by pro-rectors, faculty members, trainees and their parents and relatives.—MNA

DON'T SMOKE

Tangyan enjoying fruits of peace, stability and development

Article and Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

(from page 16)

The local people are enjoying the comforts of electricity with the use of self-reliant generators and small-scale hydropower generators. We saw the runs of vans, Sunny Pickups and Hilux Pickups carrying passengers and goods along 83-mile Lashio-Tangyan Road.

In an interview, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Thura explained to the news team that Tangyan Township formed with 10 wards and 49 village-



U Kyaw Thura, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council.

tracts is home of 189,299 people from 16,225 households of 16,118 houses. As part of cultivating the

alternative crops, the cultivable lands are put under coffee, tea and rubber plantations. Groundnut was grown on 4,750 acres of land against the target of 3,200 acres, account-

ing for 104.9 per cent. In 2009, cultivation of summer paddy on 900 acres of land exceeded the target, and the township achieved 146.46 per cent of rice sufficiency. In the educa-



Local people using communication facility through MPT satellite system at communication centre in Tangyan.



Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Thura hands over K 300,000 to the education funds through Township Education Officer U Ye Nyunt.

tion sector, the arrangements have been made for undertaking the enrolment of all school going-age children. This year, a total of 275 students are sitting for the matriculation examination for this years. Previous year, two students secured four distinctions in the examination for this year, and one of two gained admission to the University of Medicine. This year, K 300,000 was donated to the educational funds through the Township Education Officer with a view to raising the pass rate of the matriculation examination of the students, he said.

In-charge of the communication office Daw Win May told us that

the township communication centre has been upgraded from the magneto facility to the MPT satellite one for making overseas calls and trunk calls.

The people of Tangyan who had bitter experience of instability and lack of peace in the past can grasp the job opportunity to grow poppy-substitute rubber and tea. They can transport domestic agricultural produce and other products with the use of motorcycles and light trucks. Their activities without fear reflect the prevalence of peace and stability and development of Tangyan.

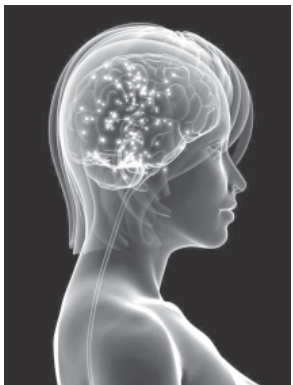
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Transplanting of summer paddy in progress at Khoyawng Village of Tangyan Township.

'Mind-reading' experiment highlights how brain records memories

LONDON, 13 March — It may be possible to "read" a



Rendering of active brain. It may be possible to "read" a person's memories just by looking at brain activity.

person's memories just by looking at brain activity, according to research carried out by Wellcome Trust scientists. In a study published in the journal *Current Biology*, they show that our memories are recorded in regular patterns, a finding which challenges current scientific thinking.

Demis Hassabis and Professor Eleanor Maguire at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging at UCL (University College London) have previously studied the role of a small area of the brain known as

the hippocampus which is crucial for navigation, memory recall and imagining future events. Now, the researchers have shown how the hippocampus records memory.

When we move around, nerve cells (neurons) known as "place cells", which are located in the hippocampus, activate to tell us where we are. Hassabis, Maguire and colleagues used an fMRI scanner, which measures changes in blood flow within the brain, to examine the activity of these place cells as a volunteer navigated around a virtual reality environment.—*Internet*

Fear memories weakened with beta-blocker propranolol

AMSTERDAM, 13 March — A team of Dutch researchers led by Merel Kindt has successfully reduced the fear response. They weakened fear memories in human volunteers by administering the beta-blocker propranolol. Interestingly, the fear response does not return over the course of time.

The findings were published in the March 2009 issue of *Nature Neuroscience*.

Until recently, it was assumed that the fear memory could not be deleted. However, Kindt's team has demonstrated that changes can indeed be effected in the emotional memory of human beings.

Before fear memories are stored in the long-term memory, there

is a temporary labile phase. During this phase, protein synthesis takes place that 'records' the memories. The traditional idea was that the memory is established after this phase and can, therefore, no longer be altered. However, this protein synthesis also occurs when memories are retrieved from the memory and so there is once again a labile phase at that moment. The researchers managed to successfully intervene in this phase.

Internet





Baghdad blasts kill one, injure seven

BAGHDAD, 13 March—A series of bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital on Friday killed one woman and injured seven other people, including four policemen, police said.

The woman died and a man was wounded in the

southwestern district of Dora, a former Sunni insurgent stronghold.

Four policemen were wounded by a roadside bomb targeting their patrol in the Al-Jadida neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, in the

western Al-Khadra district, two civilians were hurt by a bomb planted on the street.

The attacks followed two major bombings this week that left more than 60 people dead and sparked new security worries as US forces prepare to pare down troop levels in Iraq after six years of occupation.

Despite the recent violence overall security has improved greatly since late 2007.—Internet



An Iraqi police commando inspects the site where a roadside bomb targeted a police patrol in Baghdad. A series of bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital have killed one woman and injured seven other people, including four policemen, police said.—INTERNET



Burning fuel : A Royal Australian Airforce F111 performs a fuel dump and burn at the Australian International Airshow near Melbourne.

INTERNET

Ten drink windshield wiper fluid at Ark day care

LITTLE ROCK (Ark), 13 March—Ten children drank windshield wiper fluid after a staffer at an Arkansas day care mistakenly put the liquid in a refrigerator and served it, hospital officials said Friday. Doctors estimate the children, ages 2 to 7, drank about an ounce of the blue fluid late Thursday afternoon before realizing it tasted wrong, said Laura James, a pediatric pharmacologist and toxicologist at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Only one child remained hospitalized Friday morning, after blood samples showed "measurable levels" of methanol, a highly toxic alcohol that can induce comas and cause blindness, officials said.

The day care also provided the fluid for testing. "All we know was that the individual at the day care had recently shopped and had come back to the day care with a lot of different products," James told *The Associated Press*. —Internet

Britain starts construction of 2010 Shanghai Expo pavilion

BEIJING, 13 March—Britain started construction of its pavilion for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo on Thursday.

The pavilion covers an area of 6,000 square meters.

Two ginkgo trees were planted on Thursday at the ground-breaking ceremony.

The pavilion looks like a box with thousands of spines that hover without visible support above a public square.

The construction will be completed in May 2010.

Altogether 185 countries and 46 international organizations have so far committed to participate in the expo.

The World Expo 2010, with the theme of "Better City, Better Life," will be held from May 1 to Oct. 31 next year and is expected to attract 70 million visitors. Xinhua News Agency correspondents reporting from Beijing.

Internet

Four killed in bus accident in S China

ZHAOQING, 13 March—At least four people were killed and 13 injured after a passenger bus plunged from a highway in Guangdong Province Friday, the local police said. The 49-seat bus, carrying 35 people, suddenly fell over from a section of a eight-meter-high expressway in Zhaoqing City.

Four were killed at the site and three suffered serious limb fractures. Ten others sustained minor injuries. All the injured are in stable condition.

An initial investigation blamed the accident on failure to control speed.

Police officers and officials with the local traffic and work safety authorities were inspecting the field investigation at the site.

Internet

Foundation of small shopping mall under construction collapses in Kampala

KAMPALA, 13 March—The foundation of a small shopping mall under construction collapsed on Friday in downtown Kampala, the capital of East African country Uganda.

Local radio KFM reported three people have been found in the ruins and two of them were in serious condition. The total number of people inside the building is still unknown. The reason for the collapse is unclear.—Internet

Three teachers kidnapped in S Philippines

MANILA, 13 March—Three teachers were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in a town of Zamboanga Sibugay province Friday afternoon, the regional military spokesperson said.—Internet

Fire at Bangladesh's largest mall kills one

DHAKA (Bangladesh), 13 March—A helicopter plucked survivors from the roof of Bangladesh's biggest shopping mall Friday as a fire raced through the upper levels of the high-rise complex, killing a security guard and injuring at least 50 other people.

Huge flames shot into the air amid billowing smoke as hundreds of panicked people, many carrying shopping bags, fled Dhaka's 22-story Bashundhara City mall, which has more than 2,000 stores and cafes.

The blaze broke out on the 18th floor, fire official Selina Chowdhury said. Fifteen fire trucks responded, but the flames still spread quickly. Troops and police joined firefighters in the

rescue work, said Abul Kalam Azad, spokesman for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

An air force helicopter rescued three people, including the mall's chief security officer, from the roof, fire official Mahbubur Rahman said.

Rahman said the blaze, fanned by summer winds, continued burning for more than four hours.—Internet

Flames rise out of the burning Bashundhara City mall in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 13 March, 2009. A fire swept through Bangladesh's largest shopping mall Friday, killing a security guard and sending frightened shoppers fleeing outside, officials said.—INTERNET



Search for Canada crash survivors

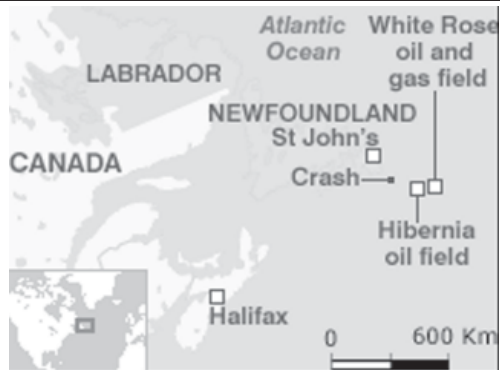
ST JOHN'S, 13 March—One person has been confirmed dead and one survivor has been found after a helicopter carrying 18 people crashed into the sea off Canada's east coast.

An intensive air and sea search has been mounted to find other survivors in icy waters approaching 0C (32F). The S-92 Sikorsky helicopter crashed 87km (54 miles) south-east of St John's in the province of Newfoundland, after reporting technical problems. It was carrying workers to two oil platforms off Newfoundland's coast. The helicopter sent out a distress call at 0918 (1148 GMT) in mild weather, said Rick Burt of charter company Cougar Helicopters, the aircraft's operator. "The aircraft was on its way out, experienced technical problems, radioed in that it was turning around and that was the last that we had communication," Mr Burt told a news conference.—*Internet*

YANGON GOLF CLUB NOTICE

NOTICE is here by given that the Annual General Meeting of the Yangon Golf Club will be held on Friday 27th March, 2009 at Club House Premises at 10:00 hours.

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Canadian jailed for plotting UK terror attacks

LONDON, 13 March — A Canadian man was jailed for ten and a half years yesterday for plotting with a group of British Muslims to bomb buildings and natural gas pipes in the UK. Momim Khawaja is the first person to be sentenced under Canadian anti-terrorism laws passed after the 9/11 attacks. He was convicted last year of financing and facilitating terrorism.

A Canadian-born Muslim of Pakistani descent, Khawaja was accused of collaborating with a group of Britons of Pakistani descent in a failed 2004 plan to attack London's Ministry of Sound nightclub, a shopping centre and electrical and gas facilities.

Meanwhile, Dutch police arrested seven people suspected of preparing a terrorist attack in Amsterdam yesterday, including a relative of one of the attackers who died in the 2004 bombings in Madrid.—*Internet*



A man stands next to his daughter who was wounded in a bomb attack, in a hospital in Kirkuk on 11 March, 2009. Two people were killed and seven were wounded when a car bomb exploded near a police patrol in Kirkuk, about 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.—INTERNET

Horse bites off Indonesian man's testicle, spits it out

JAKARTA, 13 March — An Indonesian villager had to be rushed to hospital after a horse bit off one of his testicles.

The 35-year-old man was unloading sand from a horse-drawn cart at a construction site in Sulawesi earlier this week when the attack occurred, Indonesia's state-run news agency Antara reported.

A witness said the animal suddenly lunged at the man, sinking its teeth into his crotch.

Shocked bystanders loaded the man into a car to take him to hospital, before one noticed a piece of flesh on the pavement. "Luckily the horse did not chew up or swallow his testicle, but spit it onto the pavement," the bystander was quoted as saying.

"So I picked it up and brought it to the doctor at the hospital where the victim was being treated." It was not known whether doctors attempted to sew it back on.

The 70-year-old owner of the horse, Budi, said the animal was trained but sometimes turned wild, and had bitten in the past.

Internet

Husband kills wife at veterinary clinic

HAMILTON, 13 March—A South Jersey man with a semi-automatic handgun shot and killed his estranged wife and himself Thursday at the veterinary clinic where she worked, police said. It was the second case of its kind in Hamilton Township near Atlantic City, NJ, in just over a week, *The Press of Atlantic City* reported.

Employees at the All Paws Veterinary Clinic told investigators that Patrice Clemente, 50, the clinic receptionist, said Thursday morning that her husband, Ronald, 51, had threatened her life, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel said. They told her to call the police, but she did not.

Just over an hour later, at around 10 am, Ronald Clemente arrived at the clinic. He shot his wife in the head. The couple were in the middle of a divorce. Patrice Clemente had three sons and a daughter from previous relationships.

Internet

American Airlines to cut 323 attendants

FORTH WORTH, 13 March—Union officials said US air carrier American Airlines told 323 flight attendants their positions had been cut due to shrinking demand for travel.

The airline also this week it may reduce passenger capacity further this year due to light demand. Earlier, American Airlines said it would trim flight schedules 7 percent this year, following an 8 percent reduction in 2008.

Laura Glading, president of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants said some of the attendants involved in the layoff had just returned to work from previous furloughs.

"This will be most devastating for them," she said. "Our heart goes out to our members who will soon be without income, active coverage for health benefits and the career they love," she said.

Internet

Mother of two, jailed over a cup of tea

DUBAI, 13 March — A British mother of two is being held in jail after being found guilty of adultery — for having a cup of tea with a male friend.

Marnie Pearce, 40, had separated from her Egyptian husband Ihab El-Labban when he burst into her Dubai home and found her drinking tea with another man. Mr El-Labban now has custody of their two children — Ziad, 4, and Laith, 7 — and former classroom assistant Ms Pearce fears she may never see them again because she will be deported as soon as she is released.

Ms Pearce, who has lived in Dubai for 15 years, is "a prisoner of conscience". Mr El-Labban made the claim of adultery — which is a crime in the strict Muslim country — during a custody battle over the boys.

Ms Pearce, who denies a physical relationship with the man, went on the run with the boys but eventually gave herself up and handed the sobbing children over before her case was heard and she was sentenced.

Internet

A paleontologist cleans a fossilized bird cranium at Peru's National History Museum in Lima, on 27 Feb, 2009. The fossil found in Peru is the best-preserved cranium ever found from a pelagornithid, a species believed to have gone extinct some 3 million years ago, according to Rodolfo Salas, head of vertebrate paleontology at Peru's National History Museum.

INTERNET





Chemical traces found in child bath items

WASHINGTON, 13 March — Dozens of top-selling children's bath products are contaminated with trace amounts of cancer-causing chemicals, a US health advocacy group says.

Officials of the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics says it commissioned an independent laboratory to test 48 children's bath products that documented the widespread presence of both formaldehyde and 1,4-dioxane. The chemicals were not disclosed on product labels because contaminants are exempt from labeling laws, officials of the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics said.

The findings also include:

- 61 percent of products contained both formaldehyde and 1,4-dioxane.

- 82 percent contained formaldehyde at levels

from 54 parts per million to 610 ppm.

- 67 percent contained 1,4-dioxane at levels from 0.27 ppm to 35 ppm.

No regulatory standards limit formaldehyde or 1,4-dioxane in personal care products sold in the United States, but formaldehyde is banned from personal care products in Japan and Sweden, while the European Union bans 1,4-dioxane from personal care products and has recalled products found to contain the chemical, campaign officials said.

Internet



A research firm said that worldwide sales of hi-tech "smartphones" grew at their slowest pace yet in the fourth quarter of 2008 as the financial crisis hit demand.—INTERNET

Hyperbaric treatment effective for autism

MELBOURNE, 13 March — A US controlled trial of hyperbaric treatments for children with autism has determined such treatments can improve the patients' conditions. Hyperbaric therapy traditionally involves inhaling up to 100 percent oxygen at a pressure greater than 1 atmosphere in a pressurized chamber.

In the first randomized, controlled, double-blind multi-center trial, Dr Dan Rossignol of the International Child Development Resource Center and colleagues from six US centers, studied 62 children ages 2-7 years to assess the efficacy of hyperbaric treatment for children with autism. The children were randomly assigned to either 40 hours of hyperbaric treatment or slightly pressurized room air.

The study determined children with autism in the treatment group had significant improvements in overall functioning, receptive language, social interaction, eye contact and sensory/cognitive awareness compared with children in the non-treatment group.—Internet

Recession causing lots of stress

TALLAHASSEE, 13 March — Employees are more stressed and more strained today, and they aren't looking to make a move to improve their situation, US researchers said.

"Scared — it's the one word I would use to describe the mental status of employees these days," Wayne Hochwarter of Florida State University said in a statement.

"The study shows employees have little confidence that the next work situation will be any more secure than the current one."

Hochwarter said his study of 300 married,

working couples found the financial crisis is affecting people both at work and in their personal lives.

The study also found: — More than 70 percent of men and women said the recession has significantly increased the stress levels of employees in recent months.

— 55 percent reported that management has grown increasingly demanding during this period.

— More than 65 percent predicted significant job changes to occur within one year, 80 percent of employees reported being nervous about their long-

term financial well-being.

— More than 40 percent of employees reported increased incivility such as "backstabbing," "sucking up" and politicking as a means to stay employed.

— More than 80 percent of both men and women said it is unlikely they would be able to retire when they wanted.—Internet

A worker cleans second-hand cars at the biggest open-air market in Bulgaria, at the Sofia's suburb of Gorubliane, on 12 March, 2009.

INTERNET



Face masks may help prevent heart events

EDINBURGH, 13 March — Exposure to engine pollution results in arterial stiffness, but a face mask reduces exposure to airborne pollution particles, Scottish researchers said. Nicholas Mills of the University of Edinburgh said acute exposure to diesel exhaust is associated with an immediate and transient increase in arterial stiffness.

"This may, in part, explain the increased risk for cardiovascular disease associated with air pollution exposure," Mills said in a statement.

A group of 12 non-smoking young men cycled on exercise bikes while breathing air that had either been filtered or been contaminated with smoke from a diesel engine. The study, published in the journal Particle and Fibre Toxicology, found that when the subjects were exposed to the polluted air, the blood vessels in their wrists temporarily lost the ability to expand and contract. "Stiff arteries can result in raised blood pressure and reduced blood flow in the heart," Mills said. "Arterial stiffness plays an important role in hypertension and is an independent predictor of mortality."—Internet

Scientists move step closer to reading our minds

LONDON, 13 March — Being able to read someone's mind with a "thought machine" has come a step closer after scientists showed that they could guess a person's memory simply by looking at the electrical activity of their brain.

Scientists have found that spatial memories can be "read" by a brain scanner so that it is possible to predict automatically where someone imagines themselves to be (the exact location in a maze, for instance) without actually asking

them.

"It's also a small step toward the idea of mind reading, because just by looking at neural activity, we are able to say what someone is thinking," said Demis Hassabis of University College London (UCL).

It may one day be possible to do the same with other types of memories and thoughts, although the possibility of using a mind-reading machine to solve crimes or to fight terrorism is still a distant prospect, Dr Hassabis said.

Internet



An Iraqi policeman inspects the wreckage of a car bomb that exploded in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 11 March, 2009.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Udine give Italy UEFA Cup cheer, champs Zenit lose



Udinese's forward Fabio Quagliarella (L) celebrates with teammate forward Simone Pepe after scoring against Zenit Saint Petersburg during their UEFA cup round of 16 first leg football match at Friuli Stadium in Udine. Udinese won 2-0.

INTERNET

PARIS ,13 March — Udinese's 2-0 victory over defending champions Zenit St Petersburg gave Italy rare cause to celebrate and Manchester City are set fair to reach the UEFA Cup quarter-finals following Thursday's action.

Udine's Antonio Di Natale scored in the seventh minute of injury time following Fabio

Quagliarella's 85th minute opener to give Italy some joy as their sole representatives in Europe following their Champions League wipe out before the quarter-finals for the first time in seven years.

Manchester City put one foot in the last eight with a 2-0 win over Danish side Aalborg at Eastlands.

Brazil forward Robinho returned after missing City's win over Aston Villa last week following a trip home to Brazil for treatment on an ankle injury and on Thursday the player was also named in Brazil's squad for World Cup action.

Felipe Caicedo and Shaun Wright-Phillips bagged first half goals for Mark Hughes side to put them on course for a first eight spot in this second-tier European competition for the first time in 30 years.

Internet

Money makes the difference in Europe, says Galliani



AC Milan's president Adriano Galliani.

MILAN, 13 March — AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani said on Thursday that English clubs' domination in Europe was down to money.

The Milan supremo was speaking a day after Italy's final two Champions League representatives bowed out of the competition leaving the country with no quarter-finalist for the first time in seven years.

Three Italian teams

had made it through to the second round but all three fell at the hands of English opposition — it was the second year running that all three Italian teams in the knock-out stages lost to their English counterparts.

What's more, all four English sides made it through to the last eight and in the two previous years three of the four semi-finalists hailed from the game's country of birth. More important than the success of the English is the failure of the Italian teams to get to the latter stages over the last two seasons.

"The main reason for this crisis is economic," insisted Galliani, whose AC Milan team were not even in this year's competition after failing to finish in the top four in the scudetto a year ago.—Internet

Police probe alleged assault by Mourinho



Inter Milan manager Jose Mourinho.

MANCHESTER, 13 March — British police are investigating an alleged assault by Inter Milan manager Jose Mourinho on a supporter after their Champions League defeat here at Old Trafford, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

The former Chelsea boss allegedly punched a supporter as he left the ground after Wednesday's 2-0 last 16 second leg loss to Champions League holders Manchester United, reports said. The allegation was quickly denied by Inter Milan and

Jose Mourinho during training on Thursday.

"Shortly before midnight (0000GMT) last night a man reported that he had been punched in the face outside Old Trafford," said a spokeswoman for Greater Manchester Police when asked about the alleged incident involving Mourinho. "We are investigating an allegation of common assault," she added.

Mourinho, who labelled himself the 'Special One' on the eve of taking over at United's English rivals Chelsea in 2004, was approaching the Inter team bus which was taking the team to the airport when, with celebrating United fans nearby, the alleged incident happened. Police have now contacted United to request closed circuit television footage of the area in question.

Internet

Wimbledon roof debut sold out in five minutes



A view of center court at The All England Lawn and Tennis Club in Wimbledon in 2004. —INTERNET

LONDON ,13 March — Tickets for the first match to be played under the roof at Wimbledon's centre court sold out five minutes after going on sale here Thursday, ground authorities said.

Husband-and-wife team Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf, both former Wimbledon champions, will be the star attractions when the roof is officially opened on May 17. Kim Clijsters and recently-retired British favourite Tim Henman will also play in the Centre Court Celebration, designed to test the new roof and air management system in front of a 15,000 crowd ahead of this year's championships.

Ian Ritchie, Chief Executive of the All England Club, the owners of Wimbledon, said: "The demand for tickets was truly exceptional and we are delighted to have a capacity Centre Court crowd for a great day on May 17."

The programme will feature men's and ladies' singles and a mixed doubles match all played to the pro-set format — the first to eight games, with a tie-break at 8-8.

Internet

Plenty of international flavor so far at Doral

DORAL, 13 March — Jeev Milkha Singh is from India. Retief Goosen, South Africa. Prayad Marksaeng, Thailand. And Phil Mickelson, of course, hails from the United States. Maybe that's why they call this a World Golf Championship.

Those four players from three continents — four, really, since Singh's home base now is London — shared the lead after Thursday's first round of the CA Championship, all shooting 7-under 65s on Doral's famed Blue Monster. Singh and Goosen got rolling with three straight birdies after the turn, Marksaeng closed his day with three in a row, and Mickelson joined the party by chipping in on his final two holes.

Oh, and Tiger Woods is looming in his first stroke-play event since last year's stirring U.S. Open victory. A tournament that touts itself as having one of the very best fields in golf is living up to that billing so far.

"It's nice to see everyone here," said South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen, who shot 67. Just about everyone still has a shot, too. Singh, who has never finished better than a tie for ninth on the PGA Tour, had eight birdies and a bogey. Goosen made just one real mistake all day, a bogey at the par-4 18th, his ninth hole of the opening round. Marksaeng met the same fate at 18, with that hole the lone blemish on his card.—Internet

Ribery won't quit Bayern without fight

BERLIN ,13 March — Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge insisted Thursday he will not let French star Franck Ribery leave the German giants without a fight.

Having bossed Bayern's midfield for the last two seasons, Ribery has attracted the attention of Europe's top clubs and the German media regularly link him to another big name European side. At the start of the year, Ribery hinted he would be prepared to leave Bayern, but the 25-year-old later issued a reversal insisting he will fulfill his contract, which expires in June 2011.



Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery.

"We are not going to let a player like Ribery leave with his contract set to expire in two and a half years," insisted Rummenigge.—Internet

Police say sorry to Nigerian star over gems gaffe

LONDON ,13 March — British police apologised Thursday to Everton footballer Victor Anichebe after he and a friend were held outside a jewellery shop which officers suspected they planned to raid.

The 20-year-old Nigerian striker and a friend were window shopping in exclusive Knutsford, near Manchester, northwest England on Wednesday when they were stopped by police and Anichebe's friend was handcuffed.

Internet



Police apologised to Everton footballer Victor Anichebe, after he and a friend were held outside a jewellery shop which officers suspected they planned to raid. —INTERNET



Russia foiled 104 terrorist attacks in 2008

Moscow, 13 March—A total of 104 terrorist attacks were prevented in Russia last year, the law enforcement department said in a report issued on Wednesday.

The planned attacks included those slated for last summer in the southern resort cities of Anapa and Sochi, which will host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, RIA Novosti news agency cited the Federal Security Service (FSB) report.

Russian special forces also killed 243 militants, including 23 gang leaders, in south Russia where separatist and terrorist activities were frequent last year, said the report on the work of the National Anti-Terrorism Committee in 2008.

The report said that 576 more militants were detained, 640 arms caches and militant bases, containing 1,407 weapons, 2,401 kilograms of explosives and 454 pieces of self-made explosive devices, were found. RIA said.—MNA/Xinhua



Workers are seen at the Ford Hai Duong production facility in Hai Duong, Vietnam, 60 kilometers (38 miles) from Hanoi, on 10 March, 2009. Ford Vietnam announced the completion of a new assembly line at the Hai Duong production facility on Tuesday. According to Ford, in 2008, Ford Vietnam recorded an increase of 108 percent sales from 2007.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14.3.2009) Saturday

Transmissions

Times

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

Local Transmission

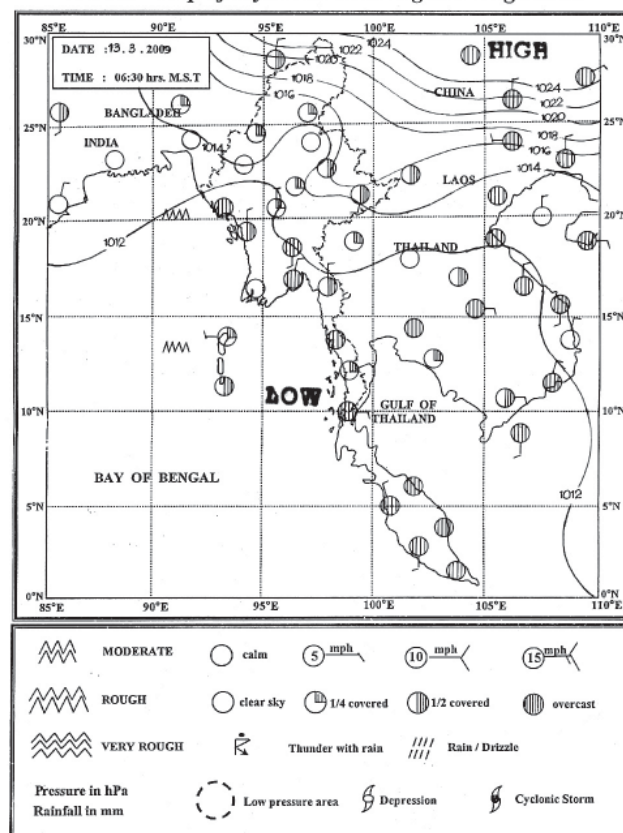
- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ A Visit to Lwe National
- ☐ High Income Cauliflower
- ☐ Myeik, a Town in the Southern part of Myanmar
- ☐ Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- ☐ Inle's Beauty for Eternity
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ☐ Signature Tune
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ☐ Treasure Trove of Myanmar Art and Handicrafts
- ☐ Extensive Network of Railroads across the Nation
- ☐ Chin Cultural Museum (New)
- ☐ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-I)
- ☐ The Myanmar Turban Unique
- ☐ Poem Garden "Join Hands together"
- ☐ Banana
- ☐ Myanmar Modern Song
- ☐ A Visit to Lwe National
- ☐ High Income Cauliflower
- ☐ Myeik, Town in the Southern part of Myanmar
- ☐ Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- ☐ Inle's Beauty for Eternity
- ☐ Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- ☐ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-II)
- ☐ Bamboo Toys
- ☐ Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 13 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 and Shan States and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (5°C) below March average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Magway and Mandalay Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (41°C) and Magway (40°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 13-3-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-3-2009 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 12-3-2009 was (8.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 13-3-2009 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 (6) mph from South at (17:15) hours MST on 12-3-2009.

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 and Eastern Shan States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions 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 isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for third weekend of March 2009: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 14 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:15 am

7. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့” (လျှမ်းထက်၊ သတ္တိ၊ ဖြိုးမောင်မောင်၊ သခင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်လူထက်)

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:55 pm

3. Yan Can Cook

1:15 pm

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ” (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

2:05 pm

5. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားဖြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

2:45 pm

6. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:30 pm

4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:40 pm

5. Song of national races

4:50 pm

6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

5:00 pm

7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဒသနိကဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဒသနိကဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

8. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ

5:35 pm

10. Game for children

5:50 pm

11. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm

15. ပုညလက်ကျောင်းတော်

7:10 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သစ္စာနှင့်ယဉ်သောမေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)



Tangyan enjoying fruits of peace, stability and development

Article and Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Tangyan Township, located at an altitude of 3,000 feet in Shan State (North), is 83 miles from Lashio. In the past, the region was controlled by insurgents. Thus, local people were in a state of panic in carrying out tasks of social, economic, education and health sectors. They faced poor transportation as well as threats from robbers.

After 1988, the arms for peace programme was undertaken in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. Afterwards, Tangyan Township of Lashio

District in Shan State (North) enjoyed peace and stability and gained development momentum. On 1 March, the news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily together with Shan State (North) Manager U Win Hlaing Oo of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise and Secretary U Thein Han of Lashio Township Writers and Journalists Association, arrived in Tangyan under the arrangement of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council.

We proceeded to Tangyan from the junction

of Lashio-Mandalay Road, nine miles from Lashio, by passing through over 20 villages. On the way, we saw neat and tidy housings and buildings, bridges across creeks and thriving paddy, maize, sugarcane, pigeon pea, oil mustard, coffee, tea and beans and pulses plantations.

We were in a van on the way to Tangyan along the mountain road. All the villages we passed are facilitated with Basic Education Primary Schools.

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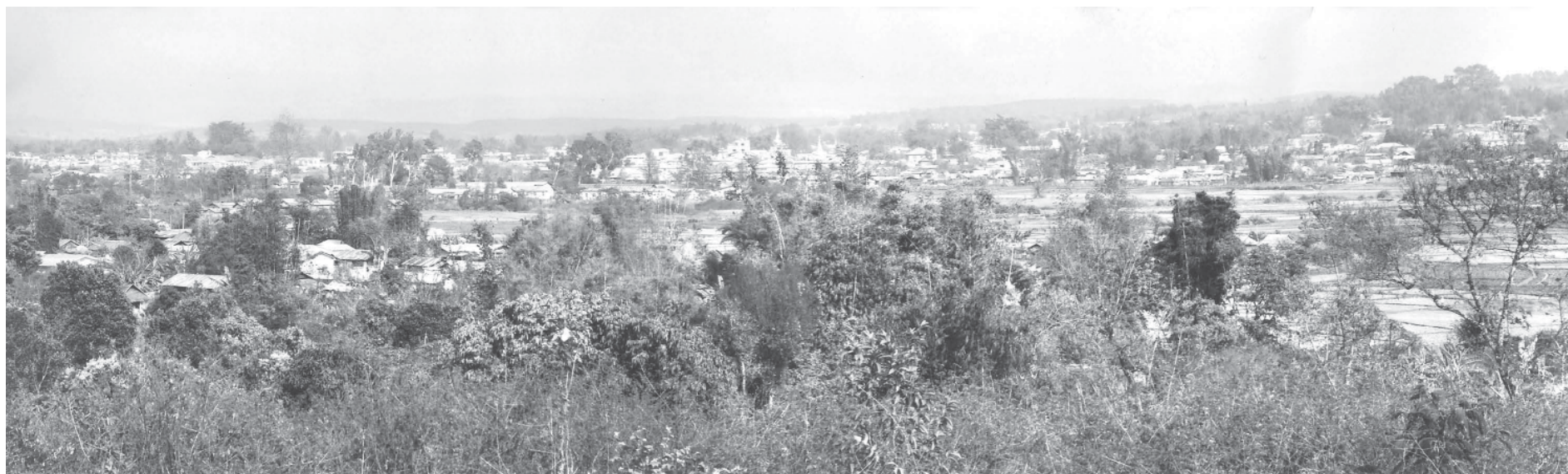


Photo shows developing Tangyan with lush and green environment in Shan State (North).

Human-generated sounds may be killing fish

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 March — Anthropogenic, or human generated, sounds have the potential to significantly affect the lives of aquatic animals - from the individual animal's well-being, right through to its reproduction, migration and even survival of the species.

According to a new study marine animals could suffer detrimental effects ranging from a loss of hearing to increased stressed levels as a result of environmental noise - in ways not dissimilar to humans and land animals. The study also describes some recent well-controlled experimental studies while highlighting areas for future study.

"Human generated sounds in the marine environment may result in only small shifts in behavior for some animals, but immediate death in others. With the vast increase in production of sound in the marine environment due to human activity such as oil exploration, shipping and construction, the effect of



Shark and other fish.

human-generated sounds on the aquatic life becomes a growing issue", said Dr. Arthur Popper from the University of Maryland, USA.

Marine animals use sounds to communicate and to glean information about their environment. Unlike the "visual scene" developed by the animal's sense of sight, the "auditory scene" derived from sounds provides marine animals with a three dimensional view of the world and extends far beyond the visual scene.—Internet

Bercks and Ronne back in training



Beckham should face Siena on Sunday.

MILAN, 13 March — AC Milan have received a boost ahead of Sunday's trip to Siena after David Beckham and Ronaldinho both returned to training. Beckham picked up an ankle injury in training on Tuesday while Ronaldinho has been sidelined since the Milan derby on February 15.

The club confirmed today that the pair completed a full session on Thursday and will be available to coach Carlo Ancelotti for this weekend.

Internet

Warning for untimely rain

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department issued an announcement today that according to the satellite weather observation at 3.30 p.m. MST today, the isolated heavy rain will be scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions from within 48 hours beginning this evening.—MNA

BEWARE OF FIRE

Application Development Contest on 27 March

YANGON, 13 March—Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will organize the Application Development Contest at e-Learning Centre of the Myanmar Computer Federation from 9 a.m to 5 p.m on 27 March.

Two contestants of each team may take part in the contest to develop a part of software application. The contestants may develop the software by using any programming language on any platform through Window Application or Web. The winners will be awarded K 500,000 for the first prize, K 300,000 for the second and K 200,000 for the third.

Those wishing to take part in the contest may enlist at MCPA, not later than 25 March. For further information, contact MCPA Room-4, Building-4, by dialing 652276.—MNA