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Staff urged to expedite work momentum, complete projects as scheduled

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Industry-2 took place at the ministry here this afternoon. At the meeting, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reviewed the implementation of the nine objectives of the ministry and urged the staff to expedite the work momentum, complete the projects as scheduled and seek innovative ways and means.

Next, departmental heads, general managers of factories and principals of technical training schools reported on their respective functions. Later, the managing directors and deputy ministers gave supplementary reports and the minister left necessary instructions.

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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**

Shwegyin Hydropower Project designed for regional greening and development

Article and Photos: Photographer Maung Maung

Madauk of Shwegyin region gets an average annual rainfall of 144 inches. In the rainy season, the Sittoung River and the Shwegyin Creek are in flood, and so not only small boats but also motorboats may be seen drive in the low-lying areas along the waterways on such a flooding season. However, just after the rainy season, the flooding is no more, and the current of the river and the creek become slow.

Being divided by the Sittoung River, Shwegyin and Madauk were in no position to deal with each other much previously. The State Peace and Development Council constructed Sittoung Bridge (Shwegyin-Madauk), which was inaugurated on 12 February 2003.

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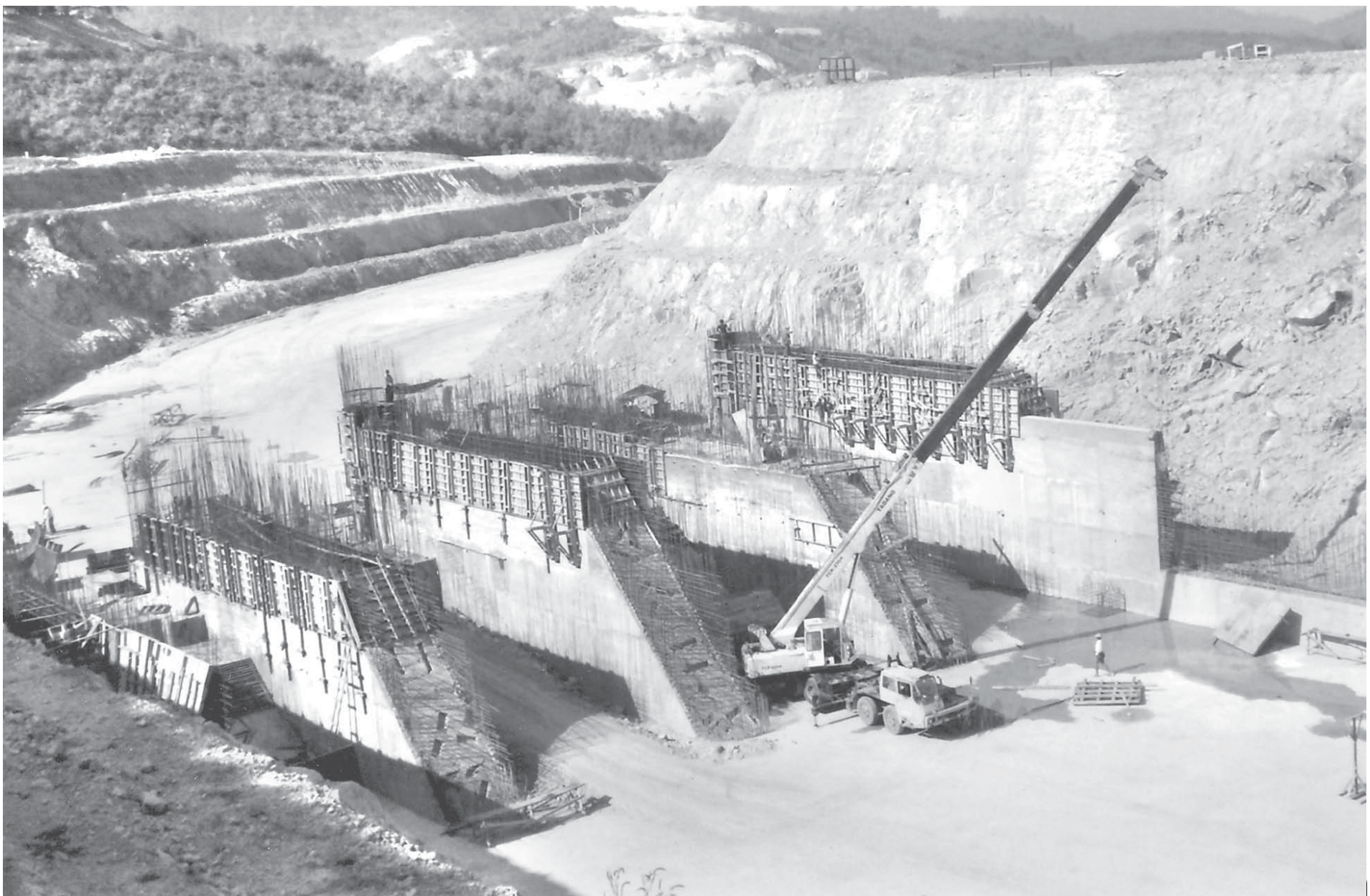

The three-gate spillway of Shwegyin Hydropower Project is under construction.

PERSPECTIVES

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Traditional Myanmar medicine to seek international recognition

Traditional Myanmar medicine has improved gradually due to potent herbal plants that grow well in the fertile soil, medicinal products and animal products, and the climate pattern of the nation.

The paper reading session on traditional Myanmar medicine is organized with the aim of improving traditional Myanmar medicine, a national legacy, with which health care has been provided to the people throughout the nation's history, applying the findings of international level paper reading sessions; expediting research on traditional medicine; turning out a growing number of traditional medicine practitioners; and producing potent traditional medicines and therapies that can cure major diseases.

It is required to further improve traditional medicine by recording the findings of the paper reading sessions.

Today, many countries are trying to revive and spread their traditional medicines at the international level, so traditional medical science and traditional medicines are winning the reliance and trust of the people increasingly.

In such a time, traditional Myanmar medicine practitioners have to work hard in harmony in order to improve traditional medical science, and traditional medicines till they have sought international recognition.

Therefore, traditional medicine practitioners are under a duty to effectively apply the findings of the paper reading sessions to enable traditional Myanmar medicine to be well-known at the international level.

All this needs to be known

* **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
* **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
* **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

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**

Religious Affairs Minister receives Cambodian Ambassador

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chhong Toeun. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chhong Toeun at the meeting hall of the Ministry here this evening. Also present at the call were Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department and Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana.—*MNA*

Cash donated to funds of Myanmar Accountancy Council

YANGON, 14 March—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds of Myanmar Accountancy Council was held at the training school (Yangon) of the Auditor-General's Office on 3 March.

Members of MAC and Certified Public Accountants U Win Thin donated K 750,000, U Than Tin, K 500,000 and U Hla Tun and Group Ltd, 500 FECs. Chairman of the Award and Education Funds Supervisory Committee Secretary of MAC U Thein Myint accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks. The Council awarded first, second and third prize winners and prize winner's in the respective subjects in the CPA Course and DA Course conducted by MAC.

The ceremony to present completion certificates and prizes to the trainees of CPA and DA courses will be held at the training school (Yangon) of the Auditor-General's Office at No. 1/19 on Thakhim Mya Park Road, here, on 29 March, and wellwishers may contact the training school by dialing 223143 and 227246.

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Dr Tin Shwe's literary awards winners announced

YANGON, 13 March—Under the supervision of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA), literary awards in memory of writer Doctor Tin Shwe have been presented starting from books published since 2001. Three books selected from books published in 2007 will be awarded for the seventh time. Doctor Tin Shwe founded Tin Shwe publishing house and served as a CEC member of MWJA till he passed away.

The books selected by Doctor Tin Shwe Literary awards selection committee were "Three generations of Myanmar Women Artists" written by writer Khin Mya Zin, "Biography of OG U Soe Myint" by writer Dr Kyaw Myint (X-ray), and "Shwedagon Mystique" by writer Ma Theingi. Tin Shwe publishing house will send the invitations to the winners and those winners may contact Ph (01-681958 and 09-5117683).

In addition, the prizes presentation ceremony day will be announced.—*MNA*

The booths displayed at 11th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association in progress on 14 March.

UMFCCI

Iraqis gather at the site of a car bomb in the northern oil rich city of Kirkuk on 11 March. Extremists are losing in Iraq despite two bloody attacks in Baghdad this week, and local forces will cope with security after US troops withdraw, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said Thursday.—INTERNET

UN says security in Afghanistan may worsen in 2009

UNITED NATIONS, 14 March — Security in Afghanistan has deteriorated and may worsen this year in the face of a renewed Taleban insurgency, the UN chief said in a report published Friday.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his latest report to the Security Council on UN activities in Afghanistan that 2009 would be a critical year. He added there were reasons for medium-term optimism.

"The government, security forces and population of Afghanistan, along with its international partners, face a critical test in 2009," the report said.

"Security has continued to deteriorate. The results of government and international aid efforts have fallen short of popular expectations as Afghans suffer the effects of drought and a global rise in food prices."

Violence is at its highest level in Afghanistan since US-led forces toppled the Taleban in late 2001.

US President Barack Obama is sending 17,000 more troops to the country, most to the south and east where thousands of foreign soldiers are already on the ground fighting an increasingly tenacious insurgency.

Ban's report said the rule of law in Afghanistan was "insufficiently institutionalized" and abuses were not taken as seriously as they should be. He also referred to reports of rampant corruption in the government.—*Internet*

Two Gaza rockets hit Israel: military

JERUSALEM, 14 March — Two rockets fired from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip slammed into open fields in southern Israel overnight, without causing any casualties or damage, the Israeli military said on Saturday.

"The two Qassam-type devices were fired from the northern Gaza Strip and landed in the western Negev," a military spokeswoman said, referring to the crude, homemade rockets used by Palestinian armed groups.

Gaza militants have fired more than 160 rockets and mortar rounds on Israel since the end of a massive Israeli offensive at the turn of the year aimed at halting the projectiles, shaking the ceasefires that ended the fighting.

Israel has in turn launched several air strikes at suspected militants, weapons caches, and smuggling tunnels along the Gaza-Egypt border.

On Thursday Hamas said the "resistance movements" had nothing to do with the recent rocket fire and vowed to combat such activities, saying they came at a "bad time."

Egypt has been struggling since the war ended in January to mediate a more lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and a prisoner exchange to return an Israeli soldier seized by Gaza militants in June 2006.—INTERNET

Israeli police remove the remains of a rocket launched from Gaza Strip that hit a school in the town of Ashkelon recently. —INTERNET

US shoots down Iranian drone flying over Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 March—An American fighter jet took down an Iranian drone over Iraq last month, US military sources told Wired.com.

The US has long accused Teheran of supplying militant groups in Iraq with weapons and training, Wired reported. While the flow of Iranian weapons into Iraq has slowed, Shiite militias have fired Iranian rockets at US troops and Sunni militias reportedly use Iranian bombs to destroy US military vehicles.

Iran has supplied the terrorist group Hezbollah with several models of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Iran's deputy defence minister claimed in February that the country's latest UAVs can fly as far as 600 miles. If true, the Iranian drones could fly over any US military installation in the Middle East, including Iraq, Wired reported. Multi-National Corps would not confirm or deny the previously unreported incident to Wired.com.—*Internet*

Five killed in Afghan operation targeting bomb-maker

KABUL, 14 March—An overnight raid conducted by US coalition troops and Afghan special forces killed five militants during a mission against the leader of a roadside bomb-making cell south of Kabul, a US spokesman said on Saturday.

However, a spokesman for the governor of Logar Province said five civilians were killed in the operation.

US spokesman Col Greg Julian denied that claim and said militants fired on the combined force after American and Afghan troops ordered them to surrender.

Internet

Iraqi leaders cite security problems

BAGHDAD, 14 March — Iraq's top leadership called Friday for a review of government security measures after a pair of suicide attacks killed about 60 people this week in the Baghdad area.

The capability of Iraq's army and police to maintain security has taken on new urgency now that President Barack Obama has announced plans to remove all US combat troops from Iraq by September 2010 and end the US mission here by the end of the following year.

A statement on the Web site of Iraq's presidency council, which includes the national president and the two vice presidents, said the attacks "represent a grave deterioration in the security situation" after weeks of relative calm.

The statement said the council, which has representatives of the Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish communities, would ask Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to summon top security officials after he returns from a visit to Australia to discuss how the attacks were carried out and measures to prevent more in the future.

Last Sunday a suicide attacker wearing an explosives vest killed 30 people near the Baghdad police academy.

Internet

A woman stands next to her son, who was wounded in a bomb attack, in a hospital in Abu Ghraib district, west of Baghdad on 11 March, 2009. —INTERNET

Turkey launches air strike against PKK in northern Iraq

ANKARA, 14 March — Gen Metin Gurak, head of the communication department of the General Staff, said on Friday that Turkish warplanes hit the targets of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in northern Iraq on Thursday.

Gurak made the remarks at a weekly press conference at the headquarters of the General Staff, state-run news agency Anatolian reported on Friday.

However, Gurak gave no casualties of the PKK during the air strikes in Zap-Avasin regions in northern Iraq.—*Internet*

Wen worries about safety of Chinese assets in US

BEIJING, 14 March — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Friday he is "a little bit worried" about the safety of Chinese assets in the United States, urging the US Government to ensure the security of those assets. "We lent such huge fund to the United States and of course we're concerned about the security of our assets and, to speak truthfully, I am a little bit worried," said Wen at a Press conference after the close of the annual Parliament session.

He urged the US Government to keep to its commitment and ensure the safety of the Chinese assets in the United States. China has invested its huge foreign exchange reserves in low-risk but low-yield assets, such as US Government bonds, to play it safe.

"China is indeed the largest creditor of the United States, which is the world's biggest economy. We are extremely interested in developments in the US economy," said Wen, adding that he is expecting the effect of the measures taken by the US Administration of President Barack Obama to counter the international financial crisis. Meanwhile, Wen said the country's foreign reserves will be mainly used in overseas investment and trade, as the reserves are actually the liabilities of the Central Bank instead of fiscal fund.

MNA/Xinhua

Rescuers work at the site of a collapsed building on Nasser Road in downtown Kampala, Uganda, on 13 March, 2009. A two-storied shopping arcade collapsed Friday afternoon after a nearby construction loosened its foundation, two people have been confirmed killed. Judith Nabakooba, the police spokesperson, told Xinhua that another seven were injured while an unknown number of people were still trapped in the rubble.—XINHUA

Kenyan police officers escort suspected pirates at the port in Mombassa, Kenya, on 10 March, 2009, after they were handed over by members of the German Navy. The German Navy handed over nine suspected Somali pirates to Kenyan authorities, and they will be taken to a court to face charges, officials said.—INTERNET

Nicaragua blasts US's decision to hold back aid

MANAGUA, 14 March— Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega is accusing the US of "taking bread" from the poor by holding back aid.

The US said this week it will continue delaying some $64 million in development aid because of an election dispute in the Central American nation.

Ortega's leftist Sandinistas won a majority of mayorships in the November vote. He defends the election as fair, but the opposition argues that it was fraudulent.

The president said Friday that his government "will not negotiate the mayorships" his party won.

Internet

Switzerland breaks with tradition on tax evasion

GENEVA, 14 March—Switzerland's days as a safe haven for the world's tax evaders are numbered.

Under pressure from the United States and other troubled economies, the Swiss government announced Friday that it will cooperate in international tax investigations, breaking with a long-standing tradition of protecting wealthy foreigners accused of hiding billions of dollars. Austria and Luxembourg also said they would help.

"Against the background of the financial crisis, international cooperation has grown stronger particularly against tax crimes," Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz said.

But he insisted that the secrecy of Swiss banks would remain intact except when other countries provide compelling evidence of tax evasion.—*Internet*

OPEC could cut production on weekend

VIENNA, 14 March— Slash oil output to boost revenues but risk deepening the world's economic woes? Rarely have OPEC oil ministers faced a tougher choice.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries meets in Vienna Sunday, where they could reduce daily production by up to half a million barrels, or do nothing.

OPEC meetings are usually more clear cut. If oil ministers of the 12-nation organization think prices are too low, they decide to crimp output — as they have at the last two meetings. If oil is too pricey, as was the case less than a year ago, they boost production. And if they are happy, they keep to the status quo.

But desperate times call for more finessed decisions.

Internet

Smithfield Foods posts 3Q loss of $103.1 million

MILWAUKEE, 14 March—Smithfield Foods Inc reported a third-quarter loss Thursday that was less than analysts predicted and said its performance would improve as it focuses on the packaged meats business, where it can make more money.

Shares soared 34 percent for the Smithfield, Va.-based company, the nation's largest hog producer and pork processor, as executives offered brighter predictions for the business, which has been struggling along with others in the meat industry.

President and Chief Executive C Larry Pope told investors on a conference call that the company was able to charge higher prices for its products like ham, pork and bacon, while costs were declining.

"The future is going to be better than the past, and I feel comfortable with that statement," he said.

Internet

Family members wave to naval officers aboard a destroyer as it leaves Kure city in western Japan on 14 March. Japanese warships set sail to join an anti-piracy mission off Somalia in which the nation's armed forces could face combat abroad for the first time since World War II.
INTERNET

Bomb blast at Nepali Congress office

KATHMANDU, 14 March — Some unknown group detonated a pressure cooker bomb at Banke District office in western Nepal of the main opposition party Nepali Congress Party on Saturday morning, the Ujyaalo FM reported.

Meanwhile, Jantantrik Tarai Mukti Morcha has claimed responsibility for the blast, some 365 kilometres west of Kathmandu, Avenues TV reported.

MNA/Xinhua

*Media photographers gather round trays of muffin cakes decorated with the flags of many nations which are being provided for those attending the G20 Finance Ministers meeting, near Horsham, England, on 14 March, 2009. —*INTERNET

US trade deficit drops to lowest level in six years

WASHINGTON, 14 March— The US trade deficit fell by 9.7 percent in January to 36 billion US dollars, the lowest level since October 2002, the Commerce Department said on Friday.

This marked a record sixth straight month that the trade deficit shrank. Analyst had been expecting the trade imbalance to narrow to 38 billion dollars.

US exports of goods and services dropped by 5.7 percent in January to 124.9 billion dollars, the lowest level since September2006.

Overseas demand for a wide variety of US-made products from farms goods to autos to civilian aircraft all decreased as other economies in the world have been hit by the global financial crisis.

Imports declined by an even bigger 6.7 percent to 160.9 billion dollars, the lowest level since March 2005, showing that the domestic demand in the United States has been badly restrained by the deepening economic recession.

The drop in imports was led by a 25.2 percent plunge in imported crude oil, which fell to 11.9 billion dollars in January, the lowest level since February 2005.

Xinhua

Netherlands sees sharpest fall in exports in 19 years

BRUSSELS, 14 March— Dutch foreign trade was hit hard in the global economic crisis with exports tumbling 21 percent in January from a year earlier, the biggest drop since the records were kept in 1990, the Dutch central statistics bureau (CBS) said on Friday.

The value of goods exports fell to 24.4 billion euros (31.5 billion US dollars), the CBS said. The volume of exports fell 14percent, according to figures corrected for working days. Imports also plummeted 22 percent to 21.6 billion euros, while the volume of imports decreased 14 percent.

The steep decline in exports was anticipated as earlier figures already showed a dramatic reduction in manufacturing output and increasing pessimism among manufacturers about the amount of orders received from abroad, the CBS said.—*Xinhua*

NATO soldier killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 March —One soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed Saturday in a combat with militants in southern Afghanistan, an ISAF statement issued here said.

"An ISAF soldier was killed by an insurgent attack today in southern Afghanistan," the statement said.

However, it did not specify the location of the incident or the nationality of victim by saying "it is ISAF policy not to release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant national authority doing so."—*Internet*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

4.3 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand North Island

WELLINGTON, 14 March — An earthquake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale struck the city of Gisborne, 60 km south-east of New Zealand's eastern North Island on Friday night.

New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS)reported the quake, which occurred at 11:15 pm Friday local time(10:15 GMT Friday), at a focal depth of 30 km, and was felt in Mahia and Gisborne.

No causalities or damages were reported. —*Xinhua*

Consumer representatives view an ancient steelyard in Anhui Bureau of Quality and Techinical Supervision in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 12 March, 2009. A total of 30 consumer representatives chosen from numerous applicants were invited to Anhui Bureau of Quality and Techinical Supervision on Thursday to witness the whole process of quality control. Meanwhile, quality control experts answered questions of representatives and gave tips of distin guishing fake products. — XINHUA

Over 200 children fall ill after drinking poisonous water in Colombia

BOGOTA, 14 March — At least 261 children fell ill on Friday after drinking poisonous water in central Colombia's city of Villavicencio, news reports said.

Earlier Friday, an aqueduct was attacked with explosives disrupting water supply to parts of the city, and local authorities had to use tank-trucks to supply water to some 300,000 inhabitants.

Rescue workers said the children had drunk water from a ravine and from the vehicles sent for the contingence, and they were investigating which had caused the incident.

The children were taken to medical centers with strong gastrointestinal infections, doctors said.

Xinhua

Luxury yachts are displayed during the 1st Abu Dhabi Yacht Fair in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 12 March, 2009. The yacht fair opened on Thursday, attracting some 98 exhibiters from 23 countries and regions including US, Russia and Australia.

XINHUA

Ford Motor completes new assembly line in Vietnam

HANOI, 14 March — Ford Motor announced its completion of a ten-million-US-dollar assembly line in the northern Hai Duong Province of Vietnam, the *Youth* reported Friday.

The assembly line with a capacity of 700 vehicles a year will be used to manufacture the Mondeo model for the domestic market and the United States car maker. This showed confidence of Ford Motor as foreign investor in the mid and long-term growth prospects for doing business in Vietnam despite the current economic downturn, said David Alden, president of Ford ASEAN.

The line has increased Ford's investment in Vietnam to 110 million US dollars, making it the country's largest auto investor.—*Xinhua*

US health system to be burdened by aging baby boomers

LOS ANGELES, 14 March—More aging boomers are suffering from health problems, putting a heavy burden on the US health system, a new study available here on Friday showed.

Aging baby boomers, who are being hospitalized for heart attacks now than people their age were a generation ago, may swamp cardiac care wards across the nation, according to the study by researchers at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC).

Baby boomers are not in good shape, even when compared with their counterparts 10 or 20 years ago, warned the study that was presented Thursday to the ongoing American Heart Association conference in Palm Harbor, Florida."The first baby boomers will begin turning 65 in a year-and-a-half, making the aging of this group an important public health issue," said Hylan Shoob, lead author of the study.

The 80 million baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 now constitute a third of the US population, raising the specter of more disease and more costs for the health-care system.

Internet

Ariz serial shooting suspect guilty of six murders

PHOENIX, 14 March—A former janitor was convicted Friday of murdering six people and attacking 19 others in dozens of random nighttime shootings of pedestrians, bicyclists and animals that terrorized this desert city over a 14-month period in 2005 and 2006.

The convictions conclude the first phase of the six-month trial of Dale Shawn Hausner, the main suspect in metro-politan Phoenix's Serial Shooter attacks. Pro-0secutors are seeking the death penalty against Hausner, whose penalty phase begins 23 March .

Hausner scratched out notes and whispered to one of his attorneys as jurors delivered guilty verdicts on 80 of 86 charges against him.

He also was acquitted in two killings.

"It was a good day because we took something bad off the street," said victim Tony Long, who still has 30 shotgun pellets in his body from when he was shot while walking in June 2006.

Hausner's relatives didn't respond to questions from reporters as they were escorted out of the courtroom by court security.

Tim Agan, an attorney for Hausner, declined to comment on the verdicts.

Internet

Italy reports release of aid workers in Sudan

KHARTOUM, 14 March—The Italian foreign ministry said Friday that three foreign aid workers being held hostage in Darfur had been released but representatives for their aid organization could not confirm that they had been freed.

Representatives for Doctors Without Borders where the hostages worked said they have not been in touch with them since reports surfaced of their release late Friday.

Conflicting reports about the fate of the hostages added to the mystery of the kidnapping, which has raised fears about a backlash against foreigners in Darfur following an arrest warrant issued against the country's president for war crimes there.

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Nepali women collect water at a well in Patan, south of Kathmandu on 12 March, 2009. There is a shortage of water in the Kathmandu valley due to a long drought.—INTERNET

Australian oil spill "10 times worse" than thought

SYDNEY, 14 March—An oil spill polluting popular tourist beaches on Australia's northeast coast is 10 times worse than originally reported, according to the state government. Dozens of beaches have been declared disaster zones after they were fouled by a massive oil slick spilled from the Hong Kong-flagged ship Pacific Adventurer in wild seas on Wednesday.

Initial estimates put the spill at 20-30 tonnes of oil but "it is now apparent that it was about 230 tonnes," Queensland state's Deputy Premier Paul Lucas told public radio.About 60 kilometres (almost 40 miles) of beaches have been hit by the oil, with Moreton Island about 40 kilometres off Brisbane city the worst affected.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM

A archeologist displays an ancient bronze decoration found in the Jinlian Mountains of Dengjiang County, southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Library card leads Sheboygan cops to alleged thief

Sheboygan police say they were able to track down a theft suspect because he left behind his library card, which he apparently used to try to unlock a tavern door. Thirty-four-year-old Kristopher G Lehnhardt was charged Friday with misdemeanor counts of theft and property damage.

Prosecutors said a bartender called police in early-morning hours last month after finding the bar's lights on, a cooler open and a window screen slashed in the basement.

The criminal complaint said the bartender also found Lehnhardt's library card on the floor by a door. More than four cases of beer were missing.

A telephone listing for Lehnhardt couldn't be found Saturday evening. Online court records didn't list a defence attorney.

Would-be burglar stuck in Atlanta store

A would-be burglar is in jail after he climbed through a hole in the roof of an Atlanta liquor store and then couldn't get back out. Police and the owner of Azar's Package Store found 29-year-old Adam Hardeman early Tuesday hiding in a store restroom with playing cards, lighters and a bottle of gin in his pocke Authorities say the man got inside by moving a rooftop air conditioner and dropping through the hole.

Once inside, he couldn't climb back up, and burglar bars kept him from getting out windows or doors.

Museum finds "secret" message in Lincoln's watch

A gold watch owned by Abraham Lincoln bears a message marking the start of the US Civil War, but the president never knew of the "secret" inscription uncovered on Tuesday at the National Museum of American History.

The engraving, by watchmaker Jonathan Dillon, is dated 13 April, 1861, and reads in part: "Fort Sumpter was attacked by the rebels" and "thank God we have a government."

The museum said it agreed to open the watch to find out if the message really was there after it was contacted by the watchmaker's great-great-grandson, Doug Stiles of Waukegan, Illinois.

The American Civil War began when Confederate troops opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, on 12 April 1861.

Forty-five years later, Dillon the watchmaker told *The New York Times* that he was repairing Lincoln's watch when he heard that the first shots of the Civil War had been fired.

Dillon said he unscrewed the dial of the watch and used a sharp instrument to mark the historic day on the president's watch. He told the newspaper that, as far as he knew, no one had ever seen the inscription.

This picture provided by the National Museum of American History in Washington shows a "secret" inscription inside a watch owned by 16th US President Abraham Lincoln. The message was inscribed by watchmaker Jonathan Dillon who was repairing it when the Civil War broke out in 1 April 1861.

Japanese spa industry, under heavy competition, is trying new features to attract health-conscious bathers. This spa has a Wine Spa, under a giant object of a wine bottle. The spa management claims it has health benefits such as relieving fatigue, moisturizing action and anti-aging.

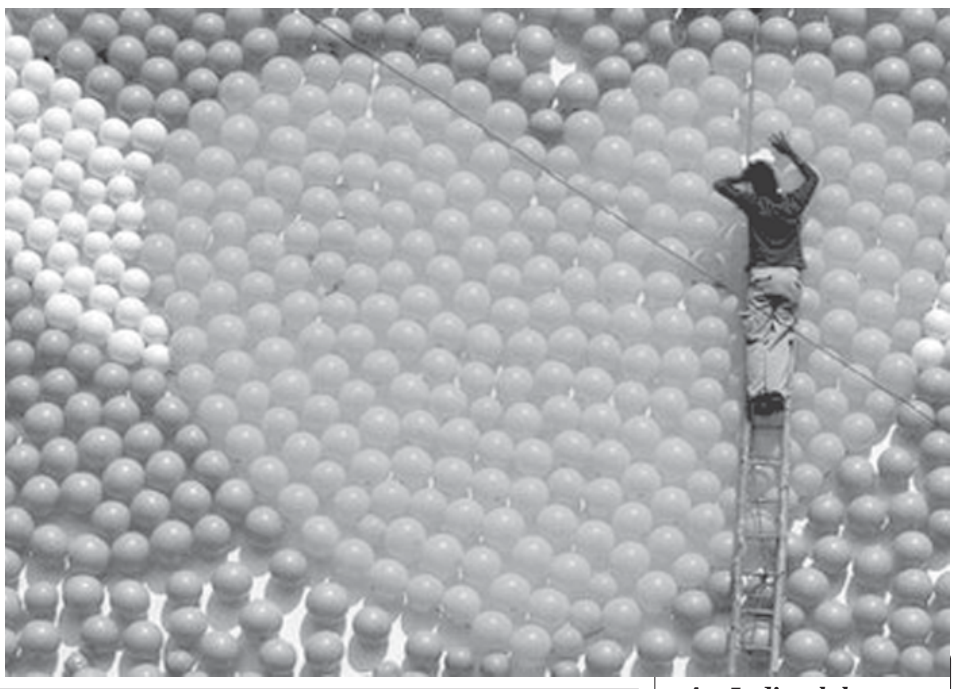
US trader pleads guilty for arms sales to Iran

NEW YORK, 14 March—A former director at a Singapore aircraft supply company pleaded guilty on Friday to exporting US military technology including aircraft components to Iran over the last decade, prosecutors said.

Laura Wang-Woodford, 64, a US citizen who was a director at the Singapore-based Monarch Aviation Pte, pleaded guilty in Brooklyn federal court to conspiring to violate a US trade embargo by exporting aircraft components to Iran without a US Government license. Her husband, Brian Woodford, was charged in 2003 for his suspected role in the scheme but remains a fugitive.

Both were accused of exporting controlled US aircraft parts from the United States to Singapore and Malaysia and then re-exporting those items to companies in Teheran without obtaining approval from US authorities. The aircraft parts exported include aircraft shields, shears, "o" rings, switch assemblies and parts for *Chinook* military helicopters, prosecutors said.

MNA/Reuters



An Indian labourer attaches balloons to form the symbol of a heart on a billboard in Amritsar. Love was in the air on Saint Valentine's Day, but with a much lower price tag this year as the global economic crisis hit Cupid in the pocket.—INTERNET

Citizens watch solar halo in Shenzhen, on 14 March, 2009. The scene of solar halo appeared in Shenzhen, Zhuhai,and other cities of Guangdong province, south China on Saturday.—INTERNET

Indonesia named second best travel destination in Asia

JAKARTA, 14 March—Indonesia was ranked second in Go Asia's The Best Travel Destination in Asia after Thailand while Malaysia was placed as the third best, the *Jakarta Post* reported quoting the Indonesia Foreign Ministry as saying on Friday.

Go Asia, a German tourism institution, invited travel agents from all over the world to participate in the voting process on Wednesday in Berlin. The body also gave awards for Asia's best tourism organizations or tourism boards, airlines and tour operators.

Go Asia initiative was started in 2003 to enhance marketing in German-speaking regions. Sapta Nirwandar, Indonesian Culture and Tourism Ministry's director general of marketing, said Friday that the award was a proof that tourism, which contributed 7.5 billion US dollars to the country's income in 2008, was able to survive in the global economy slowdown.

"We have to keep working hard to turn this economic slowdown as a chance to boost our tourism," he said. Sapta added that the number of German tourists visiting Indonesia had increased by 22.6 per cent in 2008 compared to the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

No more survivors in Canada chopper crash, 17 dead

OTTAWA, 14 March—There are no more survivors from a helicopter that crashed in the North Atlantic off the coast of the Canadian province of Newfoundland, officials said on Friday, confirming that 17 people died in the accident. One person was rescued after the *Sikorsky S-92* helicopter hit the sea while ferrying workers to two offshore oil facilities early on Thursday. One body was also recovered, leaving 16 people missing.

"The likelihood of finding survivors is no longer there," Major Denis McGuire of the rescue operation told a televised news conference in the Newfoundland capital of St John's. The pilot had reported mechanical trouble before the crash. "At approximately 1930 Newfoundland Time (2200 GMT) we'll be handing the case over to the Transportation Safety Board and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a missing persons case," McGuire said. The passengers and crew were wearing suits designed to help them survive for up to a day, but McGuire said they had been in the water longer than that.—*MNA/Reuters*

Netherlands to send commandos to Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 14 March—The Netherlands is to send 76 commandos and marines to the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan in April, Radio Netherlands reported.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry and the Defense Ministry told the parliament in a letter on Friday that the troops were needed to gather intelligence and to arrest Taliban leaders.

Since the end of 2007, there have been no Dutch commandos or marines in Afghanistan.

However, the letter said, as elections in the country approach, their presence is now urgently required.

The arrival of the 76 soldiers, together with reinforcements for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), will bring the total number of Dutch troops in Afghanistan to almost 2,000, Radio Netherlands said.

Internet

Russia grounds bulk of its "MiG-29" fleet due to defects

MOSCOW, 14 March—Russian Air Force has grounded almost 30 per cent of its mainstay *MiG-29* fighter fleet due to structural defects and the move could have ramifications for the Indian Air Force which also has a sizable number of these fighters.

"About 90 aircraft out of 200 tested after the crash of *MiG-29* fighter last December have been grounded," *Interfax* reported quoting a Russian Air Force spokesman Colonel Vladimir Dirk. "More aircraft could be grounded on completion of the aircrash probe which followed two crashes last year," the spokesman said.

The Russian Air Force has a fleet of about 300 *MiG-29* fighters, which are its prime air superiority platform.

The probe was ordered after a *MiG-29* crashed in December in Khabarovsk region due to disintegration of its fin during a training sortie killing its pilot.

Initial reports have identified corrosion as the cause for the disintegration of the fin of the fighter. It could take another two months to pin-point the reason for corrosion, *Interfax* said.

Indian Air Force has 54 *MiG-29* comprising three squadrons and all of these aircrafts are being upgraded with the help of the original manufacturers and some other countries to extend their life by another 15-20 years.—*MNA/PTI*

An elephant plays with a block of ice containing fruit during Thailand's National Elephant Day at Ayutthaya Elephant Palace & Royal Kraal, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok,on 13 March, 2009.—INTERNET

Second (Nay Pyi Taw) Inter-Ministry Men's Basketball Tournament commences

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint speaking at opening ceremony of the Second (Nay Pyi Taw) Inter-Ministry Men's Basketball Tournament.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The Second (Nay Pyi Taw) Inter-Ministry Men's Basketball Tournament 2009 was opened at the basketball ground, here, at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address and formally opened the tournament.

The players of the basketball teams recited sports oaths.

After the opening ceremony, the first day match followed. The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs team beat the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the Ministry of Sports, responsible persons of the Myanmar Basketball Federation and ministries concerned, guests, staff families and basketball fans.

A total of 17 basketball teams are taking part in the tournament. The fixtures were drawn for holding four matches a day up to 25 March.—*MNA*

Importance of prevalence of law and order and the Union spirit stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — Chief Justice U Aung Toe met judicial officers of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) and Division, District and Township judges at the Supreme Court (Mandalay) yesterday.

At the meeting, Chief Justice U Aung Toe said the government is now making efforts for national development in order to keep abreast of the nations of the world. Judicial staff need to keep track of internal and international affairs as they decide legal cases every day, he said.

Regarding the judicial affairs, he said it is vital to decide a case in accord with the law. He spoke of the need for them to judge the cases after studying them very carefully. The cases are different from one after another. Therefore, the judges are to examine the evidences and to make a decision using their reasoning power and citations from the law, he added.

Now the government is building an enduring administrative machinery and so service personnel should try to win trust of the people and they are to discharge duties conscientiously and to stay away from taking bribes, he said.

The Chief Justice said they need to explain the government's endeavours for national development to the people.

He stressed the importance of prevalence of law and order and the Union spirit and speedy completion of judicial process in accord with the law.

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Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address in meeting with judicial officers of Supreme Court (Mandalay) and Division, District and Township judges.—MNA

Objectives of the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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

Progress of Kya-in-Seikkyi inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min, on 28 February, looked into sanitation work of departmental staff near the surroundings of Barme mountain in Hpa-an and the skill demonstration of Hpa-an Fire Brigade in Pyitaungsu Thiri Stadium and presented cash assistance to them. He also visited Myoma market.

The Chairman looked into summer paddy fields near Thanpaya village in Kya-in-Seikkyi and construction of Dali bridge on Chaung-hnakhwa-Thanpaya-Kya-in-seikkyi on 2 March.

The Chairman also observed tasks for construction of Kya-in-Seikkyi circular road, and inspected rubber plantations, and condition of village-to-village roads.

The Chairman then proceeded to construction site of Pata creek-crossing bridge near Thayettaw village in Kawkareik and inspected construction of bridges on Nabu-Pata-Paingkyon road, road works, construction of new two-story building in Paung BEMS and attended to the needs.

MNA

Holiday trip of Rakhine Association (Yangon) on 27 March

YANGON, 14 March — Rakhine Association (Yangon) will organize a holiday trip on 27 March at 6.30 am with a double decker. The route is from Mawtin Jetty in Yangon to Dedaye.

Those interested may contact U Khin Maung Soe (Ph: 552126) U Myo Swe (Ph: 09-5001180), U Kyaw Yin (Ph: 09-5126489), U Bo Tin (Ph: 09-8502821), U Zaw Aye Maung (Ph: 09-5140407), U Zaw Win (Ph: 09-5006820), U Tun Naing (Ph: 09-5013887), U Oo Myint Kyaw (Ph: 09-5064653), Dr Mya Hnin Aye (09-5021412) and Daw Hla Hla Yi (Ph: 645510). — *MNA*

Assistant Supervisor (Township) Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of the Assistant Supervisor (Township) Course No. 1/ 2009 at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint, departmental heads, officials and 92 trainees.

Afterwards, the minister awarded three outstanding trainees and the managing director presented completion certificates to the trainees.

MNA

Malaysian Rizman maintains leading position in Myanmar Masters

YANGON, 14 March—The Myanmar Masters 2009 golf tournament, organized by Myanmar PGA and sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, continued at Pun Hlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

After the third round, Airil Rizman (Malaysia) maintained his leading position by firing 206 strokes in three-day total. Soe Kyaw Naing and Steward GINN (Australia) tied at the second position with 210 each. Naing Naing Lin and Nay Bala Win Myint (Amateur) stood at third with 216 each. Thein Zaw Myint at the fourth position struck 217.

Patron of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), 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.

Co-sponsors of the tournament were International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, KBZ Bank, Pun Hlaing Golf Club, Aureum Palace Hotel, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, CEPSA, KM Golf Centre, Srixon and Alpine Purified Drinking Water.

The fourth and final round of the tournament continues tomorrow.—*MNA*

Stewart GINN of Australia participating in Myanmar Masters 2009 golf tournament.

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Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 was held at the Ministry, here on 12 March, with an address by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, the directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, officials and factory managers of power stations.

The minister delivered a speech. Officials concerned reported on work done on detailed points of the hydropower projects, work to be done, arrival of materials and requirements and factory managers on generation of power at full capacity.

Next, the deputy minister and the officials gave supplementary reports. The minister gave instructions on requirements and the meeting ended with the concluding remark by the minister.—*MNA*

***Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min delivers an address at coordination meeting of Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.*—MNA**

Progress of development undertakings inspected in Seikkyi-khanaungto

YANGON, 14 March—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa on 11 March viewed supply of water by YCDC at Sama Duwa Ward 4 of Seikkyi-khanaungto Township and progress in construction of one-storey building at No. 7 Basic Education Primary School.

The vice-mayor handed over 30 desks donated by social organizations for BEPS No. 7 and medicines for Sama Duwa Health Care Branch through the headmistress and the township medical officer.

Afterwards, the vice-mayor handed over K 100,000 donated by social organizations for the library in Thakhin Ba Thaung Ward, 20 desks for BEPS No. 13 and medicines to the health care branch for the ward through the chairman of Ward Peace and Development Council, the headmistress and the township medical officer.—*MNA*

Infiniti Showroom & Service Centre opened

YANGON, 14 March—The opening of Infiniti Showroom & Service Centre took place in front of the showroom at 167, 38th Street, Kyauktada Township, here, this morning.

Managing Director Daw Wah Wah Lin of Infiniti Co Ltd formally opened the showroom. Marketing Manager Daw Yin Yin Myo of Infiniti Co Ltd replied to the queries of the journalists.

***Managing Director Daw Wah Wah Lin of Infiniti Co Ltd cuts the ribbon to open Infiniti Showroom.*—MNA**

Available at Infiniti Showroom are toners, ink, ribbon cartridges, printer accessories and maintenance.

Customers may contact Infiniti Co Ltd Showroom & Service Center, 167, 38th Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 951 389655, 382501, 391744, 398100, 09 5003360, 0951 20920, 09500 5122, Fax-951 382501, Email: wwl@mptmail.net.mm and Nay Pyi Taw branch at Pa-72, (Pweyondan), Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067 421422 and 421245).—*MNA*

Upgrading of roads inspected in Mayangon, South Okkalapa, Thakayta

YANGON, 13 March – Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected repairs and maintenance of roads near 8th-Mile Junction in Mayangon Township under taken by the Engineering Department (Road & Bridge) here this morning. Next, he viewed growing of shady trees along both sides of the entrance to Yangon International Airport.

The mayor proceeded to South Okkalapa Township and inspected tarmacking of Pinya (10) Street in Ward 5 and laying of pipelines for supply of drinking water, upgrading of Tagaung (9) Street and building of a sportground, upgrading of Tagaung (7) Street, building of a sportground in the compound of No. 25 BEPS, upgrading of Pinya (14) Street and unblocking of ditches for proper drainage, tarmacking of Pinya (13) Street and upgrading of Balika Street in Ward 10 and 37th Street in Ward 13.

Later, the mayor coordinated tasks with townselders for reconstruction of No. 12 BEPS in 4/South Ward in Thakayta Township.—*MNA*

Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin views maintenance of Pyay Road near 8th-Mile Junction in Mayangon Township.

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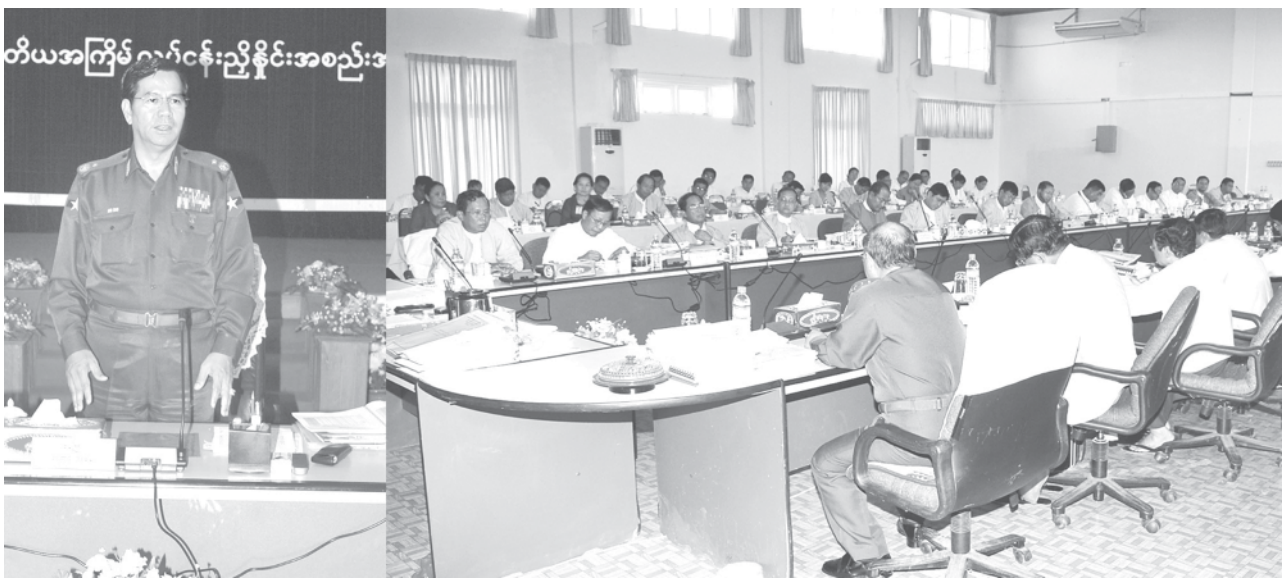
Meeting of Finance & Revenue Ministry continues



***Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers a speech at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Finance and Revenue.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — The second day session of the work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue took place at the ministry here today.

Papers on providing banking services by building a banking network, proposal on cash paying and receiving on line, review of export services at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and other finance and revenue affairs were discussed. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun gave necessary instructions.

Next, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein reported on local and foreign banking services and measures being taken for ensuring firm monetary structure. Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe gave necessary instructions.

Later, the minister stressed the need for research and training and urged officers to train their staff to be able to work efficiently.— *MNA*

No. 2 BED Director-General visits examination centres

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March – Director-General of No. 2 Basic Education Department U Aye Lwin and officials visited examination centres of basic education schools – Basic Education High School Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 and BEMS Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 in PyinOoLwin, BEHS Nos 1, 2 and 3 and BEHS of Ohndaw in Sagaing and BEHS No. 7 in Mandalay – on 13 and 14 March.

The director-general and party inspected sitting of the students for the examinations and tasks of the supervisors and assistant supervisors at the examination centres.

MNA

Cookery courses on 19 March

YANGON, 14 March— Under the supervision of Myanmar Seafaring Services Association, European cookery courses will be conducted on 19 March.

Those wishing to take the courses may contact the association branches — No. 34, Yamonna Street, Yamonna (2) Ward, Dawbon Township and No. 7, Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Township.

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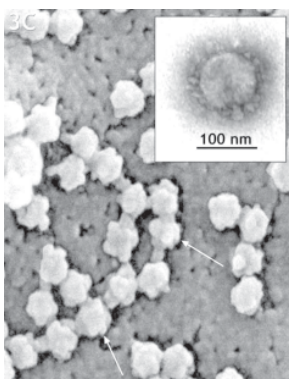
One virus particle is enough to cause infectious disease



This colorized scanning electron micrograph (SEM) reveals the "rosettelike" appearance of the matured SARS-CoV (coronavirus) particles (arrows).

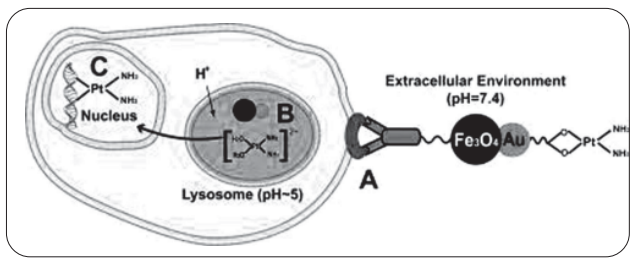
SCIENCE DAILY, 14 March — Can exposure to a single virus particle lead to infection or disease? Until now, solid proof has been lacking. Experimental research with insect larvae at Wageningen University and Simon Fraser University in Canada has shown that one virus particle is theoretically enough to cause infection and subsequent disease.

A virus population is usually composed of a collection of variants of virus particles. In order to investigate whether virus particles (virions) can cause an infection independently from each other, and therefore individually, the researchers set up an experiment with two 'marked' virus variants. They exposed a population of hosts (caterpillars) to both variants.

The experiment showed that exposure to a low dosage of virus particles resulted in a small number host infections (20%). The majority of these hosts (86%) turned out to be infected by a single virus genotype.

Internet

Twin nanoparticle shown effective at targeting, killing breast cancer cells



A unique, dumbbell-shaped twin nanoparticle created by Brown University chemists targets a class of breast cancer cells known as Her-2 tumor cells.

SCIENCE DAILY, 14 March — Breast cancer patients face many horrors, including those when fighting the cancer itself. Medications given during chemotherapy can have wicked side effects, including vomiting, dizziness, anemia and hair loss. These side effects occur because medications released into the body target healthy cells as well as tumor cells.

The trick becomes how to deliver cancer-fighting drugs directly to the tumor cells. Brown University chemists think they have an answer: They have created a twin nanoparticle that specifically targets the Her-2-positive tumor cell, a type of malignant cell that affects up to 30 percent of breast cancer patients.

Internet

Shwegyin Hydropower Project designed for regional greening and development

Article and Photos: Photographer Maung Maung

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The reinforced concrete type bridge is 1500 feet long and can withstand 36 tons of loads. Unlike in the past, the two towns are now easily accessible from each other at all times.

When Shwegyin Hydropower Project, about six miles northeast of Shwegyin, is completed, Shwegyin and Madauk will get a hydropower plant. By then, the towns can enjoy sufficient power supply in addition to smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

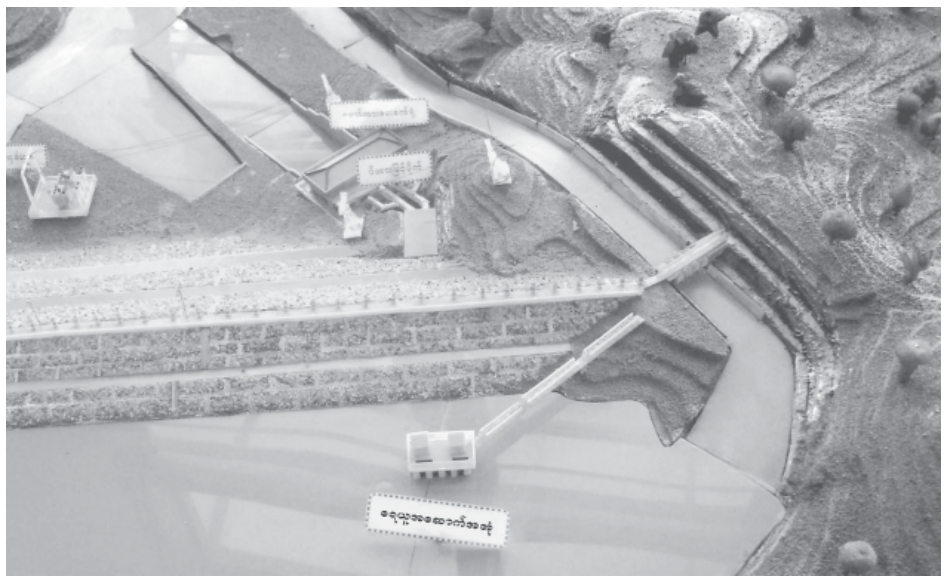
The government is expediting nation-building tasks for all-round development of the regions across the nation. As part of the drive, the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 has many medium and large hydropower projects on the go around the nation.

According to the documents, the area of Yeywa Hydropower Project in Mandalay Division gets an average annual rainfall of 33 inches; Kengtawng Hydropower Project in Shan State, 53 inches; Nancho Hydropower Project in Nay Pyi Taw, 65 inches; Pyuchaung Hydropower Project in Bago Division, 100 inches; and Shwegyin Hydropower Project, 144 inches.

The area of Shwegyin Hydropower Project gets a long period of high rainfall from 15 April until the end of October. So, projects can be implemented with momentum in the region for about five and a half months in a year.

The region annually faces flooding, landslides and poor condition of roads due to torrential rains. Braving the natural barriers, engineers and workers of No (4) Construction of the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are working hard under the supervision of Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Mint and officials to complete the ongoing projects on schedule.

No (4) Construction of the Hydropower Department is undertaking Shwegyin Hydropower Project on the Shwegyin Creek near Kyauknaga Village, about six miles northeast of Shwegyin. It was one of the projects implemented in compliance with the guidance given at the four-monthly meeting (2000) by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on generation of 2000 megawatts a year.



The scale model of Shwegyin Hydropower Project.

The Shwegyin Creek has a catchment area of 343 square miles, and an annual inflow of water of 2,010,000 acre feet. In order to utilize such a huge volume of water, the 3610 feet long and 185 feet high zoned type dam is being constructed. On completion, the project will have still water storage capacity of 510,800 acre feet, maximum water storage capacity of 1,685,000 acre feet, and maximum water surface area of 44 square miles. A 3600 feet long and 40 feet high dyke will be built to be able to maximize the water level of the dam.

The water surplus will be let out through a 135 feet wide spillway at the rate of 134,000 cubic feet per second. And an emergency (supporting) spillway will be constructed in order to protect the dam from damage when inflow of water exceeds the outflow in the rainy season.

In addition, a 1600 feet long diaphragm wall will be built in three months to strengthen the dam and prevent the lower part of the dam from seeping the stored water.

The 295 feet long, 94 feet wide and 70 feet high hydropower plant will be able to produce 75 megawatts.

The project was launched in 2003-2004 fiscal year, and so far, it has been completed by 73.5 per cent.

The government is trying to use all possible water sources throughout the nation to generate hydroelectricity without taking commercial gains into consideration. So, Bago Division will be able to generate 262 million kilowatt hours a year by 2010.

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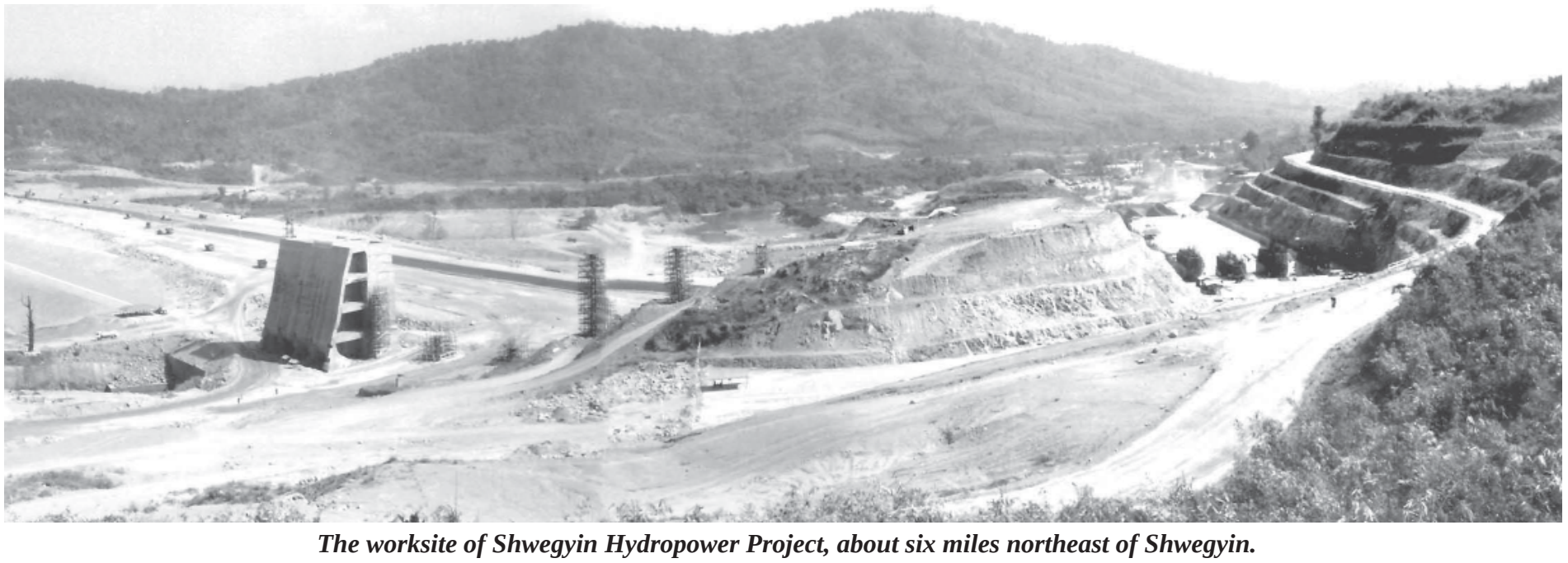
The intake structure and bridge will be parts of Shwegyin Hydropower Plant.



The worksite of Shwegyin Hydropower Project, about six miles northeast of Shwegyin.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (275) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.3.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Lights cause injuries at Scottish pub

BUCKIE, 14 March — Workers and customers of a Scottish pub said they suffered sunstroke and other ailments after a manager installed light bulbs from a tanning machine.

Locals said manager Emma McLean at The Pub In The Square in Buckie, Scotland, mistakenly used high-powered ultraviolet tubes when she replaced the blue strip lights behind the bar, *The Daily Record* reported Friday.

Morgan Smith, a bartender, suffered sever burns to his neck as a result of exposure to the lights, his sister said.

"He was really badly burnt and had sunstroke," Smith's sister said. "He was all dizzy and couldn't see because of the brightness of the lights."

"His neck started peeling and was in a right state," she said. "Nobody could believe he got sunstroke from standing behind a bar. The lamps are only supposed to be used for a few minutes at a time. No one had any idea they were being cooked until staff began to complain of dizziness."

Residents said some of the injured customers and workers have been making rumblings about legal action against the bar.

"I've been told that there are going to be a few claims for compensation," one local said.

Internet

British rowing adventurer Sarah Outen shoves off from her harbour berth to start her marathon voyage across the Indian Ocean heading for Mauritius, in Fremantle, on 14 March. Outen hopes to make the 5,000 kms trip in 100 days.—INTERNET

Englishwoman in solo Indian Ocean rowing bid

PERTH, 14 March—English open ocean rower Sarah Outen has launched her bid in Australia to become the first woman — and the youngest person — to row across the Indian Ocean alone.

Watched by a handful of friends as she set off on her journey of more than 3,000 nautical miles west to Mauritius, the 23-year-old made a hasty departure to make the most of a good weather forecast.A keen rower since she was 14, Outen decided several years ago to row across the Indian Ocean, but originally planned to do it as part of a team.

However, after her father died suddenly after 20 years of battling rheumatoid arthritis in 2006 she decided to go solo and has dedicated her quest to raising money for research into the disease."I hope that one day people won't have to suffer like my dad did," she told *AFP*.

The journey is expected to take around 100 days and will test both her physical fitness and psychological strength.

Internet

PR man found guilty of killing California tourist

SAN JUAN, 14 March—A judge in Puerto Rico has found a man guilty of murdering a tourist from California during a 2008 bar fight.Jose Perez Pagan will be sentenced in June.

He was accused of shooting Oakland resident Eddie Maco Campbells after an argument at a bar in the popular tourist area of Isla Verde.The 37-year-old victim was shot in the head, chest and shoulder and died while receiving medical attention. Maco was in Puerto Rico to attend a bachelor party for his sister's fiance at the time of the February 2008 shooting.Two of his friends also were injured in the fight, but not by gunfire.Judge Ines Rivera Aquino found Perez guilty on Friday.—*Internet*

First Superman comic book raises 317,200 dlrs

NEW YORK, 14 March—A rare copy of the first Superman comic book sold for 317,200 dollars at an auction — a super hero sized increase on the original 10 cents paid back in 1938.

Bids in the online auction, which started two weeks ago on www.comicconnect.com, immediately topped 200,000 dollars and a last-minute surge crossed the 300,000-dollar mark.

There were 89 bids and Comic Connect extended the deadline by several minutes to catch the late interest.

The book is a rare and unrestored copy of the first issue of Action Comics, with a cover showing Superman in his familiar red cape, hurling a green car past terrified onlookers.

Neither the seller nor the buyer were identified.—*Internet*

A Cambodian girl demonstrates to travelers how to touch a live spider at the town of Skun, about 75 kilometres (46 miles) northeast of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 14 March, 2009. The town is well-known for selling deep-fried spiders to travelers who stop by on their way to and from the country's northern and northeastern provinces.—INTERNET

US could join Franco-German EU chopper project

PRAGUE, 14 March — France and Germany are expected to present a proposal to develop a new heavy transport helicopter to the European Defence Agency in coming weeks, and the project could be joined by the United States, the EDA said on Friday. France and Germany agreed last November to an EU call to open up what was conceived as a bilateral project to other EU states. The EU argued this would make it more commercially viable by doubling expected output from 60 to 120 machines.

A chronic shortage of available helicopters has held back efforts by the European Union to become a global security player and hampered operations from Africa to Afghanistan. "I think we are on track with the work -- not the EDA, but the two administrations in Berlin and in Paris," EDA director Alexander Weis told reporters after an EU defence ministers' meeting in Prague.

Weis said the aim was for the 32-35-ton helicopter to reach initial operational capability by 2018-2020. — *MNA/Reuters*

First iPhone 3G to be sold in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 March — The Indonesia's largest cellular operator, PT Telkomsel, is slated to sell the country's first iPhone 3G mobile handset on March 20 in the capital city of Jakarta.

"iPhone 3G will redefine our consumers' mobile phone ex-perience," the *Jakarta Post* daily on Saturday quoted Telkomsel president director Sarwoto Atmosutarno as saying.

According to Sarwoto, iPhone 3G is available in over 70 countries worldwide, while Telkomsel also would invest 1.5 billion US dollars this year to expand its 3G network.

iPhone 3G combines three products in one, a mobile phone, widescreen iPod and internet device.

It also includes fast 3G networking, GPS mapping and support for enterprise features including Microsoft Exchange.

Telkomsel was the first operator in Indonesia to launch 3G services in September 2006, and had the biggest 3G community with more than 9.2 million subscribers in more than 140 cities in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

A police car is parked opposite one of the three stores allegedly selling fake DVDs, CDs in Paris in 2008. Bollywood film studios and producers have joined forces with a former top Mumbai police officer to crack down on film piracy, which is causing huge losses to the industry.—INTERNET

Ovarian changes may link obesity and infertility

NEW YORK, 14 March—Obese women have alterations in the environment around the ovary before they ovulate that appear to play a role in the well-documented association between obesity and reduced fertility, according to a report in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.*

"Characteristics of eggs are influenced by the environment in which they develop within the ovary," lead author Dr Rebecca Robker, from Adelaide University, Australia, said in a statement. "Our study found that obese women have abnormally high levels of fats and inflammation in the fluid surrounding their eggs, which can impact an egg's developmental potential."

The study included 96 women who were attending a private infertility clinic and who were divided, roughly equally, into normal weight, overweight, and obese groups using standard body mass index criteria. The fluid surrounding the ovaries — the follicular fluid — obtained during egg retrieval, was analyzed for hormones, metabolites, gene expression within certain cells.

As body mass index rose, so did follicular fluid levels of insulin, lactate, triglycerides, and C-reactive protein. Levels of sex hormone binding globulin, by contrast, decreased. Small differences in insulin-regulated genes in granulosa cells were also noted between obese and normal weight women.

Internet

Migraines in Pregnancy boost vascular risks

WASHINGTON, 14 March—Women who have migraines during pregnancy are 15 times more likely than other women to suffer a stroke, twice as likely to have heart disease and three times more likely to have blood clots and other vascular problems during pregnancy, says a US study.

"Good prenatal care is essential. Women with persistent and severe migraine during pregnancy should be aware of their risk factors, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, history of blood clots, heart disease and prior stroke," the study's lead investigator, Dr Cheryl Bushnell, a neurologist at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, said in a *Wake Forest* news release. "There also seems to be a relationship between migraines and preeclampsia, one of the most common and dangerous complications of pregnancy."

The researchers also found that women 35 years and older were more likely to have migraines during pregnancy. Women age 40 and older were 2.4 times more likely to have migraines than women younger than 20, and white women were more likely to have them than women of any other race or ethnicity.

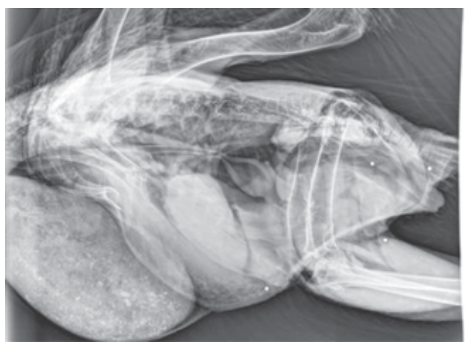
"Migraines, particularly those associated with an aura or visual changes around the time of the headache, have been previously linked to stroke and heart disease in women," Bushnell said. "This study further validates the association between the two."

Internet

Poisoned, wounded Calif condor treated at LA Zoo

LOS ANGELES, 14 March—A California condor captured because it appeared sickly was found to not only be suffering from lead poisoning but also had been shot, animal experts said on Friday.Unable to eat on its own, the condor was under intensive care at the Los Angeles Zoo and its prognosis was guarded, said Susie Kasielke, curator of birds.X-rays taken at the zoo turned up shotgun pellets embedded in its flesh, she said. Those wounds had healed.

It could not be determined if the pellets were lead or steel, but the poisoning was most likely caused by the bird ingesting spent lead ammunition in carcasses of animals that had been shot by hunters, Kasielke said.Condors are carrion-eaters and such poisoning by lead ammunition has long been recognized as a problem. California requires hunters to use only non-lead ammunition in the condors' range. It is also illegal to shoot a condor.—*Internet*



This image provided by the Los Angeles Zoo on 13 March , 2009, shows an X-ray of a California condor injured by pellets, shown as white spots at lower right, and suffering from lead poisoning.—INTERNET

NASA drops 50,000-pound dummy rocket on Arizona

HOUSTON,14 March — NASA and the U.S. Air Force managed to drop a 50,000-pound rocket booster on the Arizona desert. Well, it was a sort of a crash test dummy. But the 25-ton heft was real.As hoped, a parachute opened and the booster set down intact.The drop was a test of the next-generation rocket called Ares, designed to get the space agency, and some astronauts, back to the moon.

"NASA's new Ares moon rocket is going to have a reusable booster stage that we plan to recover after each mission," explains James Burnum of Marshall Space Flight Center. "To 'catch' the booster before it crashes back to Earth, we need a super-reliable parachute system."Dropping something so big is not simple. In fact it doesn't always go well. Last year, a mock-up of NASA's Orion space shuttle successor twisted, tumbled and fell from thousands of feet up after a parachute failed to inflate properly.—*Internet*

Toxoplasmosis linked to schizophrenia

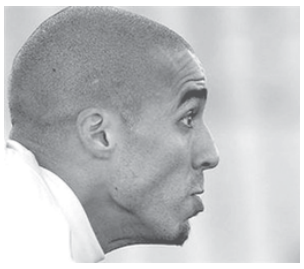
LEEDS, 14 March — British scientists say toxoplasmosis parasite may trigger the development of schizophrenia and bipolar disorders.

The team from the University of Leeds shows the parasite may play a role in the development of the disorders by affecting the production of dopamine — the chemical that relays messages in the brain controlling aspects of movement, cognition and behavior. Toxoplasmosis, which is transmitted through cat feces—and can be found on unwashed vegetables as well as raw or undercooked infected meat — is relatively common, with 10 percent to 20 percent of the British population and 22 percent of the US population estimated to carry the parasite as cysts. Most people with the parasite are healthy, but for those who are immune-suppressed — and particularly for pregnant women — there are significant health risks that can occasionally be fatal. "Toxoplasmosis changes some of the chemical messages in the brain, and these changes can have an enormous effect on behavior," study leader Dr Glenn McConkey said in a statement.—*Internet*

Police work at the scene where a single-engine plane crashed in a parking lot of a mall in Goiania, Brazil, on 12 March, 2009. A man accused of rape, kidnapped his daughter, stole a small plane and flew for two hours before crashing into the parking lot of a mall, killing himself and his child, police said on Friday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Trezeguet a 'spoilt brat', says Juventus boss



David Trezeguet

ROME, 14 March—Juventus coach Claudio Ranieri blasted French international striker David Trezeguet as a 'spoilt brat' on Friday after the former Monaco striker hit out after being substituted in Tuesday's Champions League exit. Trezeguet had complained that he didn't understand why Ranieri replaced him during the 2-2 draw with Chelsea when Juve were leading 2-1 at the time and still needed to score another goal to progress to the quarter-finals.—*Internet*

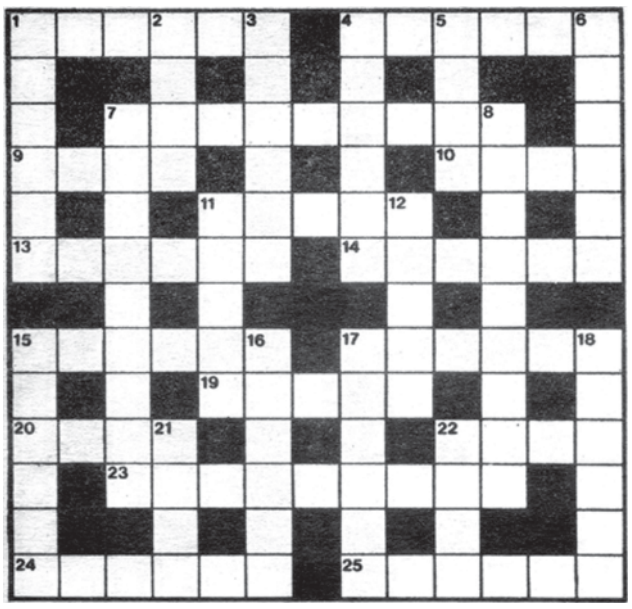
Torres the key as Liverpool seek to rein in United

MANCHESTER, 14 March—Fernando Torres has handed Liverpool a massive boost ahead of Saturday's must-win clash with Manchester United by predicting that he will be 100 percent fit in time for the lunchtime kick-off.

The difference a fit Torres makes to Rafael Benitez's side was perfectly illustrated by his stunning display in Tuesday's 4-0 Champions League demolition of Real Madrid at Anfield.

The match was the Spanish striker's first in two weeks and he admitted he had played through the pain of an ankle injury which meant his foot was encased in a protective cast as soon as he came off.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Mickelson leads, Woods falls off pace at Doral

DORAL, 14 March—Phil Mickelson is driving the ball long and straight, chipping it perhaps better than ever, and leads the CA Championship field in putting by a wide margin.

Through two rounds, he leads by two shots.And — get this! — Lefty sounds disappointed.

Mickelson shot a 6-under 66 on Friday at Doral, getting to 11 under and taking a two-shot lead over Nick Watney (67). Kenny Perry (64) and Rory McIlroy (66) are tied for third, three shots back.

Nowhere in sight, though, is one Tiger Woods, who struggled with his putter again and shot 70, falling 10 shots behind Mickelson.Not surprisingly, Woods isn't happy about that.—*Internet*

Wenger says defenders' Paradise postponed no problem

LONDON, 14 March—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said Kolo Toure and William Gallas "do not have to go to Paradise together" as long as they work well on the field at the centre of the Gunners' defence.

Arsenal have only conceded five goals in their last 15 matches but that record has not led to a thaw in relations between the two centre-backs.

Ivory Coast international Toure, who almost quit the north London club after handing in a January transfer request, took over the captaincy at the Emirates from injured midfielder Cesc Fabregas. Gallas was stripped of the captaincy by his fellow Frenchman Wenger after publicly questioning the attitude of his team-mates.

Toure has admitted he doesn't get on well with Gallas off the pitch but Wenger, speaking ahead of this weekend's match with Premier League strugglers Blackburn Rovers, said on Friday: "What is important is that when you are professionals, you play together.

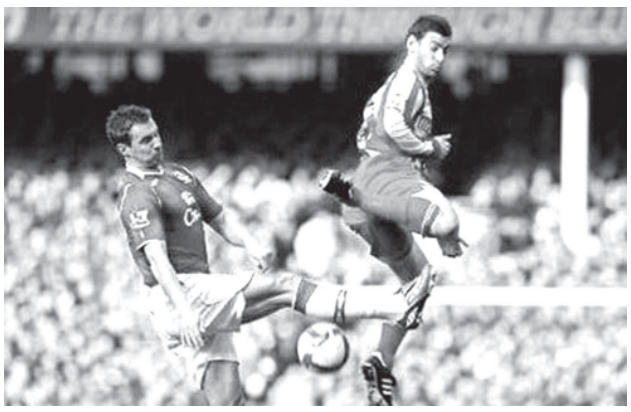
"To be professional is to do what it takes for your team to be successful, not more than that - it does not mean that you go to Paradise together.—*Internet*

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(14.3.2009)

Arsenal	**4 - 0**	**Blackburn**
Bolton	**1 - 3**	**Fulham**
Everton	**3 - 1**	**Stoke City**
Hull City	**1 - 1**	**Newcastle**
Man Utd	**1 - 4**	**Liverpool**
Middlesbrough	**1 - 1**	**Portsmouth**
Sunderland	**1 - 2**	**Wigan Athletic**

***Arsenal's Andrey Arshavin (C) scores against Blackburn Rovers during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 14 March, 2009.—*INTERNET**



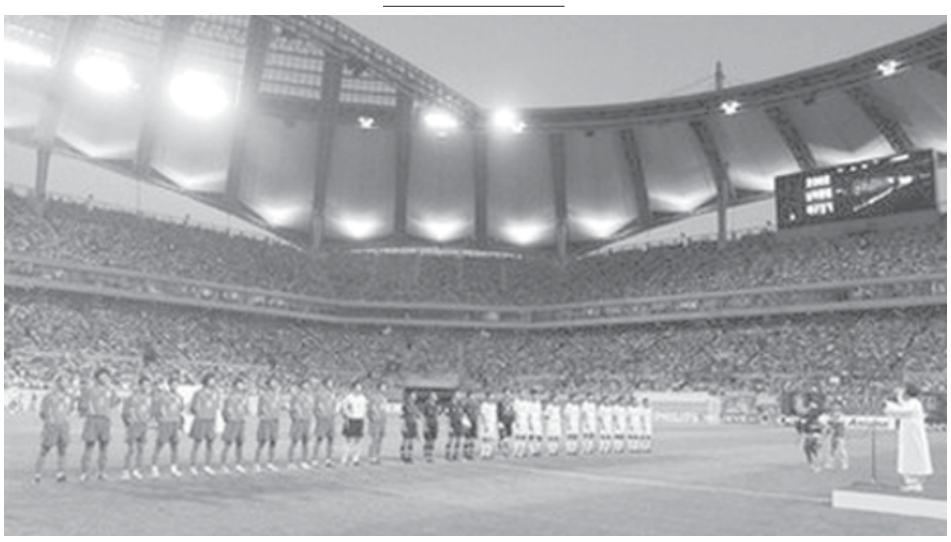
Everton's Phil Jagielka (L) challenges Stoke City's Rory Delap during their English Premier League soccer match in Liverpool on 14 March, 2009.
INTERNET

S Korea bids to host football World Cup

SEOUL, 14 March—South Korea has submitted an official bid to host either the 2018 or 2022 World Cups to football governing body FIFA, according to a Korea Football Association spokesman."We've sent an official bid to FIFA ahead of the Monday deadline," spokesman Lee Won-Jae of the KFA told *AFP*.

Earlier this year FIFA invited countries to express interest, by 2 February , in hosting the 2018 or 2022 tournaments and the KFA submitted a preliminary bid.Australia, China, England, Indonesia, Mexico, Qatar and Japan are also among the countries that expressed their interest.The hosts for both tournaments will be chosen in December 2010.

FIFA requires a World Cup host to have about 12 stadiums with more than 40,000 seats each, one of them with 80,000 seats.African countries are precluded from bidding for the 2018 tournament as the next World Cup, in 2010, will be staged in South Africa.—*Internet*



***SKorea has submitted an official bid to host either the 2018 or 2022 World Cups to football governing body FIFA, according to a Korea Football Association spokesman.—*INTERNET**

Safina books third-round berth at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 14 March—World number two Dinara Safina led the way into the third round of the 4.5 million-dollar ATP Masters and WTA hard-court tournament as seeded players swung into action.

The Russian top seed, opening her campaign after a first-round bye, beat Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova 7-6 (10/8), 6-2 to line up a meeting with 28th-seeded Peng Shuai of China, a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 winner over Olga Govortsova of Belarus.

Safina, 22, was trounced by Serena Williams in the Australian Open final in January, and was unceremoniously ousted in the first round at Dubai in February.

Internet

Malaysia's YTL to revive bullet train project

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 March—Malaysia's power-to-property conglomerate YTL Corp is planning to revive a project to build a bullet train link between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, a Malaysian newspaper reported on Saturday, citing unidentified sources.

YTL is collaborating with Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd, a unit of German electronics firm Siemens, for the project that was shelved last year due to concerns it would be too expensive, the Edge financial weekly said, citing one of the sources.

The newspaper said the project cost was estimated at eight billion to 11 billion ringgit (2.2 billion US dollars-three billion US dollars). YTL did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The revived project will seek to build the link along the coastline rather than the earlier proposal of building it along the existing track, the newspaper said.—*MNA/Reuters*

Pianist Chen Jie plays during the performance with Mexico State Symphony Orchestra at the Felipe Villanueva Hall in Toluca, Mexico State of Mexico, on 14 March, 2009.

INTERNET

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule (15.3.2009) Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

- ❒ Signature Tune
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- ❒ Where the Rhododendron Blooms
- ❒ Poem Garden "The Moon"
- ❒ Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, our Union "Kachin State"
- ❒ Myanma Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-4)
- ❒ Hot Springs in Lashio and Nam-Kham
- ❒ Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- ❒ Signature Tune
- ❒ Song of Myanma 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
- ❒ Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- ❒ Myanmar Movies Impact
- ❒ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-II)
- ❒ Bamboo Toys
- ❒ Where the Rhododendron Blooms
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- ❒ The Beauty of Tamonyel Region
- ❒ Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-III)
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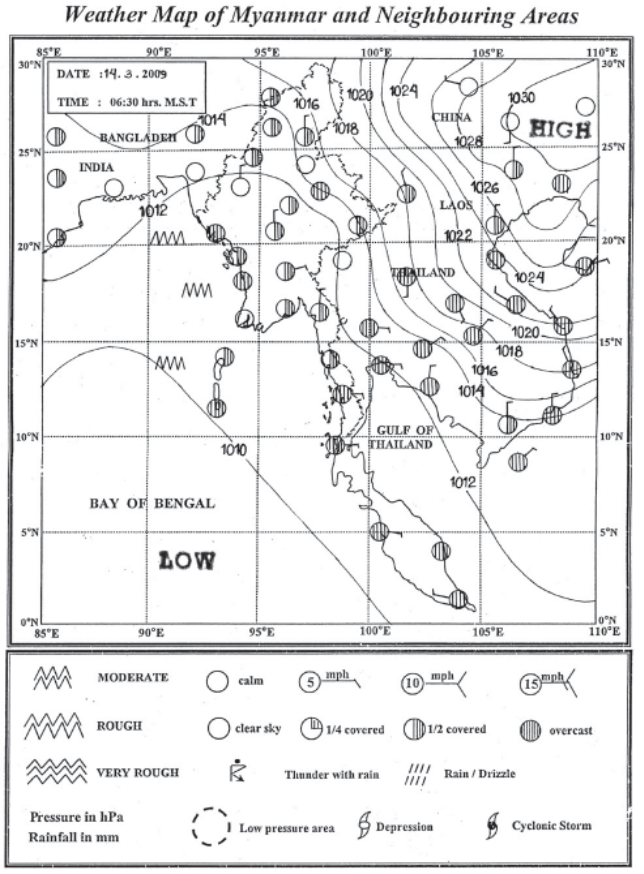
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 March, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3˚C) (4˚C) above March average temperatures in Kachin State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures was Tharrawady (39˚C).

Maximum temperature on 13-3-2009 was 96˚F. Minimum temperature on 14-3-2009 was 71˚F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-3-2009 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 13-3-2009 was (6.5) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 14-3-2009 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 13-3-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15th March 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderated elsewhere 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 15-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-3-2009: Partly cloudy.

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 15 March
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:50 am
5. "မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်ရတနာ ပြတိုက်"
8:00 am
6. Nice and sweet song
8:15 am
7. (၆၄)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. "စက်မှုနုံမှာကျမစက်ရုံလာတည်တော့မယ်" (ဖြိုးငွေဖိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သဇင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မို့မို့အေး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ–တင်အောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)]
8:50 am
10. Musical programme
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Round up of the week's international news
11:40 am
3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း–၃၁)
12:50 pm
4. "သစ္စာမော်ကွန်း" (သူထူးစံ၊ မင်းဟိဏ်း၊ သားညီ၊ ပြေတီဦး၊ နဒီ၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ညီမင်းလွင်)
2:30 pm
5. Dance of national races
2:40 pm
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:45 pm
7. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Musical programme
4:25 pm
3. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ
4:40 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာမှုပညာ အထူးပြု) (မြန်မာမှုပညာ)
4:55 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:00 pm
6. "ကျန်ခဲ့သောခြင်ထောင်လေးတစ်လုံး" (ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး၊ ဒေါ်ခင်လေးဆွေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်)
5:15 pm
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5:30 pm
8. Sing and enjoy
6:00 pm
9. Evening news
6:30 pm
10. Weather report
6:35 pm
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dargon Adventure"
6:55 pm
12. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မြန်မြန်ပို့" (ရွှင်ပျော်ပျော်၊ ဒီန်းဒေါင်၊ ရာဇာပေါက်စီ၊ စိန်ပန်သီး၊ ကျော်ဌေးနိုင်၊ ရဲလေး၊ ချစ်စနိုးဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ထင်လင်း)
7:15 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ္စာနှင့်ယှဉ်သောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း–၂၇) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း)
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၁၉)

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Paygyi Dam benefiting 2,000 acres of farmlands in Kanbalu Township

Article: Nu Nu Yi & Aye Thanda Thein; Photo: Myanma Alin

With the aim of achieving success in realization of one of the four economic objectives "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well", the government is giving priority to boosting production of the agriculture sector. In doing so, various sizes of dams have been built and are under construction in all regions of the country for agricultural purpose.

Paygyi Dam is one of the irrigation facilities built by the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigaton in Kanbalu Township of Shwebo District. The dam was opened on 27 October 2006 and it was one of the irrigation projects implemented in the time of the Tatmadaw Government after 1988.

At present, Paygyi Dam is benefiting over 2,000 acres of edible oil crops and beans and pulses plus paddy in Kanbalu Township. Moreover, the dam contributes to prevention of overflow from Paygyi Creek and the left canal of Kindat Dam in the rainy season.

The irrigation projects like Paygyi Dam benefit the arid regions by supplying water to monsoon paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops as the first cultivation of crops. Likewise, edible oil crops and beans and pulses in addition to summer paddy can be cultivated with the use of irrigation facilities.

Paygyi Dam is located on Paygyi Creek that has 34 square miles of watershed area, near Paygyi Village of Kanbalu Township. The earthen embankment is 42 feet high and 8,940 feet long. The dam that stores 9,365 acre-feet of water at the highest level can irrigate 2,000 acres of farmlands for cultivation of 1,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 1,000 acres of sugarcane.

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Translation: TTA

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Photo shows storage of water at Paygyi Dam in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District.

Liverpool stun United to keep title race alive

LONDON, 14 March—Liverpool breathed new life into the Premier League title race with a stunning 4-1 win against 10-man Manchester United on Saturday. Rafa Benitez's side came from behind in an explosive clash at Old Trafford to move within four points of leaders United, who still have a game in hand on their bitter rivals.

Cristiano Ronaldo's first half penalty gave United the lead, but Fernando Torres equalised and Steven Gerrard scored from the spot to put Liverpool in front before half-time.

In the 77th minute, Nemanja Vidic was sent off for hauling down Gerrard and Fabio Aurelio scored from the resulting free-kick.

Andrea Dossena completed a memorable day for the Reds when he lobbed in the fourth in the 90th minute, handing United their biggest home defeat since QPR ran riot at Old Trafford on New Years Day 1992.

A rush of blood from Liverpool keeper Jose Reina had gifted United the lead in the 23rd minute. Carlos Tevez clipped a pass towards Park Ji Sung, who was going away from goal, and Reina rashly charged off his line to send the South Korea winger crashing to the turf.

Ronaldo made Reina pay for his misjudgement as the Portugal winger stepped up to lash home the penalty.

Internet

Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic (R) challenges Liverpool's Fernando Torres during their English Premier League soccer match in Manchester, northern England, on 14 March, 2009.

Traffic Exposure May Trigger Heart Attacks

SCIENCEDAILY, 14 March—People who have had a heart attack are likely to report having been in traffic shortly before their symptoms began, researchers reported at the American Heart Association's 49th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention.

In a German study of patients who had a heart attack, researchers found the patients to be more than three times as likely to have been in traffic within an hour of the onset of their heart attack. The researchers also observed small but statistically significant increases in the chance that a heart attack occurred within six hours after exposure to traffic.

Driving a car was the most common source of traffic exposure, but taking public transportation or riding a bicycle were other forms of exposure to traffic. Overall, time spent in any mode of transportation in traffic was associated with a 3.2 times higher risk than time spent away from this trigger. Females, elderly males, patients who were unemployed, and those with a history of angina were affected the most by traffic.

Researchers found patients to be more than three times as likely to have been in traffic within an hour of the onset of their heart attack.

"Driving or riding in heavy traffic poses an additional risk of eliciting a heart attack in persons already at elevated risk," said Annette Peters, Ph.D., lead author of the study and head of the research unit at the Institute of Epidemiology, Helmholtz Zentrum Muchen, Germany.

Internet